



GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On The Vine

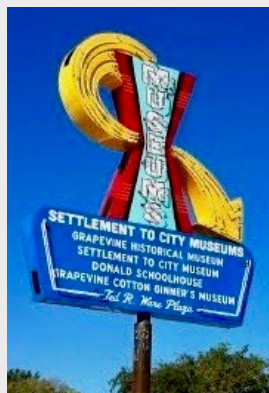
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING GRAPEVINE HISTORY



Ghost Signs

Last month we explored some “ghost signs” in Grapevine. Pam Price and David Klempin brought to our attention a couple of which have been preserved in Grapevine. Our own Grapevine Historical Museum sign, or marquee, is a renovated sign from the original Grapevine Flower Mart once located just north on Main Street. Also, the White Swan advertisement painted on the South wall of the Palace Theatre seating area was at one time on the exterior of the Buckner Cash Grocery, before the theatre was constructed.

John Boyd



Going Full Circle

Celebrating 175 Years of Women in Grapevine

At our city’s 170th anniversary, Sallie Andrews and Pam Price spoke about Grapevine’s history, giving us a decade by decade look at the men (mostly) who made it happen. As we celebrate Grapevine’s 175th anniversary, it’s



time to hear about the contributions of the ladies! Sallie and Pam will introduce us to the women who helped make Grapevine what it is today. This will be a fun, light-hearted, quick romp through Grapevine history.

Don’t miss your chance to attend Sallie and Pam’s presentation at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 28 at the Grapevine Public Library. Meetings are always free, open to the public and include refreshments - so please feel free to spread the word and bring a friend.

Alysia Broadfield

Fallen Officer Honored at Local Church

This June marked the 15th anniversary of the death of Grapevine’s only police officer to have been killed on duty, Darren Medlin. The Grapevine community has continued to honor him and his family since his death in 2004. Grapevine named Medlin trail in his namesake and Grapevine police officers traveled to Mineral Wells to see Medlin’s daughter Sarah graduate high school in 2018. There is an annual Darren G. Medlin Memorial Golf Tournament and most recently, Gateway Church in Southlake held an event to honor Medlin. The Grapevine Police Department was first established in 1956, replacing the city’s Town Marshal (or Nightwatchman) who kept Grapevine safe since it was incorporated in 1907.

Aislyn Gaddis



October 28 - Monthly GHS Program 7:00 pm and Officer Election at the Grapevine Public Library.

November 18 - Fall Banquet SAVE THE DATE

Museum Hours

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



Welcome to Aislyn

Aislyn Gaddis is a junior at Grapevine High School beginning a Journalism Internship this month with the Grapevine Historical Society. Her first article appears in this edition. Aislyn placed in the top six at the 2019 UIL Academic Team District Championship in News, Headline, Feature and Editorial Writing.



Reflections on Grapevine's 175 Year History

This month I visited the oldest surviving human-built structures in the Continental USA – the villages of the Ancient Pueblo People, including the Taos Pueblo dating to 1000 AD and the Bandelier Monument dating to 1150 AD. I rang the bell at the San Miguel Mission in Santa Fe, the oldest church in the USA, built in the 1600s.

I sat in the Roman Coliseum built around 79 AD and climbed the Piazza del Campidoglio staircase designed by Michelangelo in 1536. I entered the world's oldest “continuously occupied building” in Ancient Rome – the Pantheon, built around 126 AD. I explored Florence, Italy, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to Michelangelo, Raphael, Galileo, Dante and Leonardo da Vinci.

So how does it feel to return home to a city that dates itself to 1844? Grapevine also has a very rich past and many fascinating stories to tell about its 175-year history. As we prepare to install the “Circle of Peace” sculptures at the new Hotel Vin and Rail Station, we realize this area's history goes back well beyond the arrival of Grapevine's first European Settlers - a year after Sam Houston signed a treaty with ten Native Americans Chiefs here in 1843.

Spanish Conquistadors arrived in North Texas in 1510. The discovery of the “Leanderthal Lady” in North Central Texas in 1983 was carbon-dated to be between 10,000 to 13,000 years old. Also known as Leanne, she would have lived here between 8,000 to 11,000 BC and is one of the oldest and most complete prehistoric human skeletal remains ever found in North America. She was a young woman who lived in what is now Texas.

Thanks to Sallie Andrews (a citizen of the Wyandotte Nation) and Pam Price for presenting their history of *Women in Grapevine* at our upcoming October meeting. So, to answer my own question - It feels very good to return home to Grapevine as we celebrate our 175th Anniversary and our very own rich and unique cultural history.

John Boyd



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