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PROVIDENTIAL HISTORY OF TEXAS TO BE MARCH PROGRAM

TAKE A LOOK AT A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Historian and author of *The Providential History Of Texas* book will be with us at the March 23rd meeting of the Society to present a fresh look at our Texas and local heritage from a viewpoint we may not have considered before.

Paul Kramer is proud to be a native Texan born in Austin and a descendent of Stephen F. Austin, the father of our great state. He is a man of faith and active in the leadership of his church and a number of important community organizations.

Paul is an experienced speaker and has made numerous presentations on Texas history over many years at various venues including schools, churches, and civic groups.

His talks on the history of Texas contain a lot of "show and tell" items for display and discussion including an array of interesting old maps useful to improved knowledge of our history as an independent nation and state.

As we celebrate Texas History Month this will be a very interesting program for us to experience together.

Join us for an enjoyable time on March 23rd at 7 PM In the Grapevine Public Library Program



Room, 1201 Municipal Way in Grapevine.

OLD HOMES GETTING NEW LIFE THROUGH-OUT GRAPEVINE HISTORIC DISTRICT

A lot of reconstruction, rehabilitation and face-lifting is happening in residential neighborhoods all over the Historic Preservation District. This will be of interest and excitement for all who love Grapevine and truly appreciate its culture and heritage.

One of the old homes being given new life by new owners is the former Keeling house at 527 E. Worth St. Keeling was the publisher of the Grapevine Sun established in 1895 by 19 year old Benjamin Richard Wall.

James E. Keeling, a native of England, purchased the newspaper from B. R. Wall in 1897. His son Edward became editor in 1912 and published the paper with the help of his wife Grady. In 1953 after Ed's death, his daughter Zena became editor and her husband Gene Oxford was the typesetter.

Zena died in 1976 and the newspaper was later sold. Thus ending the family connection with the publication which spanned 80 years and three generations of the Keeling family that impacted life in Grapevine with uplifting news for readers.



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Joe Ann's Scratch Pad

Grapevine has really experienced some nasty winter in late February and early March. We are sorry that it became necessary to cancel our February meeting and program of Boy Scouting and its impact on the Grapevine area culture. Maybe we will reschedule the program at a later date.

I would like to express much appreciation to our dedicated docents at the Historical Museum for continuing to do an outstanding job year in, year out. Especially the special effort put forth during the recent weather difficulty. Each of you is appreciated!

Welcome to new Historical members John and Becky Boyd, Brenda Burchfield, Doris and Robert Jones, and Jean Underwood.

For all of you who have renewed your 2015 membership...Thank You!

Now is a great time to share your news letter with friends and invite them to join us.

My family and I express a special heart felt appreciation to those who have made contributions to the society in memory of my beloved husband Bill.

WHAT IS THE BOX FOR?

You may have noticed the box beside the Bronze sculpture of former mayor B.R. Wall at the corner of Wall and Main streets. Did you know that the box represents the box he kept in his office to collect



items for the residents of Pitcairn Island. When the box was full he would pack all the items and ship them to Pitcairn Island for islanders use.

MILITARY SPECIAL CASKET FLAG ARTIFACT NOW ON DISPLAY AT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The burial flag is made of cotton and is unique in size (5ft. x 9.5 ft.) from other U. S. flags. The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size, fabric and can easily be damaged by weather. They have only two rows of stitching versus the four rows of stitching.

During World War II over 150,000 women served in the United States Army Women's Army Corps (WAC) to release men for combat roles. WW II was the first time women, other than nurses, were allowed to serve in the military and they served with distinction throughout the war theatre in North Africa, Europe, Asia, and in the US.

Iva Mae Weese was one of those women serving in WW II from 1943-1946 with the rank of Corporal and this flag was used and presented to her family in honor of her service in the United States Army (WAC).



GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS

TUESDAY- SATURDAY 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
SUNDAY 1:00 pm-4:00 pm CLOSED MONDAY

FREE ADMISSION

VISIT US SOON!

LOCATION OF BRONZE SCULPTURE

The sculpture featured last month is located in front of the Children's Building of the First Baptist Church. It was placed in memory of Beverly Hodel who mentored and loved children.



The Grapevine Historical Society meets the 4th Monday monthly except July and December