

# Southlake Historical Society Gazette

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## Howdy, friends!

### What's Going On

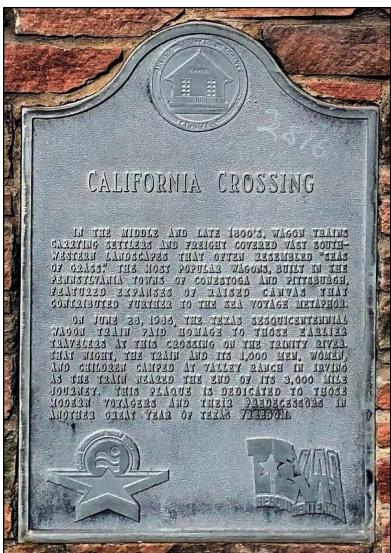
The Witte Museum, San Antonio asked the society for permission to include part of the society's 2020 Bob Jones exhibit in their exhibit, "Black Cowboys: An American Story," running until Feb. 9, 2025. The society was invited to the invitation-only opening reception. The Witte is an affiliate of the Smithsonian. Visit [www.wittemuseum.org](http://www.wittemuseum.org) for more information.

### Great Backyard Bird Count

Join in the 27th Great Backyard Bird Count, February 14-17, 2025 — an opportunity for folks of all ages to count birds at any location for at least 15 minutes on one or more of those days and enter their sightings online. Visit [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) to learn more.

### Did You Know?

The City of Southlake's log house (Bicentennial Park) sits next to Bunker Hill, which settlers used as a lookout point, and Blossom Prairie, a campground that pioneers reached after a hard day's trip from the California Crossing of the Trinity River, near what's now the Irving-Dallas city limits. After the travelers rested, the wagons would again line up single file and head west, for awhile traveling somewhat along a route that would later become Texas Hwy. 114.



In 1986, the Irving Historical Society installed this marker (left) at Rochelle and California Crossing roads. And in 2012, the Texas Historical Commission dedicated this marker (right) at California Crossing Road and Riverside Drive in Irving.



Adjacent the log house, in the Blossom Prairie Wildflower Area, is the Prairie Winds sculpture that represents those early settlers and the wagon trains that were part of that westward migration. The sculpture was installed in 2020 as part of the City of Southlake's Public Art Collection.



## Upcoming

Society members look forward to presenting our 2025 Town Hall Exhibit this summer. Updates will be posted our website. Visit [www.southlakehistory.org](http://www.southlakehistory.org).

**Thank you for visiting the  
City of Southlake Log House!**