



SOCIETY SPECIAL CELEBRATION EVENT SATURDAY MAY 24, 2-4 PM

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun and festivities at the Sno-Cone Social as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Grapevine Historical Society charter granted by the State of Texas.. The big celebration will take place in front of the replica of the "Grapevine Ice Company" building in Ted R. Ware Plaza at Hudgins Street, which will be home for the new Grapevine Historical Museum, even though it will not officially be open to for the occasion.



A proclamation and remarks from Grapevine Mayor Bill Tate will be one of the event highlights along with a program of entertainment and presentation of new artifacts for the new museum

You will enjoy a trip back in time with memories of the old Sno-Cone stand on Main Street in earlier days as you delight in the taste of shaved ice delight!

The Grapevine Historical Society will also celebrate and pay tribute to our Veterans who served and fought to preserve our freedom in all our wars and conflicts. This will be a wonderful experience to remember and set the stage for the coming Memorial Day. We have extended an invitation to Congressman Kenny Marchant and he or a member of his key staff will be with us for the salute to veterans and present a special flag which has flown over the nation's capital in Washington, D.C. to the oldest veteran present..

See you with your family and friends at the Sno Cone Social on May 24!

JUNE 23 GHS MEETING CELEBRATES 171st ANNIVERSARY OF GRAPEVINE

In October 1843, General Sam Houston and fellow Republic of Texas Commissioners camped at the Tah-Wah-Karro Creek, also known as Grape Vine Springs, to meet with leaders of 10 Indian nations which culminated in the signing of a treaty of peace, friendship, and commerce, opening the area to homesteaders.

The first recorded pioneer settlement in what would become the city of Grapevine occurred in the late 1840s and early 1850s. General Richard Montgomery Gano owned property near Grape Vine and helped organize the early settlement against Comanche raiding parties before leading his band of volunteers to battle in the American Civil War.

Growth during the 19th century was slow but steady; by 1890 roughly 800 residents called Grape Vine home, with such amenities as a newspaper, a public school, several cotton gins, a post office and railroad service. The settlement made continued gains early in the 20th century.

On January 12, 1914, the post office altered the town's name of Grape Vine to one word, ... Grapevine.



Sallie Andrews and Pam Price will share a lot more interesting facts and great stories about the proud history of Grapevine and the wonderful community it has become today.

Put June 23 on your calendar and join us to celebrate!



JOE ANN'S

SCRATCH PAD

It is exciting to have the privilege to be a part of the great things that continue to happen as the Grapevine Historical Society continues to celebrate its 40th anniversary year with wonderful events. We have had many great program features and we continue to move forward toward the opening of the new historical museum this year.

Membership in the Society continues to grow. We now have 165 members including 19 Historian memberships of \$100 or more. We welcome new Historian member Jay Stanley from San Antonio. His support is greatly appreciated,

We still need help with preparing artifacts for the new museum. If you are willing to help with this necessary and important task, contact me at 817-939-9394 for more information and detail.

Our current GHS recording secretary Paula Wilson is hospitalized with serious medical issues. Please keep her and her family in thought and prayers. I am sure she would appreciate cards and prayers.

GRAPEVINE CONNECTION WITH SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND YEARS AGO

In 1912 Grapevine mayor Benjamin R. Wall learned the inhabitants of Pitcairn Island, many of whom were the descendants of Fletcher Christian and the mutineers of the H.M.S. Bounty, were in need of clothing and other items...thus began a long-term relationship resulting in Grapevine residents sending monthly parcels to the island containing dry goods, seeds, the first sewing machine and typewriter.



Later Robert Stark, a Grapevine resident and ham radio operator began weekly contacts with ham operator Tom Christian providing assistance for Pitcairn residents. Starks call letters were W5OLG.

Visit the museum in the old depot and see Stark's radio and a beautiful hand carved present from Pitcairn residents to the people of Grapevine.

During the month of April, there were 2680 visitors to our Historical Society Museum representing 30 different states and 19 foreign countries.

BONNIE AND CLYDE MURDERS IN GRAPEVINE 80 YEARS AGO

This month marks the 80th anniversary of the deaths of notorious crime duo Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrows on May 23, 1934.



On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934, state Troopers H.D. Murphy (age 26), Edward Wheeler (age 22) and Polk Ivy were patrolling Texas 114 which is now in present-day Southlake. It was Wheeler's second day on duty, and the three had stopped near an open field for some target practice.

As they returned to the highway, Ivy rode north toward Roanoke, but Murphy and Wheeler, seeing what appeared to be motorists in trouble, turned up Dove Road. Ivy had ridden several miles up the highway before he realized his partners had stopped. He retraced the route and found them both lying in Dove Road, dead – pistols still holstered and their murderers gone. Both officers were from Grapevine. The effects of the Grapevine killings seemed swift, as law enforcement is said to have been galvanized by the deaths of such young officers.

A year earlier, 1933, Bonnie and Clyde had murdered Deputy Malcolm Davis in a shoot-out in Dallas. He was engaged to Florence McPherson of Grapevine, whose family lived near what's now Park Boulevard and Dove Road. Deputy Davis is buried in Grapevine Cemetery. Miss McPherson, who died at age 100, never married. She is also buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

Many feel the Grapevine murders, turned the tide of public opinion and outrage against Clyde & Bonnie spelling the beginning of the end for the outlaws.

MEET 4TH MONDAY, MONTHLY



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