

Preserve Granbury

Founded in 2005, Preserve Granbury is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to preserve and promote the historic integrity of our community.

Cherishing Our Sense of Place

Hood county grew by 41 percent from 1990 to 2000, and is expected to have 62,000 people in 2020. This rapid growth has brought dramatic changes to our community. Preserve Granbury is working to preserve the charm and special sense of place that makes us all want to live in Hood County.

Growth is inevitable and desirable, but destruction of community character is not. The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change. The question is how.

- Edward T. McMahon
The Conservation Fund

Preserving the Past

Granbury and Hood County are known throughout Texas for our community's early historic preservation efforts and successes. But, as time goes by, more and more local landmarks have become historic and should be cherished while others have been lost to our community forever.

Gone from Granbury

Within the past two decades, our community has lost many significant historical landmarks, including the Methodist Episcopal church built by the county's African American residents. Every resource is a reflection of its own time in the continuum of Hood County's unique history. Buildings like the Brazos Motel reflect the uniquely American drive-in culture created during the "Nifty Fifties."



Current Projects

In 2014, Preserve Granbury purchased its first historic property, known locally as the Granbury College President's House. Located at 801 North Lipan Highway and built during the 1870s, the house is one of two extant historic resources built of vertical lumber planks during Granbury's early settlement period. Oral history says that Granbury College used the house as a home for its presidents and as a dormitory. Preserve Granbury plans to restore the exterior of this locally significant house to its historic appearance while rehabilitating and adapting the interior offices. Plans call for preservation and sales of local architectural salvage in the garage adjacent to the house. Preserve Granbury educates residents and visitors about the importance of preserving Hood County's building environment through public-policy advocacy, seminars, presentations, tours, and annual picnics and parties at

historic sites. In 2009, Preserve Granbury published an up-to-date history of our community, *Historic Hood County*, which is available for purchase on our web site.

Planning Your Vibrant Growth

Regular strategic planning enables Preserve Granbury to strengthen support for historic preservation through a variety of projects. These projects include ongoing educational events, a dynamic web site and social media, and strong advocacy for public policies that preserve our environment and material culture. Preserve Granbury recently established a Preservation Revolving Fund, which can be used in the future to save and restore endangered historic buildings. Plans call for building the revolving fund to a fully effective level that can be maintained by selling properties once they are preserved.

Join Today!

If you'd like to work with members of your community to preserve Hood County's past while we move forward into a bright future that cherishes our special sense of place, complete this form and mail it to Preserve Granbury.

"I thought the town should remain in the mainstream of history - a living, breathing community."

- Mary Lou Watkins,
Granbury Preservationist

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Membership Application

Date _____

Dues are for one year from this date.

Name(s) of Applications

Mailing Address

E-Mail Address

Phone Number

Level of Membership

Individual Couple

Corporate Patron

Please indicate if you would like to serve on one of these committees?

Education

Fund Raising

Salvage Sales

Restoration Projects

If you have any questions concerning Preserve Granbury, please do not hesitate to call 817-219-5051.

Preserve Granbury members will receive invitations to special events and educational programs as well as e-mail alerts about local preservation issues.

Membership

Preserve Granbury is a 501(c)3 organization.

Individual \$50

Couple (2 family members) \$75

These members receive full membership benefits, including one vote per member at the annual meeting.

Corporate \$150

This membership includes full membership benefits for up to three members of the same company, including one vote per person at the annual meeting.

Patron (1 or 2 family members) \$250

This membership includes full membership benefits for those individuals or couples who are dedicated to preserving Hood County's heritage.

To Tour the President's House at 801 Lipan Highway, call 817-219-5051

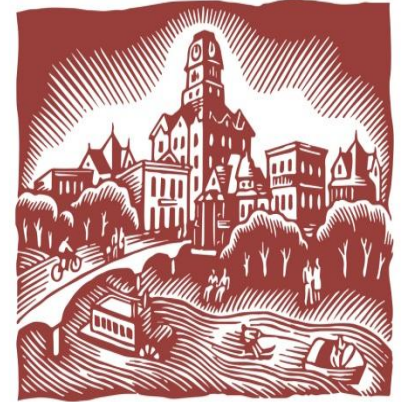


Gift items created from wallpaper, wood, glass, and nails saved from the house are available for purchase.

Also available is an up-to-date history of our community, Historic Hood County.

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