

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. ("SOCIETY, INC."), is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, located at 1020 East Humbolt, Fort Worth, Texas 76104, and is dedicated to the preservation of materials and memorabilia relating to Tarrant County's African American history and culture;

WHEREAS, SOCIETY, INC. makes these materials available to the public;

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the programs and activities provided by **SOCIETY, INC.** benefit the citizens of the **COUNTY** by sharing and preserving an important part of Tarrant County's cultural history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between **SOCIETY, INC.**, acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ("COUNTY")**, acting by and through its County Judge.

SOCIETY, INC. and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

1. **SOCIETY, INC.** agrees to use the funds as provided by this **Agreement** for the benefit of the residents of Tarrant County, Texas.
2. **COUNTY**, for and in consideration of the services provided, agrees to pay to **SOCIETY, INC.** a lump sum payment of THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) for services rendered to the residents of Tarrant County, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.
3. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY TEXAS LAW, SOCIETY, INC. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF ITS PROGRAM. SAID INDEMNIFICATION WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL AMOUNTS OF ALL CLAIMS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND COSTS OF COURT.**
4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

5. This **Agreement** shall not be interpreted to inure to the benefit of a third party not a party to this **Agreement**. This **Agreement** may not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, including governmental and sovereign immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility, or damage of any party to this **Agreement**, party's agent, or party's employee, otherwise provided by law.
6. The parties to this **Agreement** will not sell, assign, transfer or convey any benefits or obligations of this **Agreement** in whole or part without the prior written consent of both parties.
7. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this **Agreement**, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of this **Agreement**.
8. This **Agreement** constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and any and all prior negotiations are merged into this **Agreement**. Any amendment, change, or addition to this **Agreement** shall be made only in writing and signed by both parties.
9. This **Agreement** will be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any action or claim arising from this **Agreement** will be in Tarrant County, Texas, as to state court actions, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, as to federal court actions.
10. In providing the services required by this **Agreement**, **SOCIETY, INC.** must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. **SOCIETY, INC.** shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.
11. **SOCIETY, INC.** agrees to provide **COUNTY** all records relating to the programs performed by **SOCIETY, INC.** upon written request of **COUNTY** and to provide a final report detailing the manner in which such funds are expended and the program details of its services.
12. **SOCIETY, INC.** must submit to **COUNTY** a final report as to the program outcomes achieved within sixty (60) days of the end of the requested funding year [by November 30, 2024] by providing the following:
 - (a) a program update on all outcomes accomplished and client populations served; and,
 - (b) an accounting of all expenditures of **COUNTY** funds (salary, rent, training, etc.). *Any funds not used for the specified purposes or not used within the time limits specified in this contract are subject to be returned to **COUNTY**.*

Until receipt of this final report by **COUNTY**, all subsequent funding will be held in abeyance.

13. **SOCIETY, INC.** verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The term "boycott Israel" is as defined by Texas Government Code Section 808.001, effective September 1, 2017.

14. **SOCIETY, INC.** acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295, and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.


AUTHORIZED AGENT
TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL
AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CERTIFICATION OF
AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$3,500.00

Criminal District Attorney's Office*

Tarrant County Auditor

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Certificate Number:
2023-1095717

Date Filed:
11/16/2023

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.
Fort Worth, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County Texas

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

FY24
\$3500

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Sanders Wise, Brenda	Fort Worth, TX United States	X	

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. ☐

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Brenda Sanders Wise, and my date of birth is 03-29-1949

My address is 1020 E. Humboldt St. Fort Worth TX 76104 USA
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 21 day of Nov, 20 23
(month) (year)

Brenda Sanders-Wise
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)



**TARRANT COUNTY BLACK
HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

A 501c3 Organization

P. O. BOX 50483

Fort Worth, TX 76105

817-332-6049

Board of Directors

*Brenda Sanders-Wise,
Executive Director*

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November 21, 2023

Tarrant County Commissioners
County Administration Building
100 E. Weatherford – Suite 104
Fort Worth, TX 76196
Attn: Kadey E. Heidrich

Dear Ms. Heidrich:

We are grateful and appreciate the generous support of our organization through the Public Assistance Contract that was initiated by our founder, Mrs. Lenora Butler Rolla. This financial support makes it possible for us to continue creating quality programming a diverse community in Tarrant County.

Enclosed you find an annual report as of November 13, 2023 and a monthly report of the activities, programming and daily operations of our organization from January 2023 through November 13, 2023.

2024 marks our 47th year of operation. We look forward to new opportunities and challenges. We will keep trying to increase our efforts to improve upon the legacy and vision of our founder, Mrs. Rolla, by researching, collecting, preserving, and sharing our history with everyone!

Sincerely,

Brenda Sanders-Wise
Executive Director

***Tarrant County
Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.***



***Annual Report
November 13, 2023***

Board of Directors

*Jimmy Walker, President
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Staff

Megan Coca – Director of Development & Community Outreach

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Rachel King-Sanders*

“Preserving the past in the present for the future!”

Census info for 76104 Zip Code

- **Population:** 18,956
- **Median Age:** 32.9
- **Sex:** 54% female, 46% male
- **Median Household Income:** \$41,863
- **Poverty:** 31.8% below poverty line
- **Race and Ethnicity:**
20% white, 30% Black, 2% Asian,
1% two or more races, 46% Hispanic

Data from censusreporter.org Census data: ACS 2021 5-year unless noted

January 2023 – MLK Day of Service, Virtual Book Club

February - Black History Month – Art Show & Reception - Professional artists and Van Zandt-Guinn, Dunbar YMLA student artists were introduced at the reception. TCBHGS Participated in the Van Zandt Guinn ES Black History Program – “I Choose to Change the World.” Mavericks film crew interviewed Brenda

March - Women’s History Month – “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories” - Jack & Jill Workshop at the museum, Students planted flowers. Presentations at Southside Community Center

April – TCBHGS received grant from Humanities Texas for Community Scanning Project to capture local history

May – Attended Humanities TX 50th Year Anniversary Celebration – TCU Internship program announced – received \$3500 grant - TC Public Assistance Program

Museum Visitors — 1536 as of November 13, 2023

Harambee Visitors - 1957

Membership — 27 new & 12 renewing members

Donations - Individual Collections & Oral Histories



June – Participated in the Stopping Stones Project with the Log Cabin Village – Served a Juneteenth meal at the museum –Received literacy grant from BraveR Together

July – Visited Stripling MS re Art Commissioned Project for 7th graders – Formed partnership with Parent Shield - Began plastic water bottle collection for art project with TCEF – TCBHGS featured in the Humanities TX newsletter – Virtual “Between the Lines” Book Club discussion with Megan as facilitator -

August – Intensified planning for Harambee Festival Participated in the Van Zandt Guinn ES “Back to School Community Partners Summit.” – TCBHGS held a “South Side Neighborhood Reunion” on the grounds of the Lenora Rolla Museum with community residents, partners - Amon Carter, The Kimbell, and the FW Public Library

September – Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser – successful – completed the Fall edition of the 2023 TCBHGS Newsletter – Participated in NTX Giving Day A Lifetime Achievement Award Luncheon was held at Texas Wesleyan University to recognize Commissioner Roy C. and Dr. Jennifer Giddings Brooks for their civic and community service. Fall - TCBHGS newsletter published.

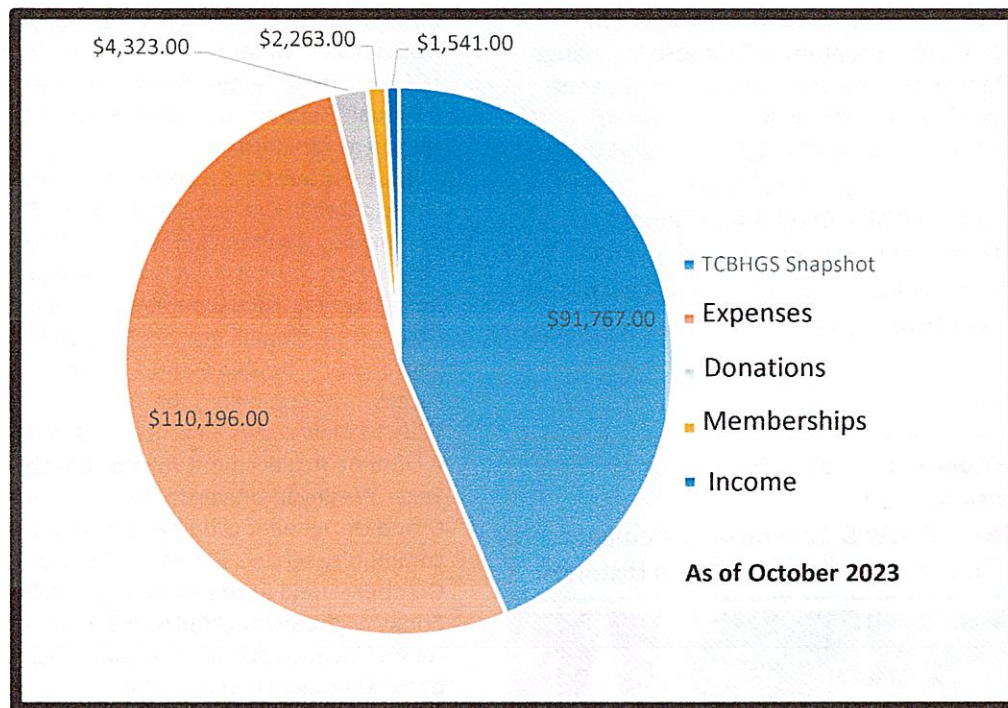
October – Held at the William M. McDonald YMCA - Friday Night Seafood Chicken & Blues – Saturday – 14th Annual Tarrant County Harambee Festival – began with a parade within the community – followed by an opening ceremony filled with dignitaries from the city and state - and an anti bullying rally with students from FWISD and surrounding school districts – Students, children and adults enjoyed the Health and Wellness Expo, the Kidz Zone that included art activities in partnership with Amon Carter, inflatable bounce houses and water slides, horseback riding and other activities for children. There were merchandise and food vendors, live musical entertainment, a spoken word contest, and a Greek Stroll Off. The day ended with a gospel hour and special guest entertainer, country music artist - Michael B. Whit.

TCBHGS Participated in the Family Festival Community Partners at The Kimbell Art Museum sharing TCBHGS information. The Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum received the “Legacy Award” from the Tarrant County Historical Commission on 10/18/2023.

November – Board Meeting/Planning Session for 2024



Help us continue to grow! Become a member!
Contributions accepted via PayPal on our website,
Zelle, Ca\$h App & USPS – P. O. BOX 50483
Fort Worth, TX 76105



The Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to locate, collect, analyze, organize and preserve African-American historical contributions used to educate, empower and interpret African-American history in Tarrant County.

www.tarrantcountyblackhistory.org





Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

Executive Director's Report for January 2023

January 2023 – 79 individuals visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum as of January 24th. The museum re-opened on July 1, 2021, but due to the global pandemic known as COVID-19 (and now the Delta, Omicron and more variants still being discovered), affecting almost every part of life on a global scale, and in response to the declarations from federal, state, and local officials, **the museum will accommodate tours/visitations Monday-Friday during normal hours of operation or by appointment. Masks are still encouraged for all visitors.**

January 4, 2023 – Film crew from the Dallas Mavericks visited the museum to film segment for Black History Month featuring Mrs. Rolla and the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum. The segment will air during the play by play action during the Mavericks' basketball games. Received a follow-up email stating, **"Thank you for your time on Wednesday. We all were impressed with the museum and your tour. We hope the feature will live up to Ms. Rolla's legacy."** We will be provided a link closer to the air date.

Amon Carter Museum referred local artist, Charles Gray to our museum. He and his photographer were given a tour conducted by Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens, our loyal volunteer.

January 5, 2023 – Local artist, Charles Gray and his photographer Donnie Williams returned to the museum to videotape the oral history of both Sarah Walker and Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens. Donnie Williams donated a book of his photography work to the museum.

January 6, 2023 – Tara Crosby and co-worker, Dana, represent a Diversity council at KPMG from KPMG LLP visited the museum and would like to collaborate with us during Black History Month. February 10th is the tentative date set for us to address their employees. I am working on membership/sponsorship/donor opportunity as well.

January 10, 2023 – Met with Art Show Committee via conference re juried show. Artist work being submitted. Deadline for all submissions is January 18th. Area schools have been contacted. Amon Carter will provide awards/gifts for the students. Sponsorship available for the art show, \$ 450 has been committed from committee members. This will be a virtual show again for 2023.

Spoke with Pastor Milton Pace via email, "leaving for Honolulu tomorrow but will get back and meet with you on the status of our proposed contributions and assistance with your fundraising efforts. I have contacted several of those verbal commitments and will follow up with them as soon as I get back. I will not be able to give the \$9k by myself but I am confident that we can raise something and do our best for the TCBHGS. Amen, Reverend Pace

January 12, 2023 – Attended Zoom call update re “Creating an African American Museum in Fort Worth.” Both Jimmy Walker and Deborah Lewis from our organization, were also in attendance.

January 12, 2023 – Closed Wells Fargo Accounts – Checking/Operating Account and Harambee Account. Deposited the remaining funds from both accounts into the Frost Bank Checking/Operating Account in the amounts of \$3100.66 and \$336.18 for a total of \$3436.84.

January 12, 2023 – TCBHGS “Between the Lines Book Club” discussion: Via Zoom – Drops of Shade A Reflection of Race – A book by Stephonia Roberts. It was very engaging with 11 participants. Thanks to Board President, Jimmy Walker, Board Secretary, Shelia Barnett, and to art show committee members, Karen Smith and Velma Johnson, for participating. Megan Coca hosted/facilitated the discussion in a phenomenal manner. Online-surveys were provided for all participants.

January 16, 2023 – MLK, Jr., Day of Service – cleaning done by Amon Carter reps and their children - museum was open for visitors as was advertised on the TCBHGS Facebook Page – 8 individuals signed in.

January 20, 2022 – Fortress Pre-School Admin/Leadership team will tour the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum - to celebrate 85 years of service to Fort Worth

Our Community Scanning Project is complete – the final report is due by March 31st to Humanities TX.

***Memberships, Donations & Grants**

- 0 - New Family Memberships
- 0 - Family Membership Renewals
- 0 - New Individual Memberships
- 0 - Individual Membership Renewal
- 0 - Scholar Membership
- 0 - New Business Membership
- 0 - New Organization Membership
- 1 - Organization Membership Renewal
- 0 - Young Professional Membership
- 0 - Board Member Dues
- 3 - Donations Received
- 0 - Grants Received

***Upcoming Events**

January 2023 – Pastor Milton Pace – Saintsville Baptist Church – Proposed Gift Program will be revisited upon his return from Hawaii

January 25, 2023 – Visit Fort Worth Film Crew will film the Museum for their neighborhood video series

February 1-March 31, 2023 – 10th Annual Lenora Rolla Juried Art Show (Virtual)

February 6, 2023 – Make Presentation to Cancer Cares for Black History Month

February 7, 2023 – Jayn Higgins has committed to speak to children at the Riverside Community Center at 3700 E Belknap – Why We Celebrate Black History and Fort Worth Black History

February 9, 2023 – Art Show Reception and Awards via Zoom



Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

Executive Director's Report for February 2023

February 2023 – 189 individuals visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum **as of February 28th**. The museum re-opened on July 1, 2021, but due to the global pandemic known as COVID-19 (and now the Delta, Omicron and more variants still being discovered), affecting almost every part of life on a global scale, and in response to the declarations from federal, state, and local officials, **the museum will accommodate tours/visitations Monday-Friday during normal hours of operation or by appointment. Masks are optional for all visitors.**

February 1- Kick Off - The 10th Annual Lenora Rolla Juried Art Show (Virtual) -online on website

February 6, 2023 – Megan Coca made presentation to Cancer Cares organization for Black History Month. I was in attendance for moral support and answered questions when necessary.

February 7, 2023 – Jayn Higgins made presentation to students in the after-school program at the Riverside Community Center. Megan Coca and I were also in attendance. Topic - Why We Celebrate Black History and Fort Worth Black History

February 9, 2023 – I made a PowerPoint presentation to the students at TCC South Campus for Black History Month – Topic - Black Resistance and What Does It Look Like in Tarrant County – approximately 25 people in attendance.

I was notified that a grant had been approved for \$10,000 by Brave/R Together/United Way! I assisted Megan with first grant application that is focused on education and the Happy Readers project that is tailored for VanZandt Guinn Elementary School, grades K-5.

Art Show Reception and Awards via Zoom – 32 participants on the call. Thanks to the board members who were present on the call. Remarks were made by sponsors, artists, Art show committee members, and our President, Jimmy Walker.

February 10, 2023 – Tara Crosby and co-worker, Dana, from KPMG LLP, visited the museum with four other employees.

Dr. Jennifer Giddings Brooks held a community meeting at the Lenora Rolla Museum – 11 people in attendance – to discuss the new organization formed to address the needs of the 76104-zip code. The organization will reside in the old Flint house on the corner of Terrell and Tennessee

February 11, 2023 – Film crew from the Dallas Mavericks that visited the museum to film segment for Black History Month featuring Mrs. Rolla and the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum notified me that the segment aired during the play-by-play action during the Mavericks' basketball game. Received a follow-up link and was sent out to all Board and Advisory Board members.

February 13, 2023 – Attended Zoom call with the Jack and Jill Organization – will host program for young girls in the GEMS class on **March 4, 2023**, at the Lenora Rolla Museum and **will become an “organization” member. The program is scheduled from 10am-3pm** – tour of the museum, guest speaker, Estella Williams, NAACP, GEMS training in the library area, and a final activity – a community service project will be conducted that same day by planting flowers in the front yard of the museum.

February 15, 2023 - I made a PowerPoint presentation to the students at TCC Trinity River Campus in observance of Black History Month – Topic “Did You Know?” – Fort Worth and Tarrant County Black History

February 16, 2023 – **Required City of FW Annual Back Flow Test done** – 2 areas passed; one area failed - (bypass - Fire Alarm Sprinkler System) will cost approximately \$250-\$300) Order has been placed for the repair with ADT. (Total cost - \$360.00)

Megan Coca made a presentation re Black History Month at the Ridglea Public Library 5:00pm – Topic – Historic Black Neighborhoods

February 19, 2023 – I attended a reception presented by Brave/R Together with other grant recipients and was presented with a check in the amount of \$10,000.00, a grant, for a literacy project, headed up by Megan Coca.

February 20, 2023 - Southside Community Center students -after school program toured the Lenora Rolla Museum at 2pm. Megan Coca conducted the tour. She was assisted by Sarah Walker and Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens.

February 22, 2023 – Megan Coca and I met with Log Cabin Village to discuss collaboration on a project entitled “Stopping Stones.” Their site was selected for this project and will acknowledge and memorialize enslaved peoples across the USA. Stopping Stones unique organization that creates small memorials that commemorate individuals who were enslaved locally. The purpose of these memorials is to help citizens realize and remember the histories of slavery and to create conversations that address racial issues today. This is an art project started by an artist in Vermont after being inspired by similar stones memorializing those lost in the Holocaust in Germany. Each hand-engraved “stone” carries the name, profession, and enslaved dates of an individual enslaved in that particular place. In our case, the two stones will bear the names of Jefferson Walton and Molly, two people enslaved by the Foster family through whose plantation-style home visitors now enter Log Cabin Village. They are and one of the first museums in the **South** to install Stopping Stones and look forward to the educational opportunities it will provide all visitors. They are interested in partnering with us on the dedication ceremony for the stones and hoping to schedule the dedication ceremony around this year’s Juneteenth celebrations the weekend before or the weekend after Juneteenth Celebration.

And, Women In Power Empowering contacted us on that same day to partner with us for Women’s History Month – theme is Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.

4pm - Fortress 4th grade students - after school program-toured Lenora Rolla Museum. Megan Coca conducted the tour.

February 23, 2022 – Megan Coca attended the VanZandt-Guinn Elementary School Black History Program entitled “I Choose to Change the World. Students portrayed famous Black Americans that have made significant contributions to American History. The students also engaged in inspiring songs and recited poetry.

February 24, 2023 – Received an invitation to attend A Gathering of Museums meeting at Kinfolk House, hosted by the National Juneteenth Museum. Some of the invited guests included representatives from The Kimbell, The Modern, Amon Carter, FW African Museum & Culture, DNA Works-Transform 1012, and UNT Digitization Services Department. The guests were treated to a slide presentation by Jared Howard with an overview of the description, location, and other amenities the museum would offer not only to the residents of the Historic Southside community, but to all of FW and Tarrant County. Megan Coca and Deborah Lewis also attended the event.

February 26, 2023 – 11:30am - Tarrant County Pearls Chapter visited the Lenora Rolla Museum for an onsite photo shoot and meeting – 12 visitors were in attendance. An overview of our organization was presented by Brenda Sanders-Wise before their meeting began and a tour was conducted afterwards.

February 27, 2022 – 1pm – Fort Worth Magazine interview and photo shoot at the Lenora Rolla Museum for Mike Guinn, Spoken Word artist. Mike acts as emcee and hosts the Spoken Word Contest for the TCBHGS – annual Tarrant County Harambee Festival.

At 2pm - Students – Home School program – toured the Lenora Rolla Museum

February 28, 2023 – 10:30am – Brave/R Together – Dr. Whitnee Boyd & 20+ stakeholders toured the museum with presentations by Megan Coca and Brenda Sanders-Wise.

***There is a tree down on our property...will need chain saw to cut limbs and wood will need to be stacked for pick up by the City of FW**

***Memberships, Donations & Grants**

0 - New Family Memberships

1 - Family Membership Renewal

1 - New Individual Membership

0 - Individual Membership Renewal

0 - Scholar Membership

0 - New Business Membership

0 - New Organization Membership

0 - Organization Membership Renewal

0 - Young Professional Membership

1 - Board Member Dues (Jimmy Walker)

11 - Donations Received (6-Art Show Sponsorships and 5 general donations for TCBHGS org)

1 – Grant Received (\$10,000.00)

***Upcoming Events**

February 2023 – Pastor Milton Pace – Saintsville Baptist Church – Proposed Gift Program will be revisited upon his return from Hawaii. – Spoke with him on Feb 15- still working on it (renovating)

February 1 – March 31, 2023 - 10th Annual Lenora Rolla Juried Art Show (Virtual)

March 4, 2023 – 10am - Stacie McCormick with the Jack & Jill organization & GEMS Group activity

March 6, 2023 – 5:30pm – Shelter In Place – Panel Discussion TCC Trinity River Campus – Brenda Sanders-Wise and Jayn Higgins to attend to represent TCBHGS



Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.
Executive Director's Report for March 2023

March 2023 – 137 individuals visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum as of March 16th. The museum re-opened on July 1, 2021, but due to the global pandemic known as COVID-19 (and now the Delta, Omicron and more variants still being discovered), affecting almost every part of life on a global scale, and in response to the declarations from federal, state, and local officials, **the museum will accommodate tours/visitations Monday-Friday during normal hours of operation or by appointment. Masks are still encouraged for all visitors.**

March 1 - Kick Off – Women's History Month – Theme - "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" and on our Facebook page we have recognized on a weekly basis – Stephonia Roberts, Lenora Rolla, Lillian B. Horace and Rhonda Pruitt. We have two more weeks to complete the recognitions (Marjorie Crenshaw and

March 1-31 – TCBHGS Virtual Art Show still in effect online at www.tarrantcountyblackhistory.org

March 4, 2023 – March 4, 2023 – 10am - Stacie McCormick with the Jack & Jill organization & GEMS Group met at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum for a day of education and community. Guest speaker was Estella Williams, President, NAACP of FW. After lunch, a community service project was conducted. The GEMS planted flowers in the front yard of the museum. The organization a metal shelving unit for archival boxes in our board room at the museum (150.00 donation).

March 6, 2023 – 5:30pm – Shelter In Place – Panel Discussion TCC Trinity River Campus – Maricia Johns represented our organization/TCBHGS re racial terror and other injustices in Fort Worth and the Fred Rouse Lynching.

March 7, 2023 – The FW Report Listening Tour was held at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum. TCBHGS Board President, Jimmy Walker attended as well as Board member James Walker. A light dinner of delicious tacos was provided by The FW Report. Thank you Megan Coca, Outreach Coordinator/Educator for arranging this event!

March 8, 2023 – The Kimbell Art Museum Teen Council visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum. Thanks to Megan Coca for conducting the tour! The Kimbell Teen Council is a group of high school students (grades 9-12) from the DFW area, who are interested in creating, promoting, and facilitating teen programs at the Kimbell Art Museum. Our own Outreach Coordinator/Educator forged this collaboration/relationship and we look forward to joint programs in the future.

March 13, 2023 – All Test Services completed repair and service for the fire sprinkler system (\$360.00) Another fun/educational day at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum - with the Pollard family from Georgetown, TX, researching their family history and enjoying the interesting books on our library shelves.

March 14, 2023 – Met with music historian William Lewis Williams and Rev. Perry Crenshaw, son of Marjorie Crenshaw, I. M Terrell graduate (who was famous for introducing jazz to FWISD), received her collection on the 15th and will be sorted, reviewed, archived, digitized. Possible fundraising-concert of several genres of music featuring the musicians produced at I. M. Terrell High School.

March 15, 2023 – Received email from Tarrant County Public Assistance Program re annual grant in the amount of \$3500.00 – updated language was inserted for the 2023 document and the item will be presented before the Commissioner’s Court on Tuesday, March 21st.

March 16, 2023 – Met with NaTori Harris, marketing director with the Jubilee Theatre – discussed ways to collaborate with our organization via production, education, tour, reception, speaking engagement, etc.

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April 4, 2023 – TCBHGS President, Jimmy Walker and I met with Scherron Richard, Field Director for Congressman Marc Veasey. Discussed the history of our organization and workshops, programs and special events we sponsor. We invited her to attend the TCBHGS “Meet and Greet” on April 27. She invited us to share information about the Congressman’s annual art show.

April 10, 2023 – Attended the Dunbar YMLA Art Awards Program with our Art Show Committee Chair, Karen Gittens Smith, to present awards to six young artists who participated in the TCBHGS Lenora Rolla 10th Annual Juried Art Show during the observance of Black History Month. We also presented certificates of appreciation to the art teachers, Melissa Schulman and Brooklynn Bellmore for continuing to inspire their art students! Awards for students were provided by the Amon Carter Museum of American Art.

April 13, 2023 – Received acknowledgement that the grant TCHGS received from Humanities TX “is now closed.” The final report submitted by Brenda Sanders-Wise was received and we are required to retain copies of our files for three years. The Humanities Texas Board thanked us for our efforts and commended all those who participated in the program. We (our Board) have been invited to attend their 50th anniversary celebration on May 9, 2023, at the National Cowgirl Museum – 1720 Gendy St in FW – Business Attire! Complimentary parking available in the adjacent City of FW parking lot

TCBHGS “Between the Lines” Virtual Book Club discussion - entitled White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism,” by Robin DiAngelo

April 17, 2023 – Attended Zoom call with Fundraising Chair James Walker, Co-Chair Kenny Mosley and Megan to discuss 5K Run route, sponsorship levels, advertising and marketing and entry fee. The co-chairs will give their report at the next Board meeting.

April 18, 2023 – Thanks to James Walker and his business partner who placed large paintings and other historical collections upstairs!

April 20, 2023 – Followed up on the annual grant from Tarrant County Public Assistance Program in the amount of \$3500.00 – grant was approved. **We should receive the check shortly.**

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April 24, 2023 – Megan invited the Education Committee members to attend a meeting about the Lenora Rolla Happy Readers Literacy/Mentorship Program with Van Zandt Guinn Elementary. TCBHGS has received a grant from Brave/R together 76104 to execute this program and we would like for you all to be a part of this journey.

Through the engagement of mentorship reading goals, and weekly meetings our program aims to uplift the students of the 76104 community educationally, as well as socially. We will provide each student with their own regular mentor to read with, uplifting and serving the under-represented 76104 community. Our goal is to address the underrepresentation that plagues the 76104 community ties and educational opportunities.

We plan to find both certified and uncertified mentors to work with students who face further educational, social, and economic importunity. We will serve bout 15-20 students who are reading below grade level (selected by Van Zandt Guinn Admin) students will meet once a week during both 3rd and 4th grade lunch time. Students will report to the designated area, read with mentor, log reading time, and take Accelerated Reading Tests to measure reading and comprehension levels.

Please take the survey provided for you in the email and select what date and time works best for you and Megan will follow up with a link to a Zoom meeting.

April 27, 2023 – 4-6pm – TCBHGS Meet & Greet at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum – Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks and other Community Stakeholders will be in attendance.

April 29, 2023 – Joint community event/workshop with KERA PBS series - Finding Your Roots – via email request from Carolee Klimchuck, Ph.D., historian and archivist – 11:00am -TCC Trinity River Campus in the Connection Bay Room – 444 N Henderson. I will do a 2-minute welcoming re importance of history and genealogy.

May 1, 2023 – North Texas Giving Registration Begins – Actual NTX Giving Day – September 21, 2023

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Dates: August-Dec 6 - Will primarily work during existing open hours and around Sofia's class schedule.

Assignments: -weekly journal? -completed finding aids? -Reflective essay of challenges & successes?

May 5, 2023 – Met with John Crane, Deborah Lewis and Sean Wesley, our webmaster to review the website and discuss additions, deletions and other enhancements (calendar, Harambee tab, news)

May 8, 2023 – Met with John Crane re roles and responsibilities of the committee, TCBHGS Marketing and Branding strategies which he will share is his report – primarily better use of social media platforms, consistent communication with our members and the general public. He is also working with Clear Channel. Megan Coca was in attendance and advised John of the Reselia program, a technology platform (online) with a human touch that enables non-profits to increase capacity and funders to go beyond the grant with technical assistance, coaching, and capacity building support.

May 9, 2023 – Attended the Humanities Texas 50th Year Celebration – got re-acquainted with the grantor representatives who awarded TCBHGS with the \$12,000 grant. I met an individual (and exchanged contact information) who has volunteered to help us with grant writing. Megan Coca was in attendance as well.

***Received check from Tarrant County Public Assistance Program re annual grant in the amount of \$3500.00. Check was deposited on May 9, 2023.**

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Purchased archival supplies (acid free manila folders and archival boxes) - \$520.50. We received a donation from Carol Roark to cover this cost.

May 10, 2023 – Met with Humanities Texas representative Morgan Jeitler, Communications Officer, who is writing a series of pieces highlighting the impact Texas Humanities Texas' partner organizations. The article will include the great work we do for all the humanities in Texas (newsletter, social media pages). We also discussed how the grant funds were utilized and how it enhanced our programs. We were advised of their mini grant programs and how less cumbersome it is to apply. Megan Coca was in attendance also.

That same afternoon, music historian William Lewis Williams and film crew documenting the history of The Caravan of Dreams interviewed journalist, Bob Ray Sanders, about his knowledge of and experience with the Caravan of Dreams. I was also interviewed about my experiences of living in Fort Worth during the Jim Crow Era the 60's-80s in general.

May 16, 2023 – I made a presentation at TCU at the request of Johnica Rivers – Racial Equity Now Fort Worth Cohort – Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation. I spoke about our organization, my family history, and preserving history in Fort Worth, disparities in funding, donors, endowments, capacity building and leadership development. We will receive an honorarium of \$500.

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***I would like to suggest that Megan Coca address the Board at our next meeting to share her activities/responsibilities.**

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June 4, 2023 – Our \$10,000 grantor, BraveR Together, conducted their quarterly workshop via Zoom, for all grantees. Thank you, Jimmy and Megan, for attending.

June 6, 2023 – Met with Sara Fairley and Symone Dixon of the Leadership Fort Worth organization at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum to discuss ways to partner with workshops and other activities we have scheduled. They would like for our museum to be the first stop of several tours they have planned for the remainder of the year. They would like to partner with any children's programs on our schedule to help increase foot traffic at the museum and other events. We discussed opportunities to partner with our annual Tarrant County Harambee Festival and Juried Art Show. Afterwards, she sent out an email to several of her contacts to possibly connect with us as well. I will meet with 2 of the suggested contacts in the hospitality industry next week. (Worthington Renaissance, Marriott). I informed her that in 1994, Mrs. Rolla was named a Forum Fellow by Leadership Fort Worth

June 7, 2023 – Our first "Wednesday" Summer Arts Workshop took place at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art! The attendees were very eager to learn about the exhibition at the Carter. Thank you, Megan Coca, Jimmy Walker and Karen Gittens for attending.

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June 13, 2023 – An impromptu interview with WFAA-TV for Juneteenth Holiday coverage – initially wanted to discuss the history of the "Historic Southside," but once they toured the museum, they only wanted to discuss our organization and the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum. They will inform us of when it will air and send us a link as well. They were impressed with the layout of the museum and will share it on Facebook.

June 14, 2023 – Summer Arts Workshop in partnership with Amon Carter Museum of American Art, was held at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum - 1020 E Humbolt Street Fort Worth, TX 76104 – 1:00-2:30pm. Details are listed on our website at www.tarrantcountyblackhistory.org – **20 attendees**

June 16, 2023 – Megan represented TCBHGS at Cook Children's Hospital to present Black History facts and share some hands-on activities with the staff and children/patients. I purchased 2 books re Juneteenth and downloaded activities (i.e., word scrambles, coloring, "Who Am I?"). The Education Committee was invited to attend. Megan read the book Juneteenth for Children, by Ms. Opal Lee, to the patients, and the reading was broadcast throughout the hospital.

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June 21, 2023 - Another Summer Arts Workshop in the books on Wednesday, June 21st! What a beautiful group of people - 28 in attendance! Thank you, Megan Coca, Jimmy Walker, Karen Gittens-Smith and Adam Werner from Amon Carter Museum of American Art. Thanks also to our special visitor, Dr. Arlene Barnett. The final workshop takes place on Wednesday, June 28th - 1:00pm-2:30pm at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum.

June 22, 2023 – Megan coca attended the Arts Fort Worth-Fort Worth Tourism Public Improvement District Cultural Initiative Grant Meeting

June 24, 2023 - On Saturday, June 24th we had a group of 42 visitors from the Alpha Kappa Alpha "Buy Black Tour." Thank you for visiting the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum! Thank you, Megan Coca, our Outreach Coordinator/Educator for conducting the tour and being such a gracious hostess/docent.

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July 10, 2023 – Megan Coca visited Stripling Middle School re their 7th grade Art “Commissioned Project” and met with Laura Nungaray Art teacher who created an art project where she allows her students to pick from selected partners and commission a work of art for free.

After discussing the project and our mission both Megan Laura chose to create an “illuminated map.” Megan specified an illuminated map, diptych on wooden panels, something that can be taken and displayed at various speaking engagements. **The subject matter will be the Terrell Heights Neighborhood, with highlights on historic places.**

Laura, the art teacher, stressed the importance of making art that we could reuse and display, as well as students understanding 'commissions' meeting goals, the art world, researching art, and seeing their art in a secondary space.

The students will have the opportunity to visit the Lenora Rolla on a specified night for extra credit; Laura Nungaray will attend this. Megan will also make an appearance at the school to check in on the project as they complete it.

Timeline: The project begins April-May 2024 and Display commissioned work in Museum in June (End of school year 2024)

July 12, 2023 – Megan Coca has contacted and confirmed a partnership with the Parent Shield Fort Worth organization – to assist with our Happy Readers Program at Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary Their mission – “To educate and unite powerful parents to demand a high-quality education for all children.” Website info - <https://www.parentshield.org/>

July 17, 2023 – Plastic water bottle collection for a public art project were picked up by a representative of the TC Education Fund – Dr. Arlene Barnett and Shirley Pace

July 17, 2023 – We made the newsletter for Humanities Texas - “Conversations with the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society” – great coverage in a state-wide publication – shared this info with all Board and Advisory Board Members.

July 19, 2023 – Met with Megan Coca and new volunteer Willette Lashaw to discuss upcoming newsletter for September 2023 – see suggested format – shared during Executive Board meeting, July 20th

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August 12, 2023 – Megan met with James Walker and Kenny Mosley to discuss the Fun Run/Walk. They will contact gyms and cycling clubs to participate and will conduct exercise routine at the Fun Run with gym owners/members.

August 15, 2023 – Met with Megan Coca and new volunteer Willette Lashaw to discuss upcoming newsletter for September 2023 – see suggested format

Celebrated Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens' birthday – museum visitors and friends shared slices of cake with her. She was presented with a plaque in acknowledgement of her service to the organization and the museum.

August 17, 2023 – Megan made PowerPoint presentation in person to Tracy-Locke – Dallas, TX and BLOCC - Black Leaders of Omnicom Creating Change – participated in the 'Rhythm & Roots' summer events to celebrate Black Family and Culture while also sharing the TCBHGS history and its collection.

August – 22, 2023 – Megan attended meeting in the Cultural District at the Kimbell Art Museum to discuss - TCBHGS Community Partner Table Family Festival - Family Festival - "Legends, Stories, and Tall Tales." Megan will be in attendance along with Jayn Higgins, our Education Chair Board Member.

August 23, 2023 - LeAnna Schooley, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Texas Studies at TCU and TCU student, confirmed the schedule for our internship program with Sofia Paschero, PhD student at TCU for the fall semester Tentative schedule - Hours/week: 20-30 [This will probably end up being closer to 16 based on Sofia's class schedule, the department chair will confirm]. **This internship program will be for class credit. Main project(s)/scope:** completing collections in process now such as Crenshaw collection; items from storage including Juneteenth photo items; researching some items for background; create finding aids.

Goal - is to complete everything in the archive room. Sofia might assist with other projects as needed such as helping with exhibits downstairs or special events. In addition to working with two-dimensional paper and photographs, there will also be clothing, art, quilts, and other items that need to be organized and stored.

Supervisor(s): Brenda Sanders-Wise, Megan Coca, and Carol Roark.

Dates: August 21-Dec 6 - Will primarily work during existing open hours and around Sofia's class schedule.

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August 31, 2023 – Southside Neighborhood Reunion – Membership Drive - at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum

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0 - Board Member Dues

5 - Donations Received – (\$64.00 received from museum visitors)

1 - Grant Received – (NTX Communities Fdn for the South Side Neighborhood Reunion - \$4300)

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Tarrant County Harambee Debrief Dinner for committee chairpersons and committee members

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February 27, 2024 – 6:30pm - We have been asked to partner with the Hurst Public Library and share the historical perspective on the lives of Black people in Tarrant County. **“Theme - Tarrant County’s Hidden History.”** I responded **affirmatively** and copied our Outreach Coordinator-Educator, Megan Coca, and our Board Education Chair on the email.

April-May 2024 – Megan Coca visited Stripling Middle School on July 10, 2023 – re their 7th grade Art **“Commissioned Project”** and met with Laura Nungaray Art teacher who created an art project where she allows her students to pick from selected partners and commission a work of art for **free**. After discussing the project and our mission both Megan & Laura chose to create an “illuminated map.” Megan specified an illuminated map, diptych on wooden panels, something that can be taken and displayed at various speaking engagements. **The subject matter will be the Terrell Heights Neighborhood, with highlights on historic places.** Laura, the art teacher, stressed the importance of making art that we could reuse and display, as well as students understanding 'commissions' meeting goals, the art world, researching art, and seeing their art in a secondary space. **The students will have the opportunity to visit the Lenora Rolla on a specified night for extra credit;** Laura Nungaray will attend this. Megan will also make an appearance at the school to check in on the project as they complete it. **Timeline: The project begins April-May 2024 and Display commissioned work in Museum in June (End of school year 2024)**

