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175th Anniversary Debuts Souvenir Library Plate

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas – As the celebration of Fredericksburg’s 175th Anniversary continues through May 2022, the anniversary’s merchandising committee recently unveiled a library plate designed by local artist Ben Beckendorf.

All souvenirs for the town’s year-long commemoration of the anniversary are on sale online at 175th.org and can be purchased at the Pioneer Museum located at 325 West Main Street in Fredericksburg.

Beckendorf is the son of the late Charles Beckendorf, who did the artwork for Fredericksburg’s commemorative 150th anniversary pewter plate.

“My father loved Fredericksburg and the Hill Country and its people,” Ben Beckendorf said. “He did hundreds of drawings and paintings of Hill Country subjects throughout his career. I was honored to be asked to design the plate for the 175th Anniversary. I too am a huge fan of my hometown and continue my father’s legacy with my own artwork.”

The 175th edition of the plate features an outline of the Pioneer Memorial Library with the words “175th Anniversary” and “Fredericksburg, Texas” along the plate’s edges.

“This library plate showcases a symbol of Fredericksburg’s lasting heritage,” Connie Crenwelge, chair of the 175th Anniversary merchandising committee said. “The committee is proud of all of the anniversary’s commemorative items, and we believe they will be cherished for generations to come.”

The anniversary library plate joins the 175th Anniversary Commemorative Plate featuring the work of artist Pat Sreenan. That plate features scenes from Fredericksburg’s past as well as some of the biggest influences in the region, including peaches, wine and hunting.

For more information on the year-long celebration of Fredericksburg’s 175th Anniversary, please visit <https://175th.org/>.