

Historical Advisory Committee BPAC Report
June 14, 2024
Submitted by Barbara Black, Historical Committee Advisory Chair

The members of the Historical Advisory Committee have been volunteering at Russell Farm. The members have prepared eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, the Show Me How event, the Texas Heritage Festival and the Russell-Boren Home.

The Russell-Boren Home was busy for April. There were twenty-three guests during April. The increase can be attributed to the Show Me How event April 6 which was a first Saturday. In May, the first Saturday, did not have any guests. The extensive rain may be the reason for the lack of guests. During the Texas Heritage Festival, May 18, 2024, forty-seven guests toured the Russell-Boren Home.

The Historical Advisory Committee received a request from Charlsa Boren Bentley. She requested help from the Historical Advisory Committee with suggestions for the display and storage of family heirlooms of Louise Boren and family. Members agreed items need to be displayed and stored at the Russell Boren Home. The size of each object, how fragile, and available space for display were considerations of the members. Display cases were not recommended at this time. The members agreed with Charlsa Bentley's suggestion of shadow boxes for smaller items of family heirlooms.

Members expressed a need for identification of objects with a brief history be available near new and existing items in the Russell-Boren Home. This will be done with the mounting of small identification tags. This endeavor is in the preliminary stage of development.

Members of the Historical Advisory Committee, with the assistance of the staff of Russell Farm, continue to promote and preserve the history of Russell Farm. The Historical Advisory Committee members are grateful for the opportunity to serve.