

# The Ethician Foundation

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### ETHICIAN MUSEUM INAUGURATIONS

The Ethician Museum of Texas Furniture will celebrate its “Grand Opening” on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 1405 University Avenue in Huntsville, Texas between 4 and 7 P.M.

The Texas Furniture Museum is housed in the same building as The Ethician Museum of Texas Stoneware and Ceramics and the Ethician Library of Texana, which will also be formally inaugurated on May 22<sup>nd</sup> which also coincides with Ethician Foundation President’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The completion of the Ethician Museum of Texas Arts will be celebrated on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 1425 University Avenue. At the inauguration of the downstairs exhibits on May 22, 2014, the upstairs still lacked a year’s worth of exhaustive efforts to bring the completion of the entire art museum to fruition.

The museums house collections of Texas furniture, stoneware, books, and art works that were acquired by George and Sue Russell over the course of 40 years in order to donate them for the educational and cultural benefit of future generations.

Russell collections have in the past been loaned to and exhibited by The Bob Bullock Museum, The Texas Prison Museum, The Gibbs-Powell House, The Wynne Home, and the Roberts-Farris Log Cabin and now the collections have been consolidated in the Smither Warehouse at 14<sup>th</sup> and University Avenue in Huntsville.

Although May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> represent the formal opening of the completed museums, the collections have always been made available to the public simply by calling George Russell at 936-581-4302 and arranging a free tour of historic buildings and their contents owned by the Russell's as well as historic buildings donated to The Ethician Foundation by the Russell's.

George and Sue Russell's philanthropic efforts to date include the establishment of 49 wildlife refuges and botanical preserves on 12 miles of Lake Livingston Waterfront. Included are 300 acres of green burial grounds on four cemeteries including the Wounded Warrior Veterans' Cemetery.

The 7 mile long Texas Parks and Wildlife Prairie and Piney Woods trail is open to the public and passes through the grounds of The Chapel of the Nativity and also through a Texas Historical Commission Archaeological Landmark and Texas Forest Service Aesthetic Management Zone – Special or Unique Area.

Vacation Bible School classes, Boy and Girl Scouts, and other non-profit groups are welcome to visit and even camp out by making arrangements via [ghr@cyberclone.net](mailto:ghr@cyberclone.net) at no charge although tax deductible donations to help cover expenses and maintenance are most welcome.

The Holy Wilderness Cathedral Church Camp is located on 1,000 acres with over 5 miles of waterfront and offers primitive camping opportunities to boys, girls and adults wishing to better understand the beauties and complexities of God's Holy Creation.

It is the desire of The Ethician Foundation and The Universal Ethician Church to offer recreational and educational opportunities for not only Texans but to enhance tourism in East Texas for the net positive benefit of our local economies.