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### **MillHouse Artists Create Public Art at the Historic Cotton Mill in McKinney, Texas.**



*Image by MillHouse McKinney's Creative Services Director Aimee Woolverton. Pictured left to right: Gail Delger, Dana Brock, Andrea Holmes, and Lisa Temple.*

**The MillHouse Public Art Mural Project** is a partnership between the McKinney Cotton Mill, MillHouse McKinney, and MillHouse Foundation. MillHouse Resident Studio Artists imagined, designed, collaborated, and created Phase 1 of the MillHouse Public Art Mural Project on the public-facing exterior wall at 610 Elm Street, Suite 1000, McKinney, Texas 75069.

**MillHouse Public Art Mural Project** collaborators include:

- **Gail Delger** of <https://www.gaildelger.com>,
- **Dana Brock** of <https://www.dana-brock-studio.com>,
- **Andrea Holmes** of <https://www.aholmesartstudio.com>, and
- **Lisa Temple** of <https://www.facebook.com/lisatemplefineart>.

Phase 2 is underway and will be completed by the end of May, 2020. Several additional locations are in the planning stages. Visitors can tour the co-working space and studios at MillHouse McKinney on Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, or by appointment. Tax-deductible donations to MillHouse Foundation will support MillHouse Public Art Projects: <https://millhousefoundation.org/public-art>.

**MillHouse McKinney** is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit business league designed to organize the shared business interests of small business women in creative fields, and to improve awareness and business conditions within the local community. MillHouse McKinney operates a 6000 square foot membership-based creative co-work space and dedicated studios for women to pursue and practice entrepreneurship through art, photography, wellness, and other creative fields. The facility features shared living room spaces, private studios; kitchen and coffee bar; well-equipped photography and wellness studio; art gallery; client meeting space; and two outdoor patios. Members lead and participate in daily programming designed to foster connections and collaborations, resources sharing, skills development for small business women in creative, entrepreneurial fields. Learn more about **MillHouse McKinney** at <https://millhousemckinney.com>.

**MillHouse Foundation** is a tax exempt 501(c)(6) charitable and educational organization to promote female artists and entrepreneurs through access to creative and educational activities, and access to shared resources; in order to create social, creative, and economic impact in the community. Learn more about MillHouse Foundation at <https://millhousefoundation.org>.

The **McKinney Cotton Mill** is a century-old historic structure, currently home to a thriving Wedding and Event Venue and many businesses, including MillHouse McKinney and Tupps Brewery. The Cotton Mill, built in 1910, played an important role in the intersection of agriculture and industrialization in the early 1900's. When Texas embarked on a twenty-year cotton mill campaign to expand the market for locally-grown cotton, McKinney leaders built the Cotton Mill to keep Texas' top agricultural product within the state for processing. In the 1960's, McKinney's Cotton Mill (producing Texas Textile Fabrics) was the largest denim manufacturer in the world until 1969. The Cotton Mill Partners, Ltd. purchased the property in 1996 and have been actively renovating the property into mixed use development. The Cotton Mill now houses 11 different office tenants working in various industries such as digital marketing and environmental engineering. The Cotton Mill is continuously evolving and has plenty of space for more to join our culture. Learn more about the McKinney Cotton Mill at <https://mckinneycottonmill.com>.

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