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### **Historic Waco Announces Programs to Accompany “In Company with Angels” Exhibit**

WACO, TX July 31, 2013 -- Historic Waco Foundation is bringing a collection of stained glass windows created by Louis Comfort Tiffany at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to Waco. They will be on display for the first time in Texas. The exhibit entitled “In Company with Angels” depicts seven angels symbolizing early Christian churches in Asia Minor as described in the book of Revelation. The windows will be available for public viewing at Waco’s Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum starting this November through January. To enhance the exhibit, HWF will host a series of lectures, workshops, and other special events.

Originally installed in 1903 at the Swedenborgian Church of the New Jerusalem in Ohio, the windows survived the demolition of the church in 1964 that cleared the way for an Interstate. The eight-foot-tall lancet windows were rediscovered in 2001, restored in 2004, and have toured the nation since 2007, with a portion of the proceeds funding their care and maintenance.

The exhibit will open at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 2nd at Lee Lockwood with an opening reception. This event will offer guests a premier opportunity to view the windows, hear opening statements from Waco’s stained glass expert Bryant Stanton, and enjoy live music, food and drinks. Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations must be made through the Historic Waco Foundation office, or online at Eventbrite.

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the exhibit opens for regular tours. During the three months the exhibit is in Waco -- Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, January 26, 2014 -- public tours are available Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday hours are Noon to 3:00 p.m. Exhibit hours are extended until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Tickets cost \$10 with special rates for groups, children, and Senior Citizens. General admission tickets are available online at <http://wacoangels.eventbrite.com>. Bus packages and school field trips are available only through the Historic Waco Foundation office by calling 254-753-5166.

On November 6th and 7th, the 2013 Brazos Forum lecture series will focus on Louis Comfort Tiffany’s work outside of the stained glass arena. Forum speakers include Dr. Martin Eidelberg of Rutgers University, Kevin Tucker of the Dallas Museum of Art, and Janet Zapata, former archivist for Tiffany & Co. For more information visit [www.brazosforum.org](http://www.brazosforum.org).

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the first in a five-part series of hour-long lectures presented by Historic Waco Foundation on different topics related to the windows. Scheduled speakers include Jennifer P. Thalheimer, who will present the history of Tiffany Studios; and Abilene Christian University’s Dr. Ian Fair, who will present the seven churches of Asia. Individual lectures cost \$10, or the entire series is \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.



In November, there will be a special Stained Glass Festival. The event will include stained glass demonstrations, vendor booths, family activities, and a tour of “In Company with Angels”. Cost is \$15 per family.

HWF will host an Illumination Tour of Waco on December 15<sup>th</sup>. This tour will highlight the beautiful stained glass in many of the churches throughout the community of Waco and at the Armstrong Browning Library.

Following the annual Christmas on the Brazos Candlelight Tour at the Holiday Showcase House, there will be a Candlelight Reception on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The reception will offer live music, food, and tours of the exhibit.

Other events include a three part stained glass class taught by artist Bryant Stanton. The final event will be a Breakfast at Tiffany’s champagne brunch on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. For details on each event, visit [www.historicwaco.org/angels](http://www.historicwaco.org/angels).

#### **About the Historic Waco Foundation**

Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Historic Waco Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the collection, maintenance, preservation, publishing and interpretation of the heritage and history of Waco, McLennan County and Texas. The Foundation was formed in 1967 through the merger and incorporation of three common interest groups: the Heritage Society, the Society for Historic Preservation, and the Duncan Foundation. The primary function of the organization is education and preservation of local and state history. Exhibits, educational programs and lecture series are also available throughout the year to HWF members and the general public. To learn more visit: [www.historicwaco.org](http://www.historicwaco.org) *\*\*Artwork available upon request.*

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