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## Field Trip to Historical, West Columbia, TX, April 26, 2025 (Saturday)

By Robbie Laws

Photos from the Group



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Not in the Picture, Jan Dermon

On April 26, we visited the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, managed by the Texas Historical Commission. This site served as the residence of James S "Jim" Hogg, the governor of Texas from 1891 to 1895.

We walked around the grounds and entered the plantation house, which was mostly empty but undergoing restoration work. We also toured the cistern next to the sugar mill ruins; it had been destroyed, along with several other buildings on the site, by the 1900 Galveston hurricane.

Additionally, we visited the Hogg cottage house, a barn filled with antique items, and a gift shop with an artifacts room where a presentation video can also be viewed.

Lastly, we explored the Patton cemetery in the back, where four Patton family members were buried almost 200 years ago. The Pattons lived there after Varner's and Jim Hogg's times.



You can read about the place on Wikipedia by typing "Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site" in the search bar, and you can also look up the town on Wikipedia to learn about its history.

After touring the site, we returned to the bus and headed to Elmo's Grill in town for lunch; the food was quite good (the restaurant is similar to Dairy Queen).

We had planned to visit the Columbia Historical Museum and the replica of the first Texas Capitol building; however, both locations were closed due to a series of town events, including a historical reenactment, early voting for the city elections, a shrimp boil and fish fry, and an auction.

On our way back to town, we stopped by La Michoacana Natural Ice Cream in Rosenberg, where we enjoyed ice cream treats to complete our field trip.

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Tracy, Marion, Robert, Jim, Lawrence



An Oil Rig — Christina



Tracy and Jim were drinking sugar syrup (rum) while using their imagination!



Deborah and Tracy



When changing plans to visit, Jim found an ice cream place in Roseburg on our way back home. Delicious ice cream!!!



Susie, Lori and Bernadette were enjoying the good food.



Yummy,  
Yummy,  
Yummy  
Ice Cream!!!



Ann wrote about an interesting fact about Elmo's Grill—

It originally was built as Elmo's Dairy Queen. Then they remodeled it into "Elmo's" and their lumberjack logo was copied from Elmo's High School's lumberjack mascot in West Columbia, Texas



The charming couple, Ann and Bill, savored their ice cream!

## ASL Students' Visiting



Thirteen students and their ASL teacher, Naomi Sheneman, arrived to perform for the deaf senior citizens on April 9th. Each student had a story to share after introducing themselves. Then, they gathered to give a fantastic and truly remarkable performance! All the deaf senior citizens enjoyed it. Afterwards, we had an excellent lunch with sandwiches, delicious salads, chips, and plenty of cookies!

Yummy! It was an enjoyable day!

Written by Nancy Morris

## Field Trips

### May 17, 2025 Trip to



- Heritage Museum
- Movie Sight Tours

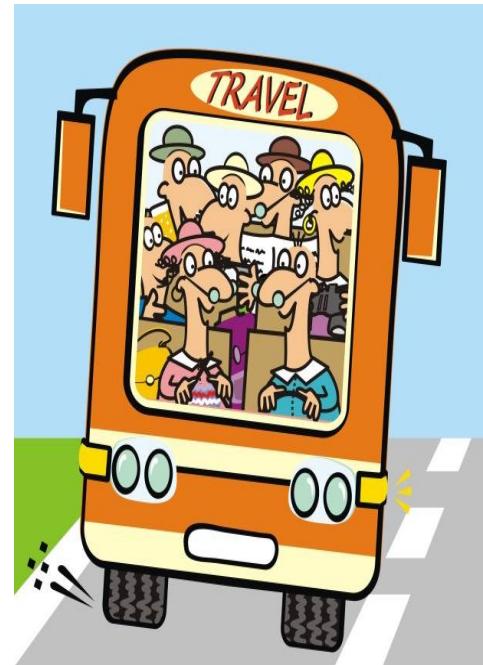
Cost: \$10

**Deadline: 05/14/2025**

**Contact Christine Johnson—979-413-5014**



Meet at the South Parking Lot  
behind Memorial City Mall at 7:00 AM  
Bus leaves at 7:30 AM



### Mark Field Trip

**Dates**

**2025**

**July 12**

**August 16**

**September 13**

**October 4**

**November 15**

**December 20**

### Houston Astros/Minnesota Twins

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**Cost: \$35 (Limit 25 Tickets)**

**(Non-Refundable)**

Meet at the South Parking Lot  
behind Memorial City Mall at 1:15 pm  
Bus leaves at 1:30 pm

**Contact Christine Johnson—979-413-5014**





Nancy Morris is attempting to create her first quilt. This is how far she has gone! She will send updates as she continues to work on it.



### Izzy Dolls

I have been crocheting for many years, and I wanted to try knitting. I aimed to create something small since I had much leftover yarn. Additionally, I sought a quick and easy knitting project, so I found a pattern called "Izzy Doll." It is a perfect project that I can donate to charity. This simple pattern is enjoyable for me to make for these dolls.

By Jan Dermon



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