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Visit a Site a Day During April!!

Celebrate Architecture360 in April sponsored by AIA Dallas and the Dallas Center for Architecture. It will be a month full of public events celebrating architecture and design in our great city-from exhibitions and celebrations to tours and panel discussions, presented by a wide range of organizations and partners.

There are thousands of places in North Texas we yearn to see, but there's only so much time in the day. Architecture360 helps by whittling down the list. Every day in April, you will have the chance to experience a building, a park, or some other space that inspires a reaction. You might get the chance to explore a building behind-the-scenes, visit a space you'd never heard of, or celebrate one of our greatest urban spaces.

Preservation Dallas will be hosting a guided tour of The Wilson Block National Register Historic District on April 6th. The tour will start with the Wilson House and then continue with a walking tour to look at the other houses in the district. Tours will start at 10 and 11am. In partnership with DOCOMOMO North Texas, Preservation Dallas will also be hosting a tour of the Statler Hilton on April 27th at 10 am. Please register for the tours by calling the office at 214-821-3290 or by [email](#).

[Click here](#) for a full calendar of events for Architecture360.

Preservation Issues

By David Preziosi

Young Professionals

Heather Teverbaugh

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The Alamo Plaza Hotel Courts sign on Fort Worth Avenue is a remnant of a by-gone era of hotel and motel motor courts that once dotted the new highways of America in the 1940s and 1950s. Gas stations, cafes, and motor-court motels - collectively known as roadside architecture - were built along major transportation routes to accommodate the traveler. Fort Worth Avenue, the former turnpike between

Dallas and Ft. Worth, was lined with such roadside architecture like the recently restored Art-Deco Belmont Hotel designed by architect Charles Dilbeck.

Several years ago the buildings belonging to the Alamo Plaza Hotel Courts were demolished due to structural issues and the unsuitability for redevelopment. Thankfully the property developer, Brent Jackson, decided to keep the iconic Alamo sign at the time. The site is now being redeveloped for the Sylvan Thirty project and he is contemplating moving the sign off of the property. The Alamo sign is arguably one of the most important remnants of the golden age of motor court hotels in Dallas serving for over seventy years as a landmark on Fort Worth Avenue. It would be a shame for the sign to be relocated to another site and lose all context of its original location. The developer requested suggestions on what to do with the sign earlier this week. According to the Oak Cliff blog on the Dallas Morning News website Cooper Smith Koch, the Silvan Thirty spokesman, said the five or so "most feasible and doable" suggestions will be posted on the Silvan Thirty website in the near future for further comment and voting.



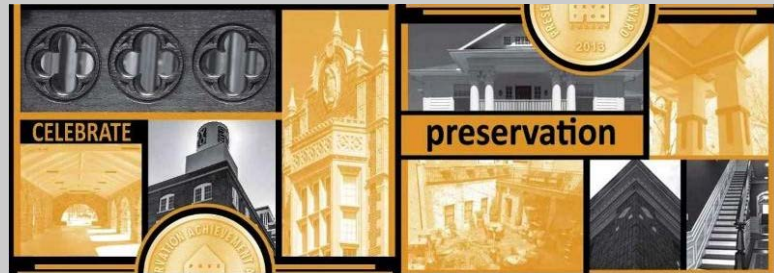
At the Landmark Commission meeting on Monday a brief presentation was given to the Commission by the Flying Crown Group on the history and changes to the Braniff Operations and Maintenance Base at Love Field which was completed in 1958. In addition Preservation Dallas requested that the Commission send a letter to the Texas Historical Commission requesting the Commission be a consulting party on possible future mitigation regarding the building. The Commission voted to send that letter to be involved in the process when the time comes.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Texas have also voiced their support for the preservation of

the building adding to earlier support voiced by Preservation Dallas and DOCOMOMO North Texas. The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places is still reviewing the eligibility of the building for the National Register after the Texas Historical Commission determined it was eligible and the Federal Aviation Administration said it was not eligible.

Preservation Achievement Awards

And The Winners Are...



Congratulations to the 2013 award recipients:

- C.R. Berry House/5414 Worth Street
- Bishop Mouzon House/3444 University Boulevard
- Highland Park United Methodist Church Sanctuary
- Dallas Coffin Company/Nylo Dallas South Side Hotel
- Magnolia Gas Station/902 Ross Avenue
- Luna's Tortilla Factory/Meso Maya Restaurant
- Stevens Parks Pavilion
- Dallas Power & Light Company substation in Oak Cliff
- Woodrow Wilson High School
- Michael F. Dougherty House/2619 Hibernia
- Fred A. Jones Estate/3900 Mockingbird Lane

Join Preservation Dallas as we present the 14th Annual Preservation Achievement Awards recognizing the outstanding development of Dallas' historic buildings and places, as well as the people that contribute to the city's history. The Awards Committee invites you to the 2013 Awards and Reception at the recently completed Dallas City Performance Hall in the Arts District. This year's awards will include a special tribute to The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. In addition, we will be presenting special recognition awards for contributions to preservation. Lindalyn Adams will receive the Dorothy Savage Award, Steve Clicque will receive the Craftsmanship Award, Oak Cliff Fine Arts Society (Turner House) will receive the Stewardship Award, Mark Doty will receive the Spirit of Preservation Award and ARCHITEXAS will receive the Gail Thoma Patterson Award. For more information on the Awards [click here](#), and be sure to monitor your mailbox for your invitation arriving soon.

SALE DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

This weekend is the Spring Cleaning Sale!

By Donovan Westover



If you still have items for the Spring Cleaning Sale we are happy to accept them at Preservation Dallas until Friday at 5 p.m.

Merchandise previously contributed is organized and priced to sell, but we are happy to receive more. Donate your unwanted items (household items, clothing, books, electronics, etc.), receive a donation certificate for taxes and we will do the rest. Contact Donovan Westover here for more information. The sale is **THIS SATURDAY** in the Preservation Dallas/Wilson House parking lot from **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Everybody is invited and you never know what treasures you may be able to pick up! Parking is available behind the Wilson district.

Director's Letter

By David Preziosi, Executive Director

Spring is finally here and we have much on tap! We are getting closer to the [Preservation Achievement Awards](#), our biggest event of the year for Preservation Dallas, which will be taking place on May 15. This year we will be recognizing many outstanding projects and award winners, along with honoring The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. We have our first Intown Outing, of the Wilson Historic District, scheduled for this Saturday in conjunction with Architectrue360. We will also have a bonus Intown Outing this month at the Statler Hilton on the 27th in partnership with DOCOMOMO North Texas and as part of Architecture360. We are also working on an Intown Outing for May. Don't forget the Spring Cleaning Sale this Saturday as well! There are lots of treasures to be found! For more information on our events you can visit our calendar page by [clicking here](#).

After nearly four months of renovation work I have finally moved into my "new" 1941 Austin Stone cottage in Oak Cliff! I had the essentials done, like the installation of HVAC, upgrading of the electrical, refinishing of the original hardwood floors, and reworking the rear addition for a new master bedroom and bathroom. That was all done by a

contractor and now the fun really begins as I get in there to patch and paint walls in the original part of the house, restore all of the original steel windows by scrapping layers of paint off to get them in working condition, and restore the original bathroom by removing paint off of the original tile and continuing on my quest to find a 1940s wall sink to replace the pedestal sink installed a few years back. It is definitely a labor of love and one that many historic homeowners know the joys and frustrations of taking something in rough shape and turning it around to make it shine again!

Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners

[Dallas Center for Architecture Film Series](#)

April 5, 4 pm

Angelika Film Center-Mockingbird Station

At home in rural New Brunswick, Canada, retired couple Craig and wife Irene are used to doing things their way. While industrial architecture dominates the landscape, the Morrisons have maintained their traditional farm and slower-paced way of life. Even when Irene falls ill, Craig decides to build a new, more suitable home rather than leaving behind the land they've loved for decades. But their plans are stalled when a government inspector makes it his personal mission to shut down progress on the new house. Based on a true story, *STILL MINE* is partly about the battle between modernity and tradition. This film is also part of the Dallas International Film Festival and for more information or tickets [click here](#).

[Preservation Dallas Intown Outing - Wilson Historic District](#)

April 6, 10am, 11am

Wilson House - 2922 Swiss Avenue

Take a guided tour of The Wilson National Register Historic District starting with a tour of the Wilson House and then a walking tour to look at the other houses in the two block district. Tours will start at 10 and 11am.

[Preservation Dallas Spring Cleaning Sale](#)

April 6, 8am - 2pm

Preservation Dallas/Wilson House Parking Lot

See what bargains and treasures you can find at the Spring Cleaning sale to benefit Preservation Dallas! Open to the public so invite your friends to join you!

[Preservation Dallas Young Professionals Happy Hour](#)

April 11, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Craft & Growler - 3601 Parry Avenue

Join your PDYP friends for Happy Hour in this historic building across from Fair Park and enjoy one of Craft & Growler's many beers on tap!

[Dallas Architectural Panel Series](#)

April 16, 6:30pm
Dallas Center for Architecture

Russell Buchanan, AIA of Buchanan Architects will lead a discussion on "Prevailing Theories in Architecture School: New Ideas, No Buildings." Join the amazing discussion about some controversial architectural theories currently being tested in academics such as will architecture students be better prepared to lead the profession into the future, or is architecture more about art and less about buildings. Panels are presented free of charge for all attendees as a public outreach of the Dallas Architecture Forum. For more information on the Panel Series [click here](#).

[Dallas Architectural Forum Lecture Series](#)

April 24, 7pm
Horchow Auditorium, Dallas Museum of Art

The lecture series will feature William Pedersen who is the Principal Design Partner of Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates, which he founded in 1976 with A. Eugene Kohn and Sheldon Fox. Under his direction, KPF has amassed a body of work that includes commercial buildings and institutional facilities, civic and cultural spaces, and mixed-use residential and retail projects in cities across the United States and throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East. His design philosophy embraces the relationship between internal and external elements, focusing on the connection of the building and its surrounding community. The firm's work evokes response by drawing together the past and the present, striving to embody both memory and invention. KPF also designed the Federal Reserve Bank Building in Dallas. Lectures are free for Dallas Architecture Forum members. General admission is \$20. For more information on the Lecture Series [click here](#).

[Preservation Dallas Intown Outing - Statler Hilton](#)

April 27, 10am, 11am
Statler Hilton - 1914 Commerce Street

Take a guided tour of the Statler Hilton, one of Dallas' most iconic Mid-Century Modern buildings. Learn about the architecture of this landmark and its storied past as one of Dallas' grand hotels. The tour begins at 10:00am and tour attendees are required to wear closed toe shoes.

[Antiques at the Alexander](#)

April 27, 11am - 4pm

Alexander Mansion

The Dallas Woman's Forum is hosting an antiques appraisal event on Saturday, April 27th from 11a.m. to 4 p.m at the Alexander Mansion on Ross Avenue in Dallas. There will be certified appraisers and conservators available to offer appraisals of art, antiques and collectibles including fine and costume jewelry, dolls, pottery and ceramics, silver, Asian art and paintings. Bill Noble of William Noble Rare Jewels will be offering a lecture on Fabulous Gems and Famous People: Buying and Selling Estate Jewelry. Champagne and Light Bites will be served. The cost of the lecture is \$15, the cost of appraisals is \$25 for one, \$60 for 3 items. For more information [click here](#).

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