



NEILL-COCHRAN HOUSE MUSEUM

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Neill-Cochran House Museum presents “Fredericksburg’s Family Ties”

The Neill-Cochran House Museum, in partnership with Preservation Austin, welcomes regional historian Dr. Kenneth Hafertepe for “Fredericksburg’s Family Ties: Tracking Architectural and Cultural Change through the Generations.” a guest lecture and book signing event on Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

“Dr. Hafertepe’s work is the kind of in-depth scholarship about overlooked aspects of the cultural heritage we have as Central Texans that we work so hard to promote as a museum,” said Business & Projects Manager A.P. Perry. “There are so many elements that make up the diversity of experiences that the folks who came before us had in their lives; it’s great to see them getting a share of our attention.”

Drawing on the research from his most recent book, *A Guide to the Historic Buildings of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County*, Dr. Hafertepe’s lecture will introduce and interpret the cultural influences present in the Texas Hill Country.

Dr. Hafertepe is the chair of the Museum Studies Department at Baylor University where he specializes in American material culture and decorative arts. After receiving his Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Texas at Austin, he served as the director of academic programs at Historic Deerfield, a museum which focuses on New England history and art prior to joining the Baylor faculty in 2000. An author of four books on state and local history, his current work focuses on the German immigrants to Texas. His next book, *Made to Last: The Material Culture of German Texans*, will be published by Texas A&M University Press in 2016.

This event is free and open to the public with freewill donations accepted online and at the door. Complimentary refreshments will be served at 2pm and parking is available free behind the museum to all visitors. Guests are encouraged to RSVP online at <http://www.nchmuseum.org/fredericksburgs-family-ties/>

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