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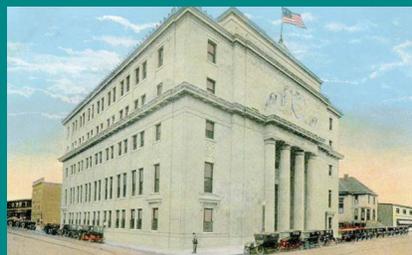
Nominations are open for the 2014 Preservation Achievement Awards



Help us in identifying remarkable preservation projects that should be nominated for the 2014 Preservation Achievement Awards! The jury for the 15th Annual Awards will be selecting award recipients at the beginning of March, and we are collecting projects for them to review. Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 28. [E-mail Donovan Westover](#) or call 214-821-3290 for more information on nominating a project, or to alert us to a deserving preservation project. Nomination forms are available by [clicking here](#). Join us in recognizing this years recipients at the Preservation Achievement Awards event in May.

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**The Unusual Side of Dallas
15th Annual Legacies Conference**



The upcoming 15th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference will be held on January 25, 2014 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This year's theme will be "The Unusual Side of Dallas" and will feature programs on some of the more interesting aspects of Dallas history. To find out more about the conference or to register [click here](#). Early registrations are due by January 17th.



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

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From Animal House to Our House



MONDAY | February 3
Wilson Carriage House
6:00 PM

Award-winning writer and DIY expert Ron Tanner will offer a comic presentation about his funny, heart-warming book *From Animal House to Our House: A Love Story*. Combining romance with history and humor, Tanner will tell the true story of how he and his wife bought a condemned

Baltimore row house -- a wrecked former frat house -- and restored it to its original Victorian splendor. They knew nothing about fixing up houses when they started. In 2008, *THIS OLD HOUSE* magazine featured their remarkable work. They now run *Houselove.org*, a DIY website. For anyone who has been through a little DIY on an old house you won't want to miss this program! [Click here](#) to view a short YouTube video about the project.

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](#).

History of the Interstate Theatres

THURSDAY | February 6
Fair Park - Hall of State
3939 Grand Ave, Dallas
6:00 PM



*Theatre Row in Dallas in the 1940s.
Image courtesy of Lovita Irby.*

Documentarian Jeffrey Mills has been working on the history of the Interstate Theatre Company, and will present his research and work on the upcoming documentary *Before the Curtain Rises*. The documentary will follow the 70-year history of Interstate Theatres, one of

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the nation's largest and most storied circuits of movie houses, from its birth as a vaudeville chain to its demise in the '70s--a victim of multi-cinemas and urban flight.

Come hear about the work on the documentary, the rapidly disappearing history of the golden age of cinema and many of the historic Interstate Theatres in Dallas such as the Majestic, Tower, Forest, Circle, Palace, Esquire, Inwood, and Lakewood. A clip from the documentary will also be shown with the premier of the documentary on PBS set for the summer of 2014.

This program is in partnership with the Dallas Historical Society and is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Hall of State at Fair Park - 3939 Grand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation [click here](#), call 214-421-4500 ext 101, or [email](#).

Preservation Issues

2014 has already started off with a bang as far as preservation issues! Besides working on continuing issues such as the impact to historic buildings from the Energy Code and changes to the Conservation District ordinance there have been other issues that have come up like the two below.



Image of the Interurban Line from the 1940s showing the bridge over Clarendon Street slated for demolition.

The historic Clarendon Street bridge was approved for demolition by the Landmark Commission at their January meeting. Citing public safety concerns DART applied for demolition of the section of the bridge over the street. Engineering reports they received on the bridge stated that it was too deteriorated to repair and that it is a potential safety hazard to motorists passing below due to the corrosion of rebar within the concrete and deterioration

Zip Code Change for Preservation Dallas

If you are mailing anything to Preservation Dallas don't forget about our zip code change! Our new zip code is 75204-5962.

of the concrete itself. The historic bridge was built in 1914 and operated until 1948 when it was abandoned. As part of the approval for demolition of the bridge DART must document the bridge before demolition, leave a portion of the bridge columns intact and provide interpretive signage on the history of the bridge.



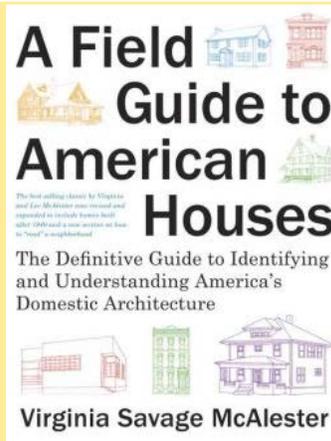
Star House on Miron Drive

The Star House on Miron Drive in Preston Hollow recently sold and the new owner has plans to demolish the house. The house was designed by the architect O'Neil Ford in the late 1940s for the Star family. Ford was a masterful architect who designed everything from houses to commercial buildings with many significant works in Dallas. The Tinkle House in Dallas, an incredible house also designed by Ford, was also lost last fall.

The Star house remained in the family until the current sale and is incredibly intact with original materials and design, a rarity among houses of this age in Dallas. The intention of O'Neil Ford can clearly be seen in the current state of the house with its simple modern design, large expanses of floor to ceiling windows, built-in storage throughout, large airy rooms, and a tranquil setting among large trees.

Unfortunately, there is no legal protection for this important historic house as is not a City of Dallas Landmark or in a protected historic district.

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!

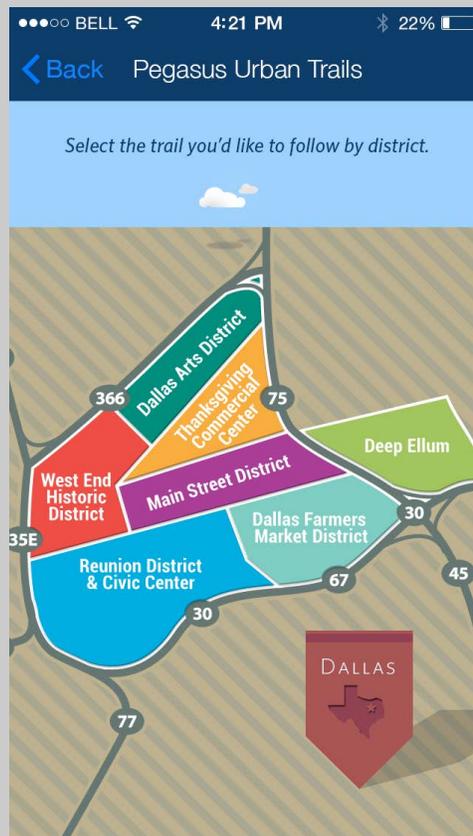
Director's Letter

By David Preziosi, Executive Director

It looks like 2014 will be a busy year for Preservation Dallas! We have hit the ground running in 2014 with preservation issues (see above) and work on programming for the year. This week we had our first program of the year with an excellent presentation on Brodick Castle in Scotland to a sold out crowd! We have two more programs coming up the first week in February that you won't want to miss and don't forget to register for the 15th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference on January 25th. This year the conference will be held at the Federal Reserve building and will be an opportunity to get into a very interesting building. In addition, we are working on a new Spring Architectural Tour that will feature the historic State Thomas neighborhood and is planned for April. We will also have our normal events such as the Preservation Achievement Awards in May, Summer Sizzlers series in June and July, the Fall Architectural Tour in October, plus our Historic House Specialist classes

throughout the year.

Work is continuing on projects from last year, including the McCree Cemetery project and the Urban Armadillos Trails project. The McCree Cemetery project has been moving along and we have engaged VERSARGMI (formerly Geo-Marine) to handle the research into the history and development of the cemetery and Texas Cemetery Restorations to handle the marker inventory and conditions assessment. Former Preservation Dallas board president Victoria Clow is managing the project for Preservation Dallas, which is scheduled for completion this summer. We have also been working on the Urban Armadillos Trails project and developing a mobile app for the Trails. The trail has been officially named the "Pegasus Urban Trail" in honor of the Pegasus that has become a symbol for downtown Dallas. Calliope Digital LLC was engaged as the app developer and we have been working with them on the app layout, graphics, and screen designs. Downtown Dallas Inc. awarded Preservation Dallas a grant in December to help with the creation of the app which will feature trails in eight of the downtown districts. Plans are to go live with the app in early 2014.



Sample screen of the mobile app featuring the trails in downtown Dallas.

As you can see we already have a lot in store for Preservation Dallas in 2014! We hope you will join us for many of our exciting events throughout the year and continue to be a supporter of Preservation Dallas and our work!

Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners

[Dallas Architecture Forum Panel Series - The art of communication, architecturally speaking](#)

January 14, 6:30 pm
Dallas Center for Architecture

Architects send and receive messages via a multiplicity of mediums...spoken word, sound, visual image, written word, drawing, photography, object and often a collage of the above. The Dallas Architectural Forum will explore the application, the economy, the technology and most importantly, the effectiveness of those sent and received messages. Joe McCall, FAIA will lead the discussion and is a partner in the leading Dallas architecture firm Oglesby-Greene with 33 years of experience including multiple civic, office, medical, retail, corporate, religious, institutional and residential projects. For more information [click here](#).

[Dallas Architecture Forum: Jose Selgas](#)

January 30, 6:15 pm
Magnolia Theater, West Village

Join the Dallas Architecture Forum for a lecture by Jose Selgas, a principal fo Selgas + Cano of Madrid Spain as he discusses past and future work focused on searching new possibilities for nature using artificial ways and applying borrowed technology from other fields for use in architecture. For more information [click here](#).

Preservation Dallas 2014 Spring Architectural Tour State-Thomas Historic District

April

On the heels of such a successful Fall Architectural Tour, Preservation Dallas is finalizing details for our Spring Tour of the State-Thomas Historic District. Keep an eye out for more information on touring this unique collection of Victorian houses and winner of the 2013 Neighborhood Achievement Award from Preservation Dallas. The 2014 Spring Tour is being presented by Gables Residential.

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