# Gallery IV Clapham Collection

A comprehensive collection of paintings, drawings, and sculpture created by Texas artist Mark C. Clapham may now be viewed at the Heritage Museum. Included in the full gallery display are many Native American and western artifacts.



PARADE DAY by Mark Clapham

Part Chickasaw Indian, Mark devoted much of his extraordinary talents to celebrating the heritage and culture of the Old West and Native Americans. One of his last paintings before his death in 2012, fittingly titled "Last of His Kind," is available for viewing in Gallery IV.



Mark Clapham 1948 - 2012



Group tours are offered by appointment.

To book a group tour call 936-539-6873.

The lighted Pegasus on the front lawn was donated to the Heritage Museum of Montgomery County by the William C. (Bill) Conroe family. This Pegasus flew on top of the Mobil Gas Service Station from the early 1930s at the corner of Frazier (Highway 75) and Phillips Streets in Conroe. Our thanks goes to the City of Conroe Convention & Visitors Bureau for awarding a grant enabling us to relocate this iconic flying red horse!

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The Strake-Gray Oilfield House and Roughneck Bunkhouse

The Heritage Museum of Montgomery County moved the Strake superintendent's house from the oilfield to our location in Candy Cane Park. The unique house fabrication was called portable construction and was built in 1938 for the amount of \$3,200. Harvey Lee, the first Strake superintendent and the driller who brought in the "big one," lived in this home. In 1946, the company house was passed on to the second superintendent and star baseball player, Clyde Thomas "Dolly" Gray. Dolly Gray was a leader on the Strake Wildcats Baseball team and he and his family were the last residents of this structure. The descendants of Dolly Gray, with daughter Sarah Bess Gray Crow, graciously donated the Strake-Gray Oilfield house and the Roughneck Bunkhouse for the Museum to preserve both the oilfield and baseball memorabilia of Montgomery County Strake-Gray Oilfield House and the Strake-Gray Roughneck Bunkhouse to the Heritage Museum.





# Gallery I Glimpses of Montgomery County

Visitors can enjoy a visual time-line history of Montgomery County. Of interest to the history buff are the many historic photos, artifacts, and documents displayed in the Museum's galleries.



### Gallery II Towns, People and Events

Enhancing the museum visit are life-size figures of people who developed the county. Audio visuals, including movies of Jack Johnson, the world's first black heavy weight champion and George Strake's oils discovery can be viewed.

In the 1820s, the fourth and last colony of Stephen F. Austin settled in the area of Montgomery County. But it was not until Texas won her independence from Mexico in 1836 that the third county in the Republic of Texas was formed. Rich in history filled with cotton fields, sawmills, railroads, and oil, the county grew and new towns sprang up. The Grogans and the Cochrans were two families that owned and operated 25 sawmills over the years. Their homestead remained in their family for four generations until the last descendant and owner Carolyn Meadows Walker, along with her husband Andy and their son Andrew, donated it to be used for a museum. The home was moved to Candy Cane Park in 1986.



### Gallery III General Store and Log Cabin

This hands-on replica of a general store and the inside of a log cabin is a delight to the young visitor.





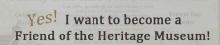
### **Outdoor Discovery**

A stroll through this outside area can give the visitor a glimpse of county history. View a vintage tractor, a newspaper printing press and other displays of county industries. Enjoy a play-version of a choo-choo train.



#### Pioneer Camp Summer Program

Pioneer Camp is offered every summer for students 8 to 11 years of age. Camp begins the Monday after the 4th of July. This week long program offers a morning and afternoon session and a first or second week choice. What fun to learn how to do those pioneer activities: bee keeping, basket weaving, shucking corn and many more! Registration begins in May for this enrichment program. Call for more details. 936-539-6873



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