



# On The Vine

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## A History of Grapevine's Houses – Past and Present

The September program feature for the Grapevine Historical Society will be presented by David Klempin. David is a skilled architect who is the Historic Preservation Officer for the city of Grapevine. He is the manager of Historic Programs and Preservation which includes leadership and administration of Grapevine Township Revitalization Project Grant program.



David brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of historic preservation and architecture. He has over 20 years experience in architectural design of residential and commercial projects in New England before coming to Grapevine. His career also includes 9 years in several capacities as a councilor of the Cambridge Historical Society in Cambridge MA., Including Chair of the House committee for the Society's headquarters which was built in 1685.

Since assuming his current responsibilities with the city he has received numerous distinguished awards for achievements in historical preservation. Through his untiring effort more than 100 homes in Grapevine have been recognized and designated with historic markers.



September 22 David will take us on an exciting and informative pictorial and narrative "walking tour" of Grapevine's homes in their original condition to the restored and enhanced

grandeur of many of them today.

We will also have a sneak peak at the 2014 Candlelight Tour of Homes by two of the home owners whose homes will be featured on this year's tour.

**This is a program that you will not want to miss!** So, put the date on your calendar now and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join you for an entertaining experience at **7 pm in the Grapevine Public Library, Program Room!**

**HALLOWEEN IN GRAPEVINE DAYS GONE BY TO BE PROGRAM FEATURE ON OCTOBER 27**

"Halloween in Grapevine back in the day!" Will be a lot of fun for all and you want to be sure to plan to be with us when we will reminisce about traditions and memories of how Halloween has been celebrated down through the generations in Grapevine and surrounding area.

You will also hear about the famous "haunted houses of Grapevine" – there are several with great stories! And you will get a good chuckle when you hear some of the stories about some of the fun pranks that kids did by the kids that did the deed!



**GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM IS NOVEMBER 15**

From Joe Ann's  
**Scratch Pad**



So much has been happening and dealing with so many details for the move to the new museum that I hardly know where to begin.

First let me say that we had a fine program with Kathleen Brown and her aprons at our August meeting and those who missed it should have been with us.

It seems like every day there have been many hours spent in meetings of the museum committee and Museum Arts contractor to go over plans for artifacts to be exhibited. You can't believe how much work has been involved and neither did we when we began this journey. But it is really getting exciting now and things are coming together very well. Because of the dedication and commitment of Society members.

Be sure to put November 15 on your calendar to be with us for the Grand Opening of the new museum and to top off our 40th Anniversary year celebration events.

During recent weeks we owe a special word of gratitude to the following members for all the extra hours spent on your behalf: Helen Reed, Margaret Hardin, Margaret Telford, Carolyn and Paul Ernst, Pam Price, Jane Doclar and Richard Roberson and Allen Mossman for installing the base board and cabinet hardware in the new museum work room area. Also we deeply appreciate the continuing fine support we are receiving from Shawna Barnes at the CVB and RW McCallum, CVB Director.

We still need help recording labels on our many artifacts and would appreciate any help each of you can give. Give me a ring at 817-939-9394. All you need to be able to do is write clearly!



In case you have not noticed we have a new logo graphic for the Society that you will begin to see on all Society releases. The red, white and blue represents our national heritage and the great state of Texas; the star

represents Grapevine as the star city: the grapes remind us of the mustang grapes that grew on the Grape Vine Prairie land. See you September 22!

## **HISTORY OF THE GRAPEVINE ICE CO.**

Earl Copeland was the founder of the Grapevine Ice Company. It is believed he selected Grapevine because he saw the city's growth potential. For more than 30 years, the Grapevine Ice Company served customers in Dallas, Tarrant and Denton counties.

An article in the "Grapevine Area History" book, published in 1979, by Wade C. Cummings tells the story first hand of the Grapevine Ice Company.

Grapevine Ice Company was built by Copeland in 1940. It was located on Highway 114 — now called Northwest Highway — one block west of Main Street.

Cummings, who was an engineer during its construction, purchased the ice company in 1946 and operated the business until it was sold in 1967 to Dr. Ira Woods, then-mayor of Grapevine.



Operation of the plant was discontinued in the early 1970s.

The plant output was originally 10 tons a day until expansion in 1947 increased daily tonnage to more than 15 tons. During the summers, Coppell, Hurst, Keller and Roanoke were furnished ice by this company.

In the 1940s, an everyday sight was the old familiar ice card in the window of many homes. "The cards were square with the numbers 100, 50, 25, and 12 ½ printed, one on each edge of the card," the book says. "These were placed in the window with the number at the top indicating to the iceman the size of the block of ice the housewife wished to purchase that day."

Farmers also used crushed ice to keep produce fresh during transport to many homes in the rural areas where no electricity was available. The Ice House was an important part of Grapevine.

**The Grapevine Historical Museum will close following GrapeFest after 40 years as it's home in the Old Cotton Belt Railroad Depot . It will begin a new journey in history on November 15 with a Grand Opening in the Ice House building at 206 W. Hudgins St.**