

Rockwall County Historical Foundation



SHERI STODGHILL LECTURE SERIES 2017

Lectures from Noon - 1P.M.

(In the Third Floor Courtroom at the Historic Downtown Courthouse in Rockwall)

Friday, February 10 ***Legendary Texas Artist from Rockwall*** **Lee Herring**
Come spend an hour with a Western artist who has numerous paintings on display at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

Friday, March 10 ***Early 20th Century Transportation*** **David Magness**
Learn the exciting beginning of Rockwall County's transportation development from horse and buggy days on dirt roads to a more modern road system.

Thursday, April 13 ***Zollner Hobo Ranch*** **Kay Brooks Aaron**
The hobo ranch was once a thriving ranch in Blackland, which attracted hundreds of hobos from around the nation. Kay (whose grandparents owned and operated the ranch) will tell the history of the ranch and stories about everyday life on the ranch, and the hope its jobs gave to many during and after the depression.

Friday, May 12 ***How Did That Street Get its Name?*** **Mark Russo**
Did you ever wonder how Hartman Street got its name? Did you know Alamo Street was first called Back Street? Come hear Mark tell how many of the streets in Rockwall County were named.

(Summer Break)

Friday, September 8 ***Pioneer Medicine*** **Dr. Robert Sparks**
Snakebites and bullet wounds to broken arms and diseases, pioneer doctors had limited medicines to help those living on the frontier. Dr. Sparks (whose father, grandmother, grandfather and great-grandfather were also doctors), will tell about the home remedies, the hardships and the medicines of pioneer doctors.

Friday, October 13 ***Talking Tombstones***
Rockwall County's history comes alive with stories of residents from the past.

Thursday, November 9 ***Time Before Rockwall County*** **Patti Canup**
Did you ever wonder what the land that is now Rockwall County was like before the white settlers, even before the Indians were here? Patti will take us back in time to understand "before Rockwall County."

Friday, December 8 ***The Rock Wall Revisited***
Updates about the history of the rock wall's origin and stories about the rock wall.