

Press Release

Spring/Summer Exhibit

VICTORY GARDENS, KNITTING AND WAR BONDS:
World War I on the Home Front
May 17-August 30, 2011



The spring/summer exhibit at the Heritage Farmstead Museum, **VICTORY GARDENS, KNITTING AND WAR BONDS: World War I on the Home Front**, commemorates the 93rd anniversary of that “war to end all wars”. The Great War as it was called (later it was known as World War I) caused vast changes to life in the U.S. as well as Europe. Many men were drafted or volunteered and eventually went overseas where they saw new places and things that they had only read about and met people from all over with different standards and values. Women took on jobs that had previously been done by men. Not only were the military men involved in the war, but everyone at home was too. It was a great patriotic time with everyone encouraged to do his or her bit for the war effort.

This exhibit tells the story of what people of Collin County did at home to help win the war. Most of the information for this exhibit came from articles in the McKinney Daily Courier Gazette and the Plano Star Courier in 1917 and 1918 plus some facts from national magazines and books. Every room display will illustrate some aspect of the war effort and/or the times, such as the flu epidemic.

This exhibit portrays local history in a national and international context.



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