

MEDIA CONTACT

Amanda Rodriguez, Marketing Manager
arodriguez@grapevintexas.gov | 817.410.3919

Grapevine's Rock Art Trail Achieves Guinness World Records® Title

The Rock Art Trail Earns the World Record for the Largest Display of Painted Pebbles.

[GRAPEVINE, TEXAS] September 8, 2021 - The [City of Grapevine Parks and Recreation](#) department and pioneers behind the Grapevine Rock Art Trail have officially broken the [Guinness World Records®](#) title for the *Largest Display of Painted Pebbles* with a total of 24,459 rocks.

The Rock Art Trail first began in March 2020, as a way to inspire and uplift the community during the harsh reality of the COVID pandemic. The display is filled with talented and skilled artwork and is sure to inspire all who meander through the trails to explore. The trail lies between Wall-Farrar Nature Trail and the trail connection from Parr Park along Big Bear Creek. This community-driven project has been led by Ron Olsen and Chris Penny, both Grapevine residents, who joined forces to transform the trail into an artsy attraction for anyone in Grapevine and beyond who wanted to escape the stress of the pandemic.

"The Rock Art Trail is a beautiful symbol of our community's resilience and resolve in the face of such a devastating and disruptive pandemic," said Ron, who placed the first cluster of rocks that started the collection. These rocks consisted of a simple happy face, an Oklahoma University logo, blue-bonnets, a mountain and stream scene, a galloping horse to represent the Grapevine Mustangs, and rock zero was the Iceland national flag.

After Chris Penny and his daughters discovered the rock art trail near their home, they painted a few rocks and picked the perfect spot to place them. While most of the world was shut down due to the pandemic, Chris connected with artists around the world who would later donate rocks to the trail.

"What started as a random act of kindness to spread joy and positivity during the pandemic has grown into something extraordinary," said Chris. "It amazes me that people from all over the world have sent rocks to be placed on a trail that they might not ever visit. These works of art have led to the trail being filled with laughter, new friendships being developed, people spending more time outdoors, couples holding hands, and childhood memories being relived. In essence, the rock trail ended up being exactly what the community needed during these unique times."

This Grapevine trail filled with thousands of rocks is now "a wonderland of tiny paintings" as described by the Washington Post. Community members along with artists from all over the world are now a part of this meaningful world record due to coming together during trying times.

"Grapevine is a community of togetherness," said Kevin Mitchell, Grapevine Parks and Recreation Director. "It is amazing what has been accomplished on the Rock Art Trail and the positive impact it has had on so many."

Join us for a celebration on Thursday, September 9 at 10:00 am at the Rock Art Trail. The trail can be accessed by parking in the Church at the Cross' southwest corner parking lot, located at 3000 William D. Tate Ave., Grapevine, Texas.

To learn more about the story behind the Rock Art Trail, visit [GoGrapevine.com/Blog](https://www.grapevine.com/blog).

About Grapevine Parks and Recreation

The City of Grapevine Parks and Recreation aims to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Grapevine, through the stewardship of natural resources and the responsive provision of quality leisure opportunities. The Department believes in a healthy community and is committed to making Grapevine a healthier and happier place to live and play. By providing access to miles of connected trails, high quality parks, recreational programs, state-of-the-art facilities, protection of natural resources, educational opportunities and social services, Grapevine Parks and Recreation enriches the quality of life for residents and brings all members of the community together. For more information, visit GoGrapevine.com.

About Guinness World Records

What's the fastest game bird in Europe? This was the question that inspired the founding of Guinness World Records back in 1955. Starting with a single book published from a room above a gym, GWR has grown to become a global multi-media brand, with offices in London, New York, Miami, Beijing, Tokyo and Dubai. Today, we deliver world-class content, not just through Books, but via TV shows, Social Media and Live Events. Our in-house consultancy works closely with brands and businesses around the world to harness the power of record-breaking and deliver award-winning campaigns and business solutions. Our ultimate purpose is to inspire people - individuals, families, schools, groups, companies, communities and even entire countries - to read about, watch, listen to and participate in record-breaking. To join this record-breaking community - and find out the answer to that original question - visit GuinnessWorldRecords.com.