



# On The Vine

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING GRAPEVINE HISTORY

## Grapevine's Rich Cinematic History

In August, our program will be all about movies. Most of us are familiar with the Palace Theater, but many of us might not know that movie theaters in Grapevine date back to as early as 1901 and include dozens of different theaters.

Presenter Larry Groebe, former curator of the National Museum of Communications at The Studios at Las Colinas, will be our guide for an evening at the movies. Not only will he lead us through various theaters, but we will also have the opportunity to watch some of the same vintage films that Grapevine residents have seen over the course of more than one hundred years of moviegoing.

Join us on August 26 to learn more about our rich cinematic history. Our meetings are held at the Grapevine Public Library at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, meetings are free and open to the public.

Alysia Broadfield



## "Rosie the Riveter" Honored

A rose garden was dedicated in Tarrant County to honor all women who took jobs vital to the United States effort during World War II. These women worked in factories and shipyards, replacing the men who went into the military. Over 6 million got wartime jobs and that effort played a major role in future generations accepting women in the workplace.

Helen Reed proudly recalls her mother, Helen Harrison Lucas, as "a soft spoken, educated and well dressed school teacher when she took a position as inspector at the North American Defense Plant in Grand Prairie. She packed away her dresses, put aside her dislike of 'slacks' and became her own version of Rosie the Riveter".

John Boyd



## The Cotton Ginner's House

Visitors to the Cotton Ginner's Museum are treated to another "step into the past" in this building. Long ago, it was home for a worker at the gin and his family, and believed to have been located next to one of the cotton gins in town. The house built in 1910 was originally located on Franklin Street and moved to its present location at the Ted R. Ware Plaza in 2000. Since then, many items of historic significance have been added to the collection.

This museum now shows visitors the life of cotton from the fibers grown on the plant, to the threads it is able to create, the production of clothing and the myriad of products in use today. (see page 2)



## Upcoming Events

**August 26** – Monthly GHS Program at 7:00 pm at the Grapevine Public Library.

**September 23** - Monthly GHS Program presenting Ft. Worth's "Hells Half Acre".

**September 29** – GHS guided tour of the Historic Grapevine Cemetery at 2:00 pm.

## Museum Hours

Tue-Sat: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Closed Monday

## Jane Doclar to Receive Patriotism Medal

Jane was recently awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution's *Ellen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism*. Jane organized a group of DAR volunteers to help move our museum from the old Cotton Belt Depot to its current location. She is also a frequent part time volunteer docent at the museum.



Granbury Court House

## Cheers to Granbury

Granbury, Texas was selected as the "Best Historic Small Town" by USA Today. Granbury is 60 miles southwest of Grapevine and its population is under 10,000. The town's namesake is Brigadier General Hiram B. Granberry. When Hood County was formed in 1866, the county seat was misspelled "Granbury" and that spelling persists today.

## Keith Uselton to Join Museum Staff

Keith is a native of Southside Fort Worth where he grew up with his extended family. He has always been interested in genealogy and grew up listening to his family's history and developed a love of storytelling. He graduated with honors from Tarrant County College in 2013, becoming the first person in his family to earn a degree. In 2016 he earned a Bachelor's Degree at North Texas with studies in History, Art History and Anthropology.



After graduating in 2016, Keith completed internships at Nash Farm, the Dallas Museum of Art and the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. Recently Keith has been working with the Collin County Museum where he earned a *Presidential Volunteer Service Award* and a *Collin County Excellence in Historical Education Award*. Keith has also been working as an educator in our Grapevine Settlement to City Museums for several years.

Keith is excited to be able to work in an occupation he loves and he enjoys giving back to our community by educating people about the past and giving them the tools they need to build their own futures.

John Boyd

## Cotton Ginner's House

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The museum displays the history of cotton ginning technology, or removing the cotton seed, beginning from its invention using a small crate with a hand crank to a mid-19th century automatic cotton gin machine. Also included are spinning wheels, a loom for weaving cotton into fabric, and various samples of types and grades of cotton fibers.

Cotton production came to the Grapevine Prairie following its initial introduction into southeast Texas in the early 19th century. Cotton farmers were invited to come to Texas by the Spanish government, as a means to stimulate economic growth in what was then "Tejas".

Patricia Clarissimeaux

## Torian Cabin Update

The Torian Cabin recently received a fire retardant coating with FX LumbarGard XT. Our thanks to Interim Fire Marshal Bryan Parker for assisting with this protection to our county's oldest structure.

