

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Wilfred & Marlena Schlather as recipients of the Frederick Frueholz, Jr. Historic Preservation Award

WHEREAS, the Comal County Historical Commission has designated the Frederick Frueholz Jr. Historic Preservation Award in honor of the late Dr. Frederick Frueholz Jr., the first chairman of the Comal County Historical Commission and long-time member; and

WHEREAS, recipients will be chosen annually by Comal County Historical Commission members and the award presented in May of each year to celebrate Texas Historic Preservation Month; and

WHEREAS, recipients shall be chosen based on their dedication to the historical preservation of Comal County; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred and Marlena Schlather have volunteered at the Sophienburg Museum and Archives for over 20 years, where Wilfred inventoried books and publications in the Sophienburg and Comal County Genealogy Society (CCGS) collections, preserved archival materials in mylar film, repaired pages/covers/spines of books, and bound pages of family histories/genealogies; and Marlena completed the CCGS Ships List Project, CCGS First Founders Final Destinations Project, the newspaper inventory, and continues the on-going task of cataloging archival materials; and together the couple volunteered for Sophienburg sponsored events such as Fiesta Patria, Weihnachtsmarkt, and the Roll Call Exhibit opening; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred and Marlena Schlather were members of the Comal County Historical Commission from 2015 to 2022, serving on the Cemetery Committee, Marker Research Committee and Marker Dedication Committee, during which time Wilfred led the Cemetery Committee project to review and verify information for all identified cemeteries in the county and developed a central database of Comal County cemeteries, and he led the efforts to map and document gravesites in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery and Panteon Hidalgo which encouraged cemetery recognition and preservation as well as family genealogy projects in the underserved area of Hispanic heritage; and both Marlena and Wilfred were instrumental in obtaining Historic Texas Cemetery designations for several cemeteries in the county and Texas Historical Markers for other historical properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend Wilfred and Marlena Schlather on their work towards receiving this award and their dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County and New Braunfels.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 2nd day of May, 2024.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: 
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk

