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On The Vine

June Program to Feature TV Personality Bobbie Wygant

Bobbie Wygant's seventy-year career has been a thrilling journey of television work, charismatic interviews and now, memoir writing. Wygant made her start as a reporter for Texas' first television station called WBAP-TV which is also where she began performing on-air skits and presenting commercials. Some of her most notable accomplishments are the countless interviews Wygant conducted with celebrities like Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep and Bradley Cooper, just to name a few.

More recently, she has written her memoir *Talking to the Stars: Bobbie Wygant's Seventy Years in Television*. Join us on June 24 at 7:00 pm at the Grapevine Public Library to hear more on this memoir from Bobbie Wygant herself. Signed books will be available for purchase. Refreshments begin at 6:30 pm. Our meetings are always free and open to the public.

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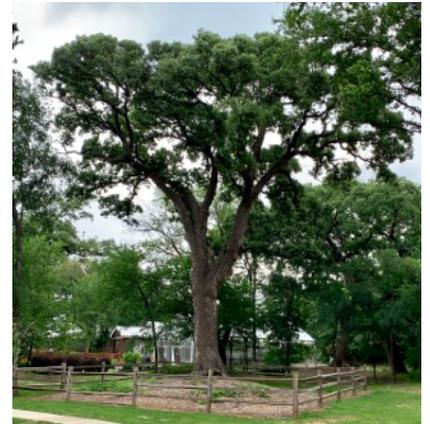
Old and New at Grapevine Botanical Gardens

We have discussed Grapevine's oldest homes, oldest cabins and oldest fossils, but what is the oldest living thing in Grapevine? It may very well be this native

Oak tree in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park. In 1987 the National Arborist Association and the International Society of Arboriculture declared this tree was living before the signing of the Constitution, 200-years earlier. The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787 in Philadelphia at Independence Hall – the same location the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.

The Bessie Mitchell House at the Botanical Gardens has reopened after extensive renovation and enhancement. The city purchased the house from the Mitchell family following the death of Bessie Mitchell in 1995. The house now features a professional kitchen, meeting rooms, event spaces and a large patio.

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Upcoming Events

June 24 – Monthly GHS Program at 7:00 pm at the Grapevine Public Library. Refreshments begin at 6:30 and our meetings are free and open to the public.

July 6 – We will be hosting an event to honor Veterans at the Settlement to City Museums. Details to follow.

July 22 – Monthly GHS Program at 7:00 pm at the Grapevine Public Library.

September 29 – GHS guided tour of the Historic Grapevine Cemetery at 2:00 pm.

Museum Hours

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

Fall Election Reminder

The two year terms for Museum Curator-Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Chairman and Publicity Chairman will come up for 2020. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact our nominating committee - Jan Luers and Janice Roberson.

Committee Sign Up

Committee positions include our museums, assisting with refreshments at our meetings, newsletter and social media support, filming and recording our meetings and programs, November Awards Dinner, and Torian Cabin maintenance. Sign up at any of our monthly meetings.

Farewell to Zoë

Our Journalism Intern Zoë Gehler will be graduating from Grapevine High School this month and plans to attend the University of Texas. Zoë has been a valuable part of our Grapevine History by contributing to our newsletter for the past 18 months.



Peace Circle Sculptures Taking Shape

As President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston traveled on horseback to the Grape Vine Springs area in 1843 to meet with several Native American Chiefs eventually leading to a treaty signing at Bird's Fort. Grapevine City Council members unanimously voted to replicate the historic meeting between Sam Houston and ten other Native Americans figures with a larger than life size 40-foot circular sculpture display that will be a focal point of Grapevine's outdoor Plaza at the new Hotel Vin and Rail Station. This art exhibit is known as The Peace Circle and has long been considered as a venue for Grapevine to tell its history said Executive Director of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau Paul W. McCallum. The construction of the 11 bronze sculptures is being produced by local Grapevine Artist-In-Residence, Linda Lewis. The Native American's appearance and clothing was thoroughly researched for accuracy in cooperation with members of each of the American Indian Nations. While sculpting is still in progress at the Grand Gallery of the Convention and Visitors Bureau the public is welcome to view the artists at work. The project is estimated to be completed around May 2020.

Picture above from left to right is Caddo Chief Red Bear, Anadarko Chief Jose Maria and Keechi Chief Ka-te-ah-tick. Others featured in the Peace Circle are leaders of the Delaware, Chickasaw, Waco, Tawakoni, Ionie, Biloxi and Cherokee Nations - and Sam Houston.

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Happy Fathers Day, Happy Flag Day and Happy Juneteenth

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777 by the Second Continental Congress. It is also the birthdate of the United States Army which was established by Congress on June 14, 1775. June 19, 1865 (Juneteenth) is the date the abolition of slavery was announced in Texas.

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