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To: County Judge, Commissioners

From: Historical Commission

RE: FY2012 Historical Commission Grant Program

Heritage Farmstead Museum: Create a Black land Prairie Garden \$2,080

The Heritage Farmstead Museum would like to bring together the Junior Naturalists Group from Wilson Middle School, the Master Naturalists of Collin County and the Plano Garden to assist the Heritage Farmstead Museum in creating a Prairie Garden. The Garden at Heritage Farmstead Museum would be available daily for viewing and be an excellent addition to educational tours and public tours. Visitors could simply explore the various plants and flowers that were a part of the historic past. The garden would be filled with prairie grasses and wildflower mix. It would include plants such as Indian Blanket, Lemon Mint, Winecup, Butterflyweed Gayfeather and Black-eyed Susans. Bird baths and bird houses would be added. The garden would be set up in such away that visitors, several at a time, could pause and view at their own pace, 4x 6 areas filled with decomposed granite would allow for this viewing area. A drip irrigation system would maintain the garden and would not be highly visible or disturb the aesthetics of the Prairie Garden.