



## THE GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# On The Vine

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING HISTORICAL HERITAGE AND BRIDGING THE FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION AND SERVICE

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### NOTED HISTORIAN / AUTHOR TO PERFORM AT MARCH MEETING

Jack R. Edmondson will entertain and share special moments Texas history as he portrays Sam Houston, in character, at the Society meeting on **March 24 at 7 pm in the Grapevine Library Program Room.**

Since he began his "living history" presentations in 1986, he has performed for more than 500 classrooms, historical organizations and sites, and other groups and facilities. He has been featured in two documentaries for the History Channel portraying Jim Bowie, an Alamo documentary for the Discovery Channel and an episode of Unsolved Mysteries.



Edmondson currently serves as chair of the Tarrant County Historical Society. He is on the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Herd and the Trail of Fame. He is also a member of the Fort Worth Historical Society and the Stockyards Business Association. He is the author of more than 75 magazine articles and several books, most notably *"The Alamo Story: From Early History to Current Conflicts."*

In recognition and appreciation of his many contributions to Texas history, he was elected as an honorary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and was commissioned an Admiral in the Texas Navy. He is a native Texan and resides in Burleson, Texas.

The program is open to the public free of charge. **Invite your friends and neighbors, young and old, to enjoy this outstanding informative opportunity!**

**Come join us for refreshments before the meeting on March 24!**



### HISTORIC COMMEMORATION HELD AT TORIAN CABIN

The Grapevine Historical Society celebrated the commemoration of Texas Independence Day with a special ceremony on March 1 at the historic Torian Cabin in downtown Grapevine on the site of the old town square. The 1880's cabin was continuously occupied by the pioneer Torian family until the 1940's.



Local dignitaries shared comments about early pioneer life on the Grapevine Prairie and the spirit of freedom that existed when the Republic of Texas was born on March 2, 1836. The occasion also marked Texas becoming the United States 28<sup>th</sup> state on December 1, 1845.

Mayor Bill Tate, Torian Cabin Chair, Debie Meek, Duff O'Dell, Ralph Gary and Historical Society president Joe

Ann Standlee participated in the ceremony. Also, members of Boy Scout Troop 7 conducted an affective presentation of a U.S. flag with 28 stars representing Texas entry into statehood. It was a proud and stirring moment for all.

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## OLD CASH REGISTER HAS LOCAL HISTORY CONNECTION

The National Cash Register on display in the Historical Museum in the Old Depot on Main street was a modern marvel of technology in the 1930s.



The cash register was owned by Charles "Charlie" William Goad who moved to Grapevine with his aunt and uncle at the age of 22 in 1925. He became a well-known and successful local businessman who spent more than thirty years in the Automotive Supply business in Grapevine.

The cash register was a critical tool for accurate sales records and financial management at his store originally located in the building on Northwest highway, that now houses a T-shirt business.

*Also of special note, Charlie and his wife Frances were instrumental in the acquisition and original preservation of the Torian Cabin on Main street.*

When Charlie sold his business to society members Jerry and Dianne Pair in January of 1969 the register was still in service and continued in use at their Motor Supply Company until the mid-1980s when it was donated to the Historical Museum.

You and your friends can see this fine, interesting old artifact of early modern business in Grapevine. The museum is open every Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 PM.

520 people from around the world enjoyed the Museum during the last month, on week-ends.

## SOCIETY TREASURER REPORTS UPDATED FINANCIAL RECORDS

Treasurer Linda Troeger has been working with Society member Jerry Pittman, CPA to review accounting practices and standards and update the Society record keeping and accounting practices. Many hours have been spent to assure the Society is current with accounting requirements. They are pro-

ceeding to install a state of the art computerized accounting system using Intuit Qwick Books software. This will greatly enhance our financial record keeping and provide new and improved reporting options. ***Thanks Jerry for all of your expert personal counsel and help!***

## APRIL 28 PROGRAM FEATURE

Program chair, Duff O'Dell reports the April meeting will feature an update on our coming beautiful new Historical Museum. We'll hear from our design and exhibit contractor, Museum Arts of Dallas, as they present illustrations and layout of the floor plan. Some of the new artifacts to be exhibited will be on private display at the meeting. We will learn about some of the new exhibit concepts. Meeting participants will also be the first to hear plans and features to expect for the Grand Opening, when the Old Ice House replica becomes home for the world class **New Grapevine Historical Society Museum**. This is a meeting that you do not want to miss!

**Put the evening of April 28 on your calendar now and we hope to see you then!**



JOE ANN'S  
SCRATCH PAD

*Our 2014 membership continues to grow. Each member has a special gift to offer our Society and an easy fun way to get to know other members is to volunteer to help with new projects. Membership chair, Pam Price says that we have 136 Individual/Family members and 11 Business memberships. Great!!! A warm Welcome to all.*

*A super big thank you to society member Jane Doclar for developing a project with the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and all the DAR members who spent many hours helping us clean and prepare the many artifacts for the new museum. We truly appreciate their dedication!*

***We still need a lot of help from members to label and organize artifacts for the new museum. This is a great way to get acquainted with other members.***

MEET 4TH MONDAY, MONTHLY



EXCEPT JULY AND DECEMBER