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Navarro County Historical Commission

Summary of 2022 Accomplishments Distinguished Service Award Presentation

July 24, 2023

by

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The Navarro County Historical Commission was awarded a 2022 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission in acknowledgement of efforts and accomplishments that demonstrate our well-rounded history and preservation related programs that enrich our County. These include:

- Rice History Museum-preserving the history of the Rice community
- Pelham Community History Museum-documents this community of Freedmen who settled here after the Civil War
- GW Jackson Legacy Park honoring the pioneering educator and civic leaders who served as the founding principal of Fred Douglas School, where he served for 44 years.
- Derrick Days- shared heritage tourism brochures and information about our County history.
- "Navarro County History Minutes." These are brief video presentations about specific moments in our County history.
- Cemetery Preservation -we monitored the physical condition of our historic cemeteries, and assisted with applications for Historic Texas Cemetery designation.
 - Friendship Baptist Church and Cemetery
 - Dresden Cemetery
 - Dunn-Johnston Cemetery
 - French Cemetery
 - Good Hope Cemetery
- Historical Markers – we worked with several organizations and individuals to prepare and submit three Historical Marker applications: Meritt Drane, Bethel AME Church and GW Jackson. All were approved by the THC and the Markers are being produced at the foundry now.

We routinely communicate and meet with citizens regarding a variety of history and preservation topics, and we promoted historical and cultural sites to sustain heritage tourism initiatives. All of our efforts further strengthened our ability to preserve our historic resources.

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2022

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TO

NAVARRO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTIVE
AND WELL-BALANCED PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Mark Wolfe
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
June 01, 2023
DATE

