

VZPOMÍNKY (21)

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První přistěhovalci z Německa osidlují místo nyní zvané jako Gruene

1845

Do nového města New Braunfels přijíždí německý imigrant Ernst Gruene s svou ženou Antoinettou. Rodina kupuje pozemky u řeky a Ernst staví první dům v tomto místě. Jako první migrant sklízí úrodu.

Jeho syn Henry D. si zde též staví dům Věnuje se pěstování bavlny.

Dalších 30 roků z Německa je následuje.

1878

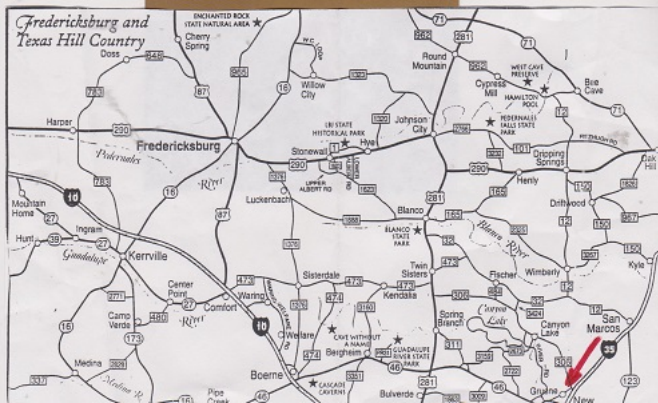
Otevírá se první obchod. Staví se tančírna a salon - centrum společenského života.

Tančírna - nejstarší ve státě Texas nikdy nebyla zavřená, ani v letech krize.

V průběhu let ostila slavné zpěváky a hudebníky - byli jimi Lyle Lovett, George Strait, Hal Ketchum a další. Scéna uvítala další slavné, mezi nimiž byli: Bo Diddley, The Dixie Chicks, Jerry Lee Lewis, Garth Brooks a Willie Nelson.

Padesátiny tu slavil i Nolan Ryan - velký baseballista. Filmoval tu i John Travolta svou slavnou scénou z svého filmu.

Texas' Oldest Dance Hall



Historic Gruene

Gently resisting change since 1872



History of Gruene



Arriving in Texas in the mid 1840s, German farmers became the first settlers of what is now known as Gruene, Texas. A German immigrant, Ernst Gruene, and his bride Astoinette, had reached the newly established city of New Braunfels in 1845, but acreage was scarce. Thus, Ernst and his two sons purchased land just down river, and Ernst built the first home in Gruene (30) in early fachwerk style. His second son, Henry D. Gruene, built his home (19) and planted his surrounding land with cotton. Having become the number one cash crop, the cotton business soon brought 20 to 30 families to Gruene's lands.



Gruene built houses in various styles—a Victorian cottage (8), a large brick home (17), and a frame house (21) for the foreman of his farm. The first mercantile store (10) was built in 1878 and a cotton gin (24) powered by the Guadalupe River was added soon after. Further construction during this profitable time included a dance hall (20) and saloon—Gruene Hall—which became the center of the community's social life.

As the town continued to prosper, a new mercantile building (12) sprang up in 1904. However, the death of Henry D. in 1920 marked the downfall of Gruene's development and good fortune. In 1922, the original cotton gin burned and was replaced down the road by a modern electric model (27). Yet, the economic disasters of the boll weevil and the Depression were too much for the family businesses and they went under, except for Gruene Hall, which never closed.



It was not until 1974-75, when much of the Gruene estate was sold, that new purchasers arrived. New businesses were established and all of Gruene was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, Gruene is once again a thriving community, and as citizens of Gruene, we welcome you to come out and walk around; enjoy our rich history. But most of all, enjoy your visit.



★ GRUENE SPECIAL EVENTS

TEXAS SUMMER NIGHTS — Showcases central Texas' finest musical talent at Gruene Hall, benefiting area food banks. March.

AMERICANA MUSIC JAM — Celebration of Americana music in Gruene Hall. May.

GRUENE MUSIC AND WINE FEST — An array of Texas music and wine events benefiting Hospice and the United Way. October. (830) 629-5077.

TEXAS CLAY FESTIVAL — Featuring renowned Texas potters. October. (830) 629-7975.

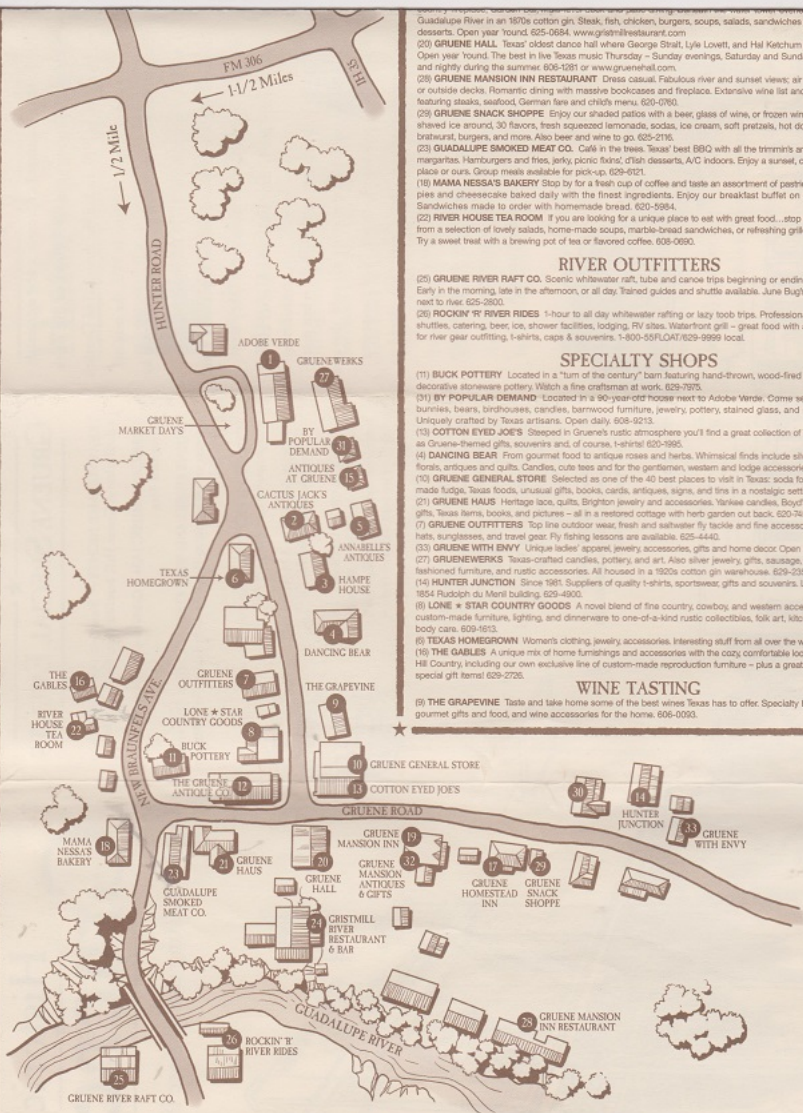
TOUR DE GRUENE — A bicycle tour and race. November. (210) 826-0177.

GRUENE MARKET DAYS and CHRISTMAS MARKET — 100 vendors feature hand-made crafts and Texas foods every third weekend. February through November and the first weekend in December. (830) 629-6441.

GRUENE TEXAS 10,000 — A scenic 10k run through Gruene and the Hill Country roads near the Guadalupe River. Live music, prizes and refreshments at Gruene Hall. (512) 536-6976

GOSPEL BRUNCH WITH A TEXAS TWIST — Every second Sunday except January in Gruene Hall.

For general info call 830-629-5077.
For Gruene Hall events call 830-606-1281
or go to www.gruenehall.com



Guadalupe River in an 1870s cotton gin. Steak, fish, chicken, burgers, soups, salads, sandwiches and incredible desserts. Open year 'round. 625-0684. www.gruenerestaurant.com

(20) **GRUENE HALL** Texas' oldest dance hall where George Strait, Lyle Lovett, and Hal Ketchum got started. Open year 'round. The best in live Texas music Thursday - Sunday evenings, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and nightly during the summer 805-1281 or www.gruenehall.com

(28) **GRUENE MANSON INN RESTAURANT** Dine casual. Fabulous river and sunset views, air conditioning or outside decks. Romantic dining with massive bookcases and fireplace. Extensive wine list and full bar. Menu featuring steaks, seafood, German fare and child's menu. 620-0760.

(25) **GRUENE SNACK SHOPPE** Enjoy our shaded patios with a beer, glass of wine, or frozen wine cooler. Best shaved ice around, 30 flavors, fresh squeezed lemonade, sodas, ice cream, soft pretzels, hot dogs, sausage, bratwurst, burgers, and more. Also beer and wine to go. 625-2116.

(23) **GUADALUPE SMOKED MEAT CO.** Café in the trees. Texas' best BBQ with all the trimmings and Texas' best margaritas. Hamburgers and fries, jerky, picnic food, fish, desserts, A/C indoors. Enjoy a sunset, catering at your place or ours. Group meals available for pick-up. 625-0921.

(18) **MAMA NESSA'S BAKERY** Stop by for a fresh cup of coffee and taste an assortment of pastries, cookies, pies and cheesecake baked daily with the finest ingredients. Enjoy our breakfast buffet on Sat. & Sun. Sandwiches made to order with homemade bread. 620-9884.

(22) **RIVER HOUSE TEA ROOM** If you are looking for a unique place to eat with great food...stop here. Choose from a selection of lovely salads, home-made soups, marble-bread sandwiches, or refreshing grilled specialties. Try a sweet treat with a brewing pot of tea or flavored coffee. 608-0690.

RIVER OUTFITTERS

(25) **GRUENE RIVER RAFT CO.** Scenic whitewater raft, tube and canoe trips beginning or ending in Gruene. Early in the morning, late in the afternoon, or all day. Trained guides and shuttle available. June Bug Café located next to river. 625-2800.

(26) **ROCKIN' R RIVER RIDES** 1-hour to all day whitewater rafting or lazy tube trips. Professional guides, shuttles, catering, beer, ice, shower facilities, lodging, RV sites. Waterfront grill - great food with a view! Shop for river gear, outfitting, t-shirts, caps & souvenirs. 1-800-55FLOAT/629-9999 local.

SPECIALTY SHOPS

(11) **BUCK POTTERY** Located in a "turn of the century" barn featuring hand-thrown, wood-fired utilitarian and decorative stoneware pottery. Watch a fine craftsman at work. 629-7975.

(11) **BY POPULAR DEMAND** Located in a 90-year-old house next to Adobe Verde. Come see angels, bunnies, bears, birdhouses, candles, barmwood furniture, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, and much more. Uniquely crafted by Texas artisans. Open daily. 608-9213.

(13) **COTTON EYED JOE'S** Steeped in Gruene's rustic atmosphere you'll find a great collection of Texas as well as Gruene-themed gifts, souvenirs and, of course, t-shirts! 625-9965.

(4) **DANCING BEAR** From gourmet food to antique roses and herbs. Whimsical finds include silver creations, florals, antiques and quilts. Candles, cute tees and for the gentlemen, western and lodge accessories. 629-2059.

(12) **GRUENE GENERAL STORE** Selected as one of the 40 best places to visit in Texas; soda fountain, home-made fudge, Texas foods, unusual gifts, books, cards, antiques, signs, and tins in a nostalgic setting. 629-6021.

(21) **GRUENE HAUS** Heritage lace, quilts, Brighton jewelry and accessories. Yankee candles, Boy's Beers, baby gifts, Texas items, books, and pictures - all in a restored cottage with herb garden out back. 620-7454.

(7) **GRUENE OUTFITTERS** Top line outdoor wear, fresh and saltwater fly tackle and fine accessories such as hats, sunglasses, and travel gear. Fly fishing lessons are available. 625-4440.

(33) **GRUENE WITH ENVY** Unique ladies' apparel, jewelry, accessories, gifts and home decor. Open Daily. 627-0892.

(27) **GRUENEWERKS** Texas-crafted candles, pottery and art. Also silver jewelry, gifts, sausage, jerky, canoe fashioned furniture, and rustic accessories. All housed in a 1920s cotton gin warehouse. 629-2325.

(14) **HUNTER JUNCTION** Since 1981. Suppliers of quality t-shirts, sportswear, gifts and souvenirs. Located in the 1854 Rudolph du Mont building. 620-4900.

(8) **LONE STAR COUNTRY GOODS** A novel blend of fine country, cowboy, and western accessories. From custom-made furniture, lighting, and dinnerware to one-of-a-kind rustic collectibles, folk art, kitchenware, and body care. 609-1813.

(6) **TEXAS HOMEGROWN** Women's clothing, jewelry, accessories. Interesting stuff from all over the world. 629-3176.

(16) **THE GRAPES** A unique mix of home furnishings and accessories with the cozy, comfortable look of the Texas Hill Country, including our own exclusive line of custom-made reproduction furniture - plus a great selection of special gift items! 629-2726.

WINE TASTING

(9) **THE GRAPEVINE** Taste and take home some of the best wines Texas has to offer. Specialty beers, cigars, gourmet gifts and food, and wine accessories for the home. 606-0093.