Preserve Granbury
Membership Application

Name(s) of Applicants

Mailing Address

E-Mail Addresses

Phone Number

I would like to volunteer to serve on one of
Preserve Granbury’s working committees:
Historic Properties __
Organizational Visibility (Education and
Advocacy) ___
Resource Development (Fundraising) ___
Membership ______

Preserve Granbury members will receive e-mails about opportunities
to participate, upcoming history related events and alerts about local
preservation issues. Dues are for a year, payable in May.

Membership Levels
Preserve Granbury is a 501(c)3 organization.

Associate $25
These members receive information on
events and issues and may attend general
membership meetings without the privilege
of voting or serving as a director. Associate
members may serve on Preserve Granbury’s
working committees.

Individual $40
Couple (2 family members) $65
These members receive full membership
benefits, including one vote per member at
the annual meeting.

Corporate $100
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 level includes full
membership benefits for those individuals
or couples who are dedicated to preserving
Hood County’s heritage.

Join
Preserve Granbury

Preserve and promote the historic integrity
of our community.

Preserve Granbury
P.O. Box 1181
Granbury, TX 76048
817-776-7607
www.preservegranbury.com
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 grew by 25 percent from 2000 through 2010. This rapid growth has brought suburban sprawl and dramatic change 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.

Gone from Granbury

Within the past few decades, our community has lost many significant historic landmarks, including the Methodist Episcopal church built by the county’s African American residents and the Brazos Motel, a “Nifty Fifties” structure reflecting the uniquely American drive-in culture. Every resource is a reflection of its own time in the continuum of Hood County’s unique history. Once a building is gone all that remains are regrets.

Current Projects

In 2014, Preserve Granbury purchased a house located at 801 Lipan Highway and restored the structure. The house is one of two remaining homes of vertical lumber planks built during Granbury’s early settlement period. The Gothic Revival-style of the Preserve House was probably constructed about 1886 based on the sale value of the property. The property originally was sold from a land grant to the Milam County Schools in 1881. It was sold two more times before D.C. Cogdell, one of the founders of the First National Bank, bought it. He sold it four years later, for almost three times the buying price, indicating he built the house on the property. In the 1880s, there was a land boom in Granbury, as in most of Texas. Granbury population doubled between 1880 and 1890, to 1,164 people. This property was bought and sold 11 times from 1882 to 1900, showing how much speculation was happening in Granbury when it was the edge of the frontier. Every building tells a story.

Planning for Vibrant Growth

Preserve Granbury’s historic preservation effort is evolving as we gain experience. We plan to sell the Preserve House to use the funds to support maintenance of the public buildings, plan for adaptive use of the Granbury General Hospital Building and help promote local history education in our schools. We would like to develop new educational programs to help the community understand the rich past and to preserve the architectural heritage demonstrating the evolution of the area. We need your help and support to accomplish this.

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 and have been lost to our community forever.

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

-Mary Lou Watkins, Granbury Preservationist

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.