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# On The Vine

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## CONFEDERATE LADIES OF GRAPEVINE TO BE APRIL PROGRAM

### Mothers of Local Confederate Soldiers



*In celebration of the coming Mothers Day, the role played by wives and mothers of Grapevine Confederate soldiers will highlight the GVHS meeting on April 27.*

During the early 1860's many of Grapevine's citizens regretted the advent of a civil conflict. When war broke out, Grapevine

contributed more than its share of Confederate Soldiers to defend the south. One hundred men volunteered into a unit called the Grapevine Mounted Rangers. The ladies of Grapevine made them a Confederate flag as a reminder that they were fighting to protect their wives, mothers and daughters. Their story of gallantry is significant in the history of Grapevine and you will want to hear this presentation at the GV Historical Society meeting on Monday April 27.

Our guest speaker will be Michael Patterson. (*Shown in Confederate Uniform*)

Michael Patterson was born in a hospital in Fort Worth but came home to his old family place on Glade Road in Colleyville. His grandson is now the seventh generation family member to live there. His great-great grandparents arrived on the Grapevine Prairie in 1968 and he began his education at the old Pleasant Run School in Colleyville until it merged with GISD in 1963. He graduated from Grapevine High School in 1970, the fourth of five generations of his family to attend there.

He taught school in the Birdville ISD for 18 years. His last endeavor was in the monument business so he

could learn to engrave and install granite. He has been an officer with the Col. E. W. Taylor Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans for the past several years and has been getting or making headstones for veterans for over 51 years. On May 2, in honor of Mother's Day, he will be replacing 3 headstones in the Grapevine Cemetery for women who were mothers, mothers-in-law, or (in 2 cases) grandmothers of soldiers who fought in the War Between the States.

Mike was one of the editors of the 1970 Grapevine Area History book produced by the Grapevine Historical Society. This might even be a good program to consider for our school children to hear about their local history in Texas and the nation.

Join us for an enjoyable time on April 27th at 7 PM In the Grapevine Public Library Program Room, 1201 Municipal Way in Grapevine.

### The Stars on Grapevine City Hall Have Significance

Did you know that the fourteen stars on the tower base of the City Hall symbolize something noteworthy in our community?

They represent an important part of our city government to serve to the community. Seven stars represent the Mayor and the six council members. And, another seven stars represent the planning and zoning commissioners. Now you know the answer!



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Joe Ann's  
Scratch  
Pad

The GV Convention and Visitors Bureau has printed some new up-dated hand out material for the "Grapevine Historical Museum" promotion and we greatly appreciate the continued support. It is nicely prepared and it is handy to have for giving to friends, neighbors in the community, or anyone looking for information on what to do in Grapevine. Pick up some at the next meeting to keep on hand or stop by the museum and get some.

We need everyone to help promote our beautiful new museum. There are a lot of people who do not know about us and we need every member to be on the promotion team.

By the way, if you have not visited the museum, why not put it on your "soon-to-do" list. There is a lot to see and enjoy. It cannot be done in just one visit.

Very best wishes to Lynn Ruston, curator for the CVB who has taken a new career position in Carrollton. She has been a great supporter to our museum staff in getting the artifacts cleaned and moved to the new location. Lynn was extremely knowledgeable and shared her expertise with us. She has our deep gratitude and will be remembered as a valuable team member.

## A GREAT MOMENT IN GRAPEVINE HISTORY

The Grapevine Public Library held a Grand Opening on November 18, 2001 to celebrate the remodeled and expanded facility to enrich the lives of Grapevine citizens and surrounding community, with the dedication of the bronze sculpture entitled "Who Hath A Book", that graces the entrance to the Library.



The Friends of the Library wanted a piece to represent the joy of reading for all ages and commissioned the sculpture to reflect that desire for all of us to enjoy. It depicts a grandmother reading to a young child, the adult male supporting the older child on the branches and the teen girl even further out.

Community donors supported the effort with over \$90,000 and the title of the sculpture comes from the poem entitled *Who Hath A Book* by Wilber D. Nesbit.

The poem is cast on the sculpture pedestal. So, the next time you visit the library don't just rush by...stop, reflect and enjoy this fine piece of important history.

## JUNE PROGRAM WILL FEATURE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN ASSASSINATION IN 1865

Our guest speaker in June 22 is Judge Sandy Prindle.

Judge Prindle was a Justice of the Peace in Tarrant County, Texas for 24 years. He began his political career in 1976 as the Youth Director for the Ronald Reagan campaign. After that, he was one of about thirty who built the Republican Party here from nothing to the most dominant Republican stronghold in Texas. He was one of the first Republicans elected as a Justice of the Peace in 1982 and during his tenure served on numerous boards and associations. He is the only Justice of the Peace in Texas to hold all three of its top awards: Judge of the Year 2000, T.A. Vines Award 2003, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.



During his career he began lecturing on the Civil War and the Abraham Lincoln assassination.

*There will be no GVHS meeting or program in May*

### 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!**

**Send Email comment and suggestions to: [amossmanjr@aol.com](mailto:amossmanjr@aol.com), or, call the Grapevine Historical Society at: 817-410-3526**

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