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LANCASTER, TX

MONEY TALKS! HELP SAVE THE DEPOT AND NURTURE THE ROSE GARDEN.

The Lancaster Historical Society has commenced a new capital campaign to raise funds for the preservation of the historic MKT Depot and adjacent Rose Garden, located next to the railroad tracks on Pecan Street, just southeast of LISD's newly refurbished Administration Building on Centre Street.

LHS is offering many different levels for you or your business to get involved in the future of Lancaster's history. Your one time gift or annual pledge will go a long way in preserving the MKT Depot, caring for the Rose Garden and adding seasonal color to this oasis in Lancaster's Historic District. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized with a framed Certificate of Appreciation, along with listings in the LHS newsletter and website. LHS is offering unique incentives for larger donations, including a beautiful crape myrtle for a donation of \$500, a commemorative rose bush planted at your home or office by a landscape professional for a donation of \$1,000, and naming rights for one room in the MKT Depot for \$10,000. Donors at this level will also receive a framed certificate of stock in the MKT Railway, which is itself an historic artifact.

Lancaster's train depot was saved from demolition by a group of forward-thinking citizens who recognized the historic significance of this structure, which was opened in 1889 and was an important stop on the Missouri-Kansas-Texas line from Dallas to the Gulf Coast. The Rose Garden adjacent to the MKT Depot features many varieties of roses, along with crape myrtles and seasonal flowers that combine to create a riot of color every spring and summer.

The MKT Depot and Rose Garden are maintained by the Lancaster Historical Society for the benefit of the citizens of Lancaster. The Society holds meetings at the Depot six times each year, offering refreshments and interesting programs about people and places of note in local history. The meetings are free and open to the public. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and will feature a program about the history of Big Tex and the State Fair of Texas.

The Lancaster Historical Society is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve our heritage, protect historic buildings and sites, and educate the public. All donations to LHS are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Membership dues are only \$15 per year for an individual, or \$25 per year for a couple.

For more information, visit the Historical Society's website at [www.lhsweb.org](http://www.lhsweb.org) or contact board secretary Lynnette Lakey Taff at 214-616-6961.