

Historical Advisory Committee BPAC Report  
June 16, 2023  
Submitted by Barbara Black, Historical Committee Advisory Chair

Diana Waters was welcomed as a new member of the Historical Advisory Committee in March. Mrs. Waters has served the community of Burleson as a former educator, an artist, a volunteer with the Burleson Lion's Club in their vision program for students in the public schools. She and Philo Waters, a former Historical Advisory Committee member, lived several years beside the home of Russell William Lace and wife Martha (Gigi) Russell on County Road 714.

Many of the Historical Advisory Committee members serve frequently as volunteers for events at Russell Farm. Following the April Easter Egg Hunt and the May Show Me How events the members developed a list of suggestions for the staff at Russell Farm to consider for helping in the use of volunteers at the farm.

- a. A volunteer to be assigned to set up the table of snacks and water in the Office. Volunteers to be informed this is available for all volunteers.
- b. Bright colored lanyards with *Volunteer Russell Farm* for volunteers.
- c. A list of volunteer opportunities for the day to be posted beside the sign-in sheet in the Office.
- d. Clickers to be used by a volunteer at the gate of entry and on the grounds as vendors are setting up prior to the event and to tally guests arriving for an event.
- e. Volunteers to be encouraged to check in on Facebook while working an event and also to encourage guests to check in on Facebook.
- f. Provide a volunteer greeter to be stationed at the concrete area near the greenhouse with a map to welcome guests to the farm and provide directions.

Eighteen guests were provided a tour of the Russell Boren Home in March. During April the Russell Boren Home was not available for touring due to wildlife under and around the home. The first Saturday in May tours were given to thirteen guests. Private tour of the home was given to 25 guests on May 30<sup>th</sup>. In total 56 guests toured the house March-May 2023.

The Historical Advisory Committee continues to promote and support Russell Farm with their time and talents. Each member is grateful to have opportunities to share the farm with the community.