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### Corporate Members



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## Annual Holiday Party



**FRIDAY** | December 6  
6-8 p.m.  
Wilson House  
2922 Swiss Avenue

**Do people mistake you for a Christmas tree and place gifts at your feet?  
Are there more lights on your sweater than the tree in Main Street Gardens?**

Then join us at the historic Wilson House for the annual Holiday Party in your festive holiday sweater and enter our Festive Sweater Contest. Prizes to be awarded!

The halls are decked for you to enjoy refreshments and beverages, while catching up with old friends and making new ones.

You will also get a chance to meet our special guest this year, **Adam Alsobrook**, the new City of Dallas preservation planner.

Don't forget about our selection of new books at a discount for members, which are perfect for gifts!

### REGISTRATION:

The annual Holiday Party is a free members only event. Please consider bringing a new member guest with you. Guests are \$10. [R.S.V.P. to Irene Allender](#) or call Preservation Dallas at 214-821-3290.

### PARKING:

Parking lot and street parking is available around the Wilson House.

We are proud to serve beverages donated by Ben E. Keith Company at our Holiday Party and major events!

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*Thank you for  
your support!*



## New Members

### Individual

Joshua David Armstrong  
Sherri Baer  
Kyle Baugh  
Carmen P. Bergin  
Terry Carpenter  
J. David Cox  
Sharon R. Cox  
Dominique Egbers  
Arden Fitzgerald  
Nancy Garcia  
Callan E. Harrison  
Ann D. Henry  
Jan Holmes  
Katherine Hough  
Maurice A. Kerrins III  
Gari Lister  
Travis W. Pope  
Pam Schelldorf  
Leslie C. Sommer  
Ty Williams

### Double

Mario and Sonia Pacapac

### Sustainer

Dan and Michelle Pontrelli

**Welcome and thank you to  
our new members!**

**Join/Renew**

**Donate**

**Volunteer**

## Liberty Bank Update



Did you notice that the Liberty Bank and it's neighbor are gone? We noticed the dismantling of the buildings and asked Craig Melde of Architexas and a Preservation Dallas board member about the progress of this closely watched project.

Built around 1900, 2226 Elm Street was a series of saloons before becoming Liberty State Bank in 1921. A variety of tenants, residences and businesses, occupied the upper floor. Now, Preserve Liberty LLC has purchased the property, along with its neighbor, 2222 Elm. They are to be relocated to the 600 block of Harwood near the Scottish Rite Cathedral due to the widening of Cesar Chavez Boulevard along the east side of the building.

Originally, the buildings were to be moved whole but upon further inspection and testing of the mortar and brick, this method proved to be structurally unsafe. Plan B called for a different tactic. The facade brick, cast iron pieces, and important architectural elements and details were meticulously documented, removed, and stored to be rebuilt on the new site. Currently, a new foundation is being laid with the anticipation of the finishing the building in May 2014. Two tenants, a bar and restaurant, and a yoga studio, have already signed on. The second phase will include the reconstruction of 2222 Elm next door and is set to begin construction in the summer of 2014.

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## Good Neighbor Program



Help Preservation Dallas by shopping at Tom Thumb! They will pay 1% of your total grocery purchases to Preservation Dallas. Simply fill out the [Good Neighbor form](#) and the top part of a Reward Card Application (if you don't have a Reward Card already), indicating our number and return it to the Courtesy Booth or to Preservation Dallas.

Our Good Neighbor number is:  
**11352**

### PARTNER LINKS:

[Dallas Architecture Forum](#)

[Dallas Arts District](#)

[Dallas Center for Architecture](#)

[National Park Service](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

[Preservation Texas](#)

[Texas Historical Commission](#)

## Zip Code Change for Preservation Dallas

If you are mailing anything to Preservation Dallas don't forget about our zip code

## Preservation Issues

In November, the City of Dallas filed an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court in the TCI West End Case to overturn the earlier decision of the appellate court in favor of TCI. Preservation Dallas prepared an amicus brief for the supreme court supporting the city's case for appeal. We were joined on the brief by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Texas Municipal League, Preservation Texas, Historic Fort Worth, Inc., and the San Antonio Conservation Society. Mike Northrup of Cowles & Thompson, P.C. prepared the brief for Preservation Dallas assisted by Buddy Apple of How Frels Berman Rhode Woods & Duke, P.C. and a Preservation Dallas board member.

The City of Dallas is also working on making changes to the Conservation District ordinance, specifically the way neighborhoods are approved for conservation district status. The changes are under review at the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee and will be on their agenda for the December 19th meeting at City Hall.

## December Intown Outing



**TUESDAY** | December 10

3883 Turtle Creek

6:00 PM

Join us for a tour of 3883 Turtle Creek, better known as 21 Turtle Creek. Completed in 1964, this 23-story mid-century modern high-rise was a forerunner of beauty, quality and stability for which the Turtle Creek Corridor has become known. Carved from the original 21 acres on which the old Jesuit High School was built in 1907, 21 Turtle Creek Square was the second high-rise development along Turtle Creek boulevard, after 3525 and was constructed across the street from the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Kalita Humphreys Theater.

3883 Turtle Creek Boulevard has recently been remodeled from the infrastructure to aesthetics while respecting the mid-century modern design. Hear about the history of this property, including the original design which called for two

change! Our new zip code is 75204-5962.

towers, and see the inside of a few apartments.

**Parking:** Surface parking is available at the building.

**Reservations:** Admission is free for members, \$20 for non-members. Please make reservations by calling the Preservation Dallas office at 214-821-3290 or by [email](#).

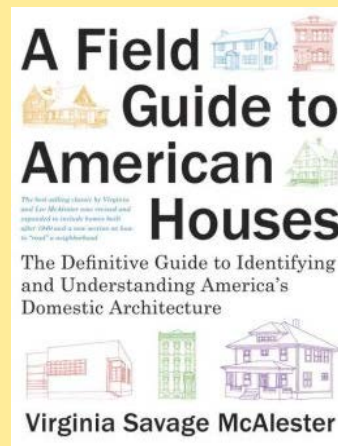
## Nomination Forms Available for the 2014 Preservation Achievement Awards



We are now accepting nominations for the 2014 Preservation Achievement Awards, which will be presented in May. Project nominations are due by Friday, February 28. You can find the nomination form by [clicking here](#).

Please contact [Donovan Westover](#) with any questions.

## New Book Release!



We are proud to announce that we have the newest edition of Virginia McAlester's book, ***A Field Guide to American Houses***, in our bookstore! Here at last: the fully expanded, updated, and freshly designed second edition of the most comprehensive and widely acclaimed guide to domestic architecture, in print since its publication in 1984, and acknowledged everywhere as the unmatched, essential reference to American houses.

Among the new material included in this edition are chapters on styles that have emerged in the thirty years since the previous edition; a groundbreaking chapter on the

development and evolution of American neighborhoods; an appendix on approaches to construction in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries; an expanded bibliography; and 600 new photographs and line drawings throughout.

This new hard cover edition is \$48 for members, \$54 for the general public, which includes sales tax. Reserve your copy [online](#) or call us today and pick it up at the Holiday Party!

## Save the Date!! 15th Annual Legacies Conference

"The Unusual Side of Dallas" will be the theme for the upcoming 15th annual Legacies Dallas History Conference. The conference will be held on January 25, 2014 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration materials will be arriving in mailboxes soon or for more information [click here](#).

## Director's Letter

*By David Preziosi, Executive Director*

With December comes the cold weather and preparations for the holidays! We have decked the halls of the Wilson House and trimmed the tree in preparation for our annual holiday party this Friday and hope you will be able to attend!

With the closeout of the year it is also time to look back on our 2013 accomplishments at Preservation Dallas. There is much that we have done this year and we hope that you have noticed our increased programming and tours for our members. Many of our events were sold out this year including our Fall Architectural Tour and the Historic House Specialist class in November.

Here are some highlights of the other items we have accomplished in 2013:

- Increased membership to over 500 with the help of new members from the Urban Armadillos and the Young Professionals groups.
- Supported the City of Dallas in the TCI West End Case with amicus briefs and bringing in other preservation organizations to join the briefs.
- Nominated the Johnson Rooming House in Oak Cliff and the Paine House in Irving to the National Register of Historic Places and held a special event on the history of the JFK sites in Dallas as part of the JFK Legacy Project.
- Developed walking trails in downtown Dallas with the help of the Urban Armadillos volunteers and selected and researched sites for the trails.
- Applied for and received two grants to help with

creation of a brochure and mobile app for the Urban Armadillos trails, both to be ready in early 2014.

- Applied for and received a grant to help with the preservation of the McCree Cemetery.
- Continued to assist property owners with questions and information on their properties.
- Added technical information to our web site on preservation tools.

You will also be receiving our holiday card shortly with our year end appeal and we hope that you will consider making a special year end gift to Preservation Dallas to help us with our preparations for another exciting and busy year in 2014. If you would like to give now, you may do so by [clicking here](#).

I wish all of you a most joyous holiday season with family and friends and a wonderful 2014!

## Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners

### Building Toys and Toy Buildings

#### Dallas Center for Architecture

Ongoing through January 10th, hours vary

The Dallas Center for Architecture explores the wide spectrum of vintage and modern toys, including unusual examples like the Eames House of Cards, AstroBrite, and Girder and Panel Sets. Special sections include a variety of blocks, doll houses, and a hands on "Construction Zone". In a special collaboration with DALLAS CITYSCAPE, this display includes models of several Dallas architectural icons

The exhibit is free to the public. For more information and exhibit hours, visit [DallasCFA.com](http://DallasCFA.com).

### bcSHOPFRONT Series: One Watershed, Two Neighborhoods & Seven Streetcars

#### bcWORKSHOP

416 South Ervay Street

December 10, 6:15pm

Come discover how Dallas has been shaped through public space, financial investment, urban formation and transportation boosterism. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### Architecture Film Series and Holiday Open House

#### Dallas Center for Architecture

December 11, 5:30pm

Start the night with a reception/Open House where DCFA will honor their donors, Board, and docents. Stay at 6:30 for a screening of the documentary **ROMANZA: The Buildings of**

**California Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.** Filmmaker Michael Miner had unprecedented access to every California Wright building, and the film examines the entirety of Wright's California work, including textile block houses in LA famous for their appearances in Hollywood films, the San Francisco commission which he designed as a "glass of champagne," and the iconic Barnsdall House. The film also rediscovers the dog house that Wright designed in response to a 12-year-old's letter.

For more information, visit [DallasCFA.com](http://DallasCFA.com)

**Candlelight  
Dallas Heritage Village**

December 14-15, 3-9pm

Join the folks at Dallas Heritage village for family fun including carriage rides pulled by Nip and Tuck, photos with St. Nicholas, storytelling, historic foods and menus, carolers and more. The historic buildings will be dressed in traditional holiday decorations. There will be traditional holiday activities and period games for the kids. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, visit their [website](#).

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