

The Fielder Flash

Arlington Historical Society

May 2024 Newsletter



Our Venues

Fielder Museum | 1616 W. Abram Street

Knapp Heritage Park | 201 W. Front Street

Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds | 600 W. Arkansas Lane

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A note from the editor



This month's newsletter features a recap of our recent Marker Monday posts on Facebook, Geraldine Mills receiving a special award, info about the Texas Author's Book Club, photos from our ongoing Women's History Exhibit, and more. And, don't forget about the upcoming event at Johnson Station Cemetery on June 19th (see page 4.) Hope to see you there!

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Upcoming Events

- **June 19**—48StateTour at Johnson Station Cemetery, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- **June 20**—Texas Authors Book Club, Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM
- **June 23**—AHS Board Meeting, Knapp Heritage Park, 2:00 PM
- **July 18**—Texas Authors Book Club, Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM
- **August 15**—Texas Authors Book Club, Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM
- **September 19**—Texas Authors Book Club, Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM
- **September 28**—Knapp Heritage Park's 20th Anniversary Celebration | **Save the date!**

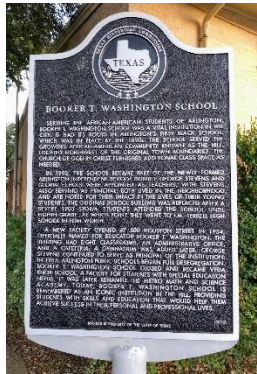
Arlington Historical Society news

Marker Monday series continues on Facebook

Back in January, we started a new series on the Fielder Museum [Facebook](#) page titled “Marker Monday,” where we highlight a different Arlington historical marker or plaque each week.

In May, we highlighted the following:

- Texas Historical Marker for Booker T. Washington School
- Plaque for the Rose Family
- Local Landmark plaque for the Vandergriff Building
- Plaque for “In Memoriam: The World War II Casualties of Arlington, Texas”



Geraldine Mills receives World Changer Award

Earlier this month, our own Geraldine Mills received the prestigious World Changer Award from Arlington Baptist University! The award recognized Geraldine's consistent support of historical research at Top O' Hill Terrace, which is located on the Arlington Baptist University campus. Congrats, Geraldine!

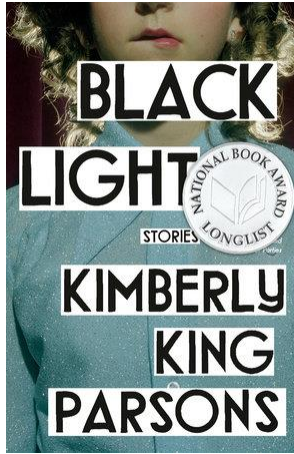


-- Left | Geraldine Mills and Arlington Baptist President Clifton McDaniel
-- Right | Nancy Tice, Wanda Marshall, and Geraldine Mills at the event

Photos by O.K. Carter

Texas Author Book Club meets June 20th at Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM

In June, we're discussing "Black Light" by Kimberly King Parsons.



Publisher Penguin Random House describes it as so:

"With raw, poetic ferocity, Kimberly King Parsons exposes desire's darkest hollows—those hidden places where most of us are afraid to look. In this debut collection of enormously perceptive and brutally un sentimental short stories, Parsons illuminates the ache of first love, the banality of self-loathing, the scourge of addiction, the myth of marriage, and the magic and inevitable disillusionment of childhood."

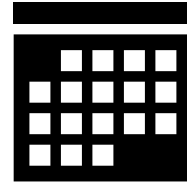
Taking us from hot Texas highways to cold family kitchens, from the freedom of pay-by-the-hour motels to the claustrophobia of private school dorms, these stories erupt off the page with a primal howl—sharp-voiced, acerbic, and wise."

Check the Arlington Public Library, [Amazon](#), or bookstores for copies; it's also available as an E-book. Contact Fielder Museum or email texasauthorbookclub@gmail.com for more info.

Texas Author Book Club Announces New Schedule

Here are the dates and books for the next round of the Texas Author Book Club.

- **June 20** — "Black Light" by Kimberly King Parsons
- **July 18** — "Out of the Old Rock" by J. Frank Dobie
- **August 15** — "The Day the Cowboys Quit" by Elmer Kelton
- **September 19** — "Elvis, Jesus and Coca-Cola" by Kinky Friedman
- **October 17** — "Pale Horse, Pale Rider" by Katherine Anne Porter
- **November 21** — "God Save Texas" by Lawrence Wright
- **December** — No meeting | Enjoy the holidays!
- **January 16** — "The Gates of the Alamo" by Stephen Harrigan
- **February 20** — "Forget the Alamo" by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson, Jason Stanford
- **March 20** — "Tears of the Truffle Pig" by Fernando A. Flores
- **April 17** — "Sugar on the Bones" by Joe Landsdale
- **May 15** — "Body and Bread" by Nan Cuba



Mark your calendar!

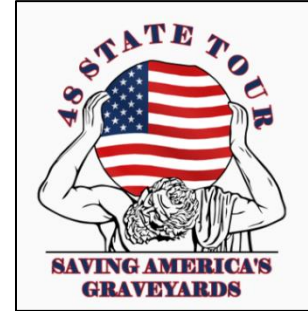
Knapp Heritage Park – 20th Anniversary Celebration

We're celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Knapp Heritage Park with a special event on **September 28th!** We'll recognize people over the years who made it all happen, plus look back at fun memories and special events. Plus, we're going through the archives and pulling out old photographs, articles, and other memories from Knapp. It will be a great celebration that you won't want to miss. More details coming soon!



48StateTour coming to Johnson Station Cemetery on June 19th

A special event is coming to Johnson Station Cemetery. 48StateTour provides a workshop on how to repair, clean, and preserve gravestones using safe methods. Then, they provide the materials so participants can “adopt” a gravestone and perform the process themselves. Whether you’re into genealogy or historic preservation, this is a great way to roll up your sleeves, get involved, and learn some new skills. The event is free and open to the public. Bring a chair, gloves, snacks, and water.

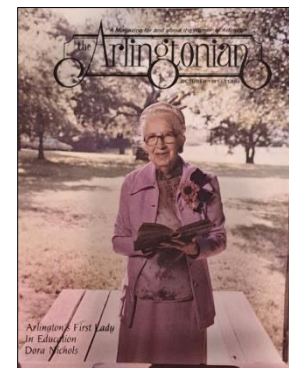


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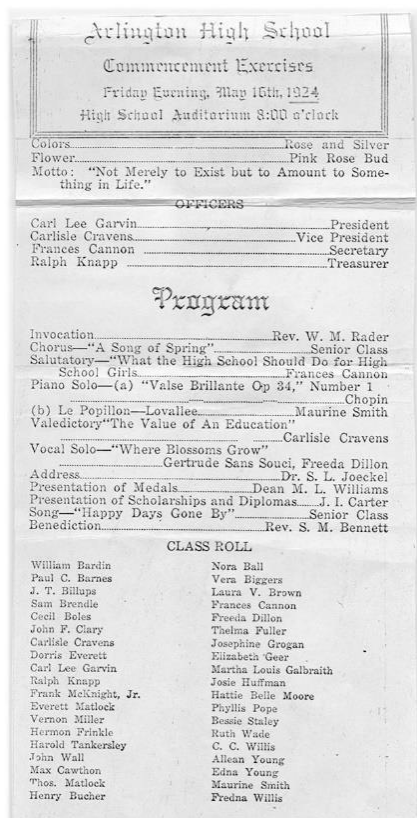
- **Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (come and go; stay as long as you'd like)
- **Place:** Johnson Station Cemetery - 1129 W. Mayfield Road, Arlington
- **More info:** www.48statetour.com

Women's History exhibit continues at Fielder Museum and honors Dora E. Nichols

Whether honoring notable women or celebrating fashion and style, our Women's History exhibit has plenty to see. We shared some photos last month, but here are a few more from the exhibit. We're also featuring a special display honoring **Dora E. Nichols** (1892-1982), a beloved educator and artist who taught at Arlington High School for 31 years. She is fondly remembered for wearing chopsticks in her hair, signing hall passes, being a painter, and speaking fluent Spanish, among many other things. She is also the namesake for Nichols Junior High in North Arlington.

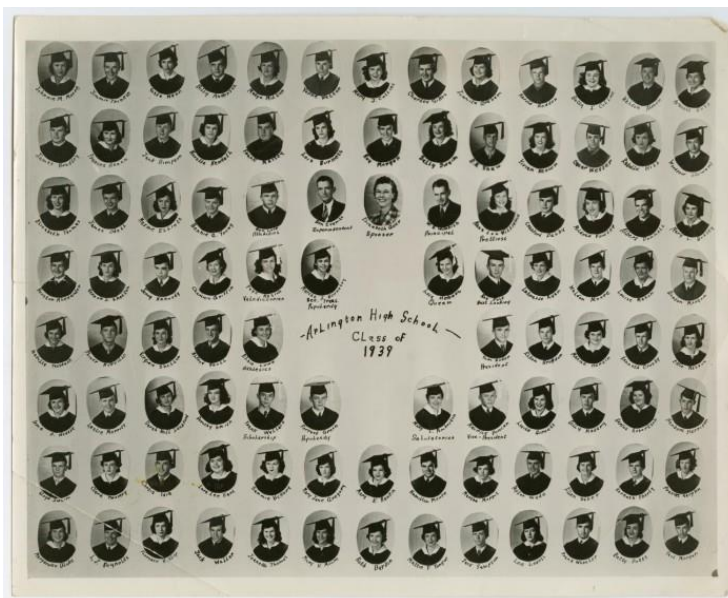


High School Graduation memories on Facebook



It's that time of year for high school graduations. We posted these photos on Facebook and many people enjoyed them.

First, we have a Commencement Program from Arlington High School on May 16, 1924. The class roll included 38 students, and you'd probably recognize many of the surnames. Second, we have a photo of the Arlington High School Class of 1939. Check out our Facebook page for the list of names. A few people even found some of their relatives. How cool is that!



Both items are part of the Arlington Historical Society's Fielder House Museum Collection on UNT's Portal to Texas History. We have over 400 photos on there related to Arlington's history, with lots from our World War II collection. Check it out at the link below.

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/AHS/browse>

Volunteer opportunities available

The Arlington Historical Society needs **you!** Our organization is made up of volunteers who are enthusiastic about preserving Arlington's history. Helping at Fielder Museum or Knapp Heritage Park can be a fun and rewarding way to get involved. (Plus, we have some really cool stuff in our archives that the general public rarely gets to see.) Or, maybe you'd like to join our leadership board and be involved with strategic decisions, special events, and larger projects. There is no experience necessary—just a willingness to show up, help out, and get involved. Contact us if you're interested!

