

**Lancaster Historical Society**  
P. O. Box 173 ★ Lancaster, Texas 75146

**FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION**

**Details about the Facility**

The historic MKT Depot and Rose Garden present the ideal place to hold your next Bridal Shower, Baby Shower, Birthday Celebration, or Club Meeting. The Facility is also appropriate for small Weddings and Receptions. The Rose Garden typically blooms between April and October, and so is an especially beautiful place for Wedding Portraits.

The Depot building offers approximately 800 square feet of interior space, with separate restrooms for men and women. The Facility can accommodate approximately 65 people inside the Depot, 75 people in the Rose Garden (seated), or 150 people in the Rose Garden (not seated). Available equipment includes 48 white folding chairs and 3 six-foot-long tables.

The galley-style kitchen includes a new range/oven, microwave, and refrigerator.

**Details about Rentals**

The Facility is available for rent on a limited basis from February through June and September through December. Events hosted or sponsored by the Lancaster Historical Society take precedence over rentals in determining whether the Facility is available on a specific date. Due to the high cost of cooling the building, the Facility is not available for rental during July and August, but exceptions may be made for outdoor-only events (such as wedding portraits in the Rose Garden).

The Facility may be reserved for a minimum of three (3) hours between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Sunday through Thursday, or between 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM on Friday or Saturday. Because the Facility is located in a residential neighborhood, User must keep all music and noise at respectful levels, and must not create a nuisance to the nearby homeowners.

The Facility may not be rented to the same club or organization more than three (3) times each year.

**Fees**

Rental	\$35 per hour	Member, Non-Member or Commercial Use
Set-up	\$25.00	Member, Non-Member or Commercial Use
Deposit	\$50.00	Member
	\$75.00	Non-Member or Commercial Use

Additional Fees and Deposit may be charged for certain types of use. The Lancaster Historical Society reserves the right at its sole discretion to refuse to rent the Facility to any person or group, for any purpose, or on any date.

## **MKT Depot and Rose Garden History**

The Dallas and Waco Railroad was built through Lancaster in 1888, and the Depot was opened in 1889. In 1891, this railroad became part of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas (MKT) line, running from Dallas to the Gulf Coast of Texas. The Depot's original location on East Main Street was slightly north of its current location at Centre and Pecan.

The Rose Garden adjacent to the Depot was dedicated in loving memory of J. Cecil Edwards, former mayor of Lancaster, by his wife Geneva Edwards Anderson and daughter, Betty Edwards Woodward. The Garden features antique roses imported from Lancaster, England, 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 owned by the Lancaster Historical Society and are maintained with funds earned through membership fees, rentals, and various fund-raising events. Membership meetings are held at the Depot, with picnic lunches in the Garden when the weather permits.

***Contact Carol Strain-Burk at 972-227-1382 for more information or to make your reservation.***