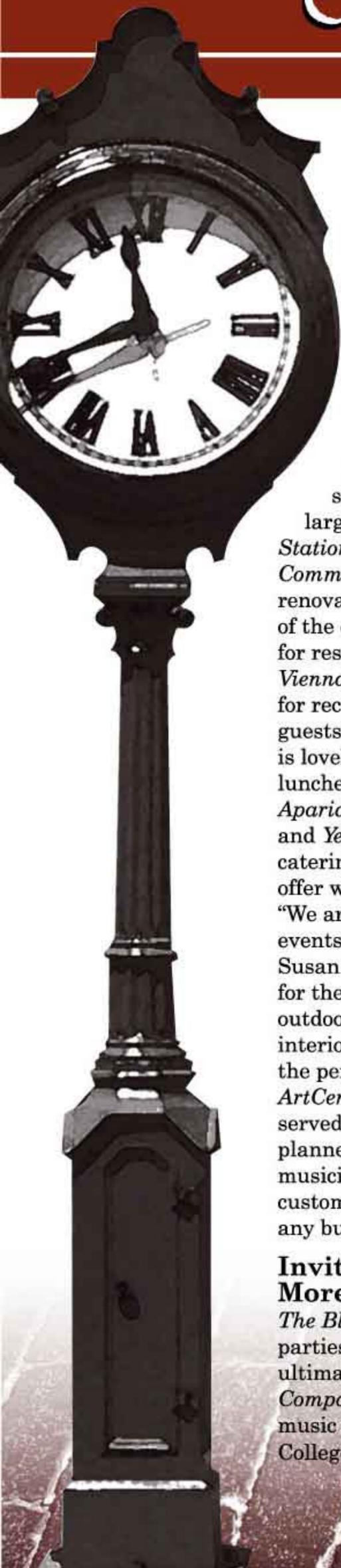


# Village News

Views from the Heart of Historic Plano



## For That Special Day

**To celebrate life's memorable moments, look no further than Downtown Plano**

When planning anniversary or retirement parties, weddings, receptions or other special events, historic Downtown offers a wealth of resources and venues.

### Great Spaces

A wonderful setting adds romance and ambiance to a special event. For wedding receptions and other parties, the *ArtCentre of Plano*, the *Carpenter House* and the *Grand Victoria Rose* offer elegant surroundings. For musical entertainment and large meetings, *The Courtyard Theater, Plano Station*, the *Plano Chamber of Commerce* and the soon-to-be renovated *Cox Building* are some of the exciting venues available for reservation. *Jorg's Café Vienna* is a popular destination for receptions for up to 140 guests. *Into My Garden Tearoom* is lovely for showers and luncheons. *The Wooden Spoon*, *Aparicios*, *Dickey's Barbecue Pit* and *Ye Ole Butcher Shop* provide catering. Several area churches offer wedding services.

"We are booking receptions and events for every weekend," said Susan Ayers, Event Coordinator for the *ArtCentre of Plano*. "Our outdoor courtyard, spacious interior and art exhibits create the perfect setting." The *ArtCentre* allows alcohol to be served free of charge and party planners can use caterers and musicians of their choice to customize any event to meet any budget.

### Invitations, Florals & More

*The Blue Goose* now offers custom invitations for parties and events. *Dutch Mill Flowers* provides the ultimate in floral design. For music, *CM Music Company* has disc jockeys for private parties. The music department at Collin County Community College is a good resource to find musicians for hire.

### Memories

For spectacular photos, *14th Street Gallery* and *Love Photography* have professional wedding photographers. *Haggard Park* and the gazebo provide a backdrop for outdoor settings. *Old Towne Gallery and Frame* makes bridal bouquet boxes and custom frames to display special memories. For camera buffs who wish to record a special event, the *Film Depot*

has black and white and color film, photography equipment, plus darkroom supplies.

### Gifts & Décor

The downtown merchants are willing to help with party favors and gifts. *Holman Pottery* on 18th Street offers one-of-a-kind hand-thrown pottery and art from a wide selection of artists. *Just Gotta Have It!*, *Simple Country Pleasures*, *Nooks N' Krannies*, *Nature's Finest Art*, *Blue Goose*, the *Master Suite*, *Ambience Décor* and others provide perfect gift ideas for all occasions.

### Spa and Beauty Services

To get ready for the big day, there's a host of beauty and spa services for facials, massages, nails and hair. *Oh, What a Find!*, *Always At Peace Day Spa*, *The Village Spa*, *Body Grafix* and *Phancy's Salon* are but a few.

**When planning your next reception or party, look to Downtown Plano. The friendly merchants can help fill your special day be with romance and beauty in the heart of Historic Plano.**



Wedding photo courtesy of Gabrielle Pruitt of 14th Street Gallery

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## HAPPENINGS

March/April 2005

### March:

- 1-19 Black History Month Exhibit 972-423-7809  
**ArtCentre of Plano**
- 1-31 Plano Art Association Member Exhibit 972-941-5201  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 2&3 PISD Choral Program 972-941-5600  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 4&5 Rhythm Junkies Dance Concert 972-941-5600  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 6 Plano Book Festival 972-633-9603  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 12 Ms. Senior Plano Pageant 972-941-7250  
**Plano Senior Center**
- 17-20 Live from Plano 972-941-5600  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 26 Eggs Over Easy Egg Scramble 972-941-7250  
**Liberty Park**

### April:

- 1-6 Glen Ayers Paintings 972-941-5201  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 4/1-5/6 Jyoti Joshi Exhibit 972-941-5201  
**Plano Municipal Center**
- 7-30 "Amadeus" 972-422-7460  
by Plano Repertory Theater  
**Courtyard Theater**
- 12-23 PISD AP Students Art Exhibit 972-423-7809  
**ArtCentre of Plano**
- 18-25 Senior Games 972-941-7250  
**Plano Senior Center**
- 23 It's a Natural 972-941-7250  
**Arbor Hills Nature Preserve**
- 24 Blackland Prairie Festival 972-769-0017  
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## HISTORIC VIEWS

### *The Life of a Merchant*

**B**orn in August 1855, in Tennessee, Henry Bascom Carlisle married Dona Norton, who was born in January 1865 in Tennessee. In 1889, The Carlisles moved to Plano and entered the grocery business in downtown Plano.

Henry Carlisle, known for his slow southern drawl, his big moustache, and tobacco wad, sold on credit as did other merchants and was paid twice a year when the crops came in. In bad seasons the bills continued to run up but were nearly always paid when times were good again. There were those, however, who when good times returned conveniently forgot the bills run up with Carlisle and other big-hearted merchants.

In Carlisle's store there was always a cracker barrel open, a hoop of cheese with a cutter, and a pickle barrel. He bought produce, such as watermelons, by the railroad carload and sold them right off the car. Squawking chickens were sold live and weighed on the big scales. Folks gathered there to discuss the weather, crops, and news of the day. Groceries were delivered in the small wooden wagon pulled by two mules stabled behind the Carlisle's house. Children came by the store after school to buy a pickle or a cookie and often stayed until called home by parents. This was the favorite gathering place for farmers when they came to town. Reprinted from "Plano, Texas: The Early Years," copyright 1985.



The Wells Collection

*The Carlisle Grocery Store in Plano was a frequent gathering place*

## VILLAGE PEOPLE

### *Suzy Jones Steps in as Executive Director*

**A**fter an interesting career path that led to positions at the Dallas Museum of Art, Trammell Crow and the Women's Museum, Suzy Jones has found her way to Plano as the ArtCentre's new Executive Director. "I'm so glad to be in the middle of downtown," said Ms. Jones, who is planning to move to Plano from Dallas with her husband and their 4-year-old daughter.

"Plano cares a great deal about culture and the arts and fosters a real sense of community," said Ms. Jones.

The ArtCentre is experiencing a busy year with more special events than ever before. Ms. Jones jumped in with both feet lining up future exhibits, fund-raising and facilitating educational programs, as well as co-chairing the Blackland Prairie Festival.

"This festival is an exciting way for downtown to celebrate a rich history, and after an enormously successful first year, this year should be even better," she said.

Ms. Jones attended East Texas State University in Commerce to major in advertising, but after an Art History course under Professor Bill Wadley, she changed her major to Art History and Art Studio. While she harbored no ambitions to become an artist, she took many studio classes to train her eye and learn how to become a well-versed critic. She then attended SMU to earn a Master's Degree in Art History.



*Suzy Jones, the ArtCentre's new Director*

"For me art education helps the viewer identify with the artist and make a personal connection to better appreciate the art," she says. "Knowing information about the artists' backgrounds makes it that much better."

Ms. Jones worked for the Dallas Museum of Art coordinating exhibitions and publications, which she explains, "was an extension of my education where I was constantly learning every day for five years." She then worked for Trammell Crow on the Asian Art Collection and as Registrar and Director of Exhibits for the Women's Museum at Fair Park.

She taught art appreciation part time at CCCCD after the birth of her daughter and became familiar with many of the professors and other people involved with the ArtCentre. When the ArtCentre job became available, she jumped at the opportunity.

Helping educate the public about art and bringing art to a community have become her passions. "My goal is to help businesses understand art is for everybody and helps improve the community. I'm excited to be in Plano with so many resources and caring people."



## STREET TALK

*The Grand Victoria Rose is one of many charming venues for weddings or special events in Downtown.*



### *New Store Openings:*

- Old Towne Gallery and Frame is opening a second location across the street called Old Towne Too. Art work, prints, plus frames and gifts will be sold.
- Lung Star has opened the Sleep Lab, a new sleep diagnostic clinic on Avenue J. Patients spend the night in a charming bed and breakfast while getting tested for sleep apnea and other disorders.
- Nikki's Cards and Gifts closed their doors after 14 years downtown as she and her husband are moving to Florida. We wish Nikki luck.
- Georgia's Farmer's Market will reopen for spring at the first of March, offering the best in fresh produce, flowers and gourmet items.
- The Cox Building is undergoing renovations to be completed next year. A 2,000 square foot rehearsal/informal performance space will be available to the public for events.
- The children's wing of the First Christian Church of Plano is complete and Sunday school classes are now meeting in this exciting new addition.

*The 4th Annual Plano Book Festival* is Sunday, March 6, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meet the authors in the Courtyard Theater and Plano Station. In *Haggard Park* there will be tents for book sales, author signings, exhibits and children's events, food and concessions.

The *Blackland Prairie Festival* will be held Sunday, April 24. See quilt making, cotton pulling and other demonstrations from yesteryear. Bring the kids and celebrate Plano's rich heritage by attending the 2nd annual festival.

The *Plano Repertory Theatre* kicks off the 2005 season at the *Courtyard Theater* with *Amadeus* on April 7 through May 1. Buy tickets for this extraordinary performance by calling the box office 972-422-7460.

The *City Center Association* is an organization that pools resources to promote downtown businesses. For information call Richard Howe at 214-682-0787.

## SHOPPING THE VILLAGE



### **Dine in Style**

Beautify your surroundings or find great gift items from the Blue Goose. Find many other items for the home in fine stores downtown to spruce up your surroundings this spring.



### **Hand-thrown Pottery**

Potter Tony Holman throws custom-made plates, cups and saucers at his studio on 18th Street! Choose glazes and designs to match your décor. Shop this store for art and collectibles. Bridal gift registry available.

### **Film Depot**

To capture memories of special events, let the Film Depot help with all your photography needs. This is the place to buy quality film, camera equipment, dark room developing supplies, books and magazines.



### **Get your Easter Bonnet**

For the very best in children's clothing, shop The New Addition. Girls and boys clothing size newborn to 6X. Find quality suits, dresses, hats and accessories, plus a wide assortment of baby clothing and gowns.

## CITY SCENE

### Plano Book Festival

Sunday, March 6 11am-6pm  
www.planobookfestival.com

The Plano Book Festival is an annual event presented by the Collin County Adult Literacy Council, whose primary goal is to raise public awareness of the need for literacy services and to engage the community in helping to provide more opportunities for adults and families to learn English.

**Meet the Authors!** Authors will speak and panels of authors will discuss books arranged by topics in the Plano Station on the East side of Haggard Park and in the Courtyard Theater on the West side of Haggard Park. In Haggard Park there will be tents for book sales, author signings, exhibits and children's events. At the gazebo there will be readings, story telling, entertainment and writing contest winners will be announced. Food and concessions will also be available in the park.

An Authors' Party featuring a Publishing Panel is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2005, at The Southfork Hotel in Plano.



*Members of the Blackland Prairie Festival's Heritage Committee assist in planning this year's event.*

### Blackland Prairie Festival

Sunday, April 24 11am-6pm  
www.blacklandprairiefestival.org

**Picture Yourself in Historic Plano!** The second Blackland Prairie Festival will again be held in Historic Downtown Plano and will encompass 15th Street from Avenue H to Avenue K, Haggard Park, and Avenue J between 15th and 14th. Artists demonstrating period crafts from the early 1900's, storytellers, wagon ride tours of the historic district, food, a Gunslinger's Show, petting zoo, small train rides and more will be available at this year's festival!

Live entertainment will include three stages of fun. The Plano Community Band, Chamberlain Ballet and other community groups will perform in Haggard Park. Two other stages will feature acts such as the "New Hokum Boys" and the "E Flat Porch Band", both returning from last year's event, as well as a performance by female country vocal trio "Three of Hearts."

For complete details, a map of the area and all of the entertainment, please check the Blackland Prairie Festival web site the week before the event. For questions, please call the Art Centre of Plano at 972-423-7809.

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