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Preservation Achievement Awards



Congratulations are in order for our 2013 Preservation Achievement Award recipients and we honored them in a big way! The 14th annual Awards ceremony was held at the Dallas City Performance Hall. Our Master of Ceremony, Pauline Medrano, lead us through the evening with the ceremony prefaced by a proclamation of May as national Preservation Month by Mayor Mike Rawlings. Our special honoree this year was The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza and we prepared a special tribute video in their honor which you can see [here](#). A terrific reception followed the awards presentation with a chance to catch up with friends and meet the winners. See the photographs [here](#).

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
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- Lindalyn Adams - Dorothy Savage Award
 - Steve Clicque - Craftsmanship Award
 - Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts (Turner House) - Stewardship Award
 - Mark Doty - Spirit of Preservation Award
 - ARCHITEXAS - Gail Thoma Patterson

To view descriptions of the award winning projects and special recognition awards [click here](#).

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Kevin Bittick
Robert Croysdale
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Brian Wertheim

Urban Armadillos

Nicolas Brooks
Summer Cook
Jim Cunningham
Mark Lea
Chris Morrow
Matthew Rosenfeld
Brettany Schovanec
Carlie Wilmes
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To view images of the award winning projects [click here.](#)

To view images of the special recognition awards [click here.](#)

Preservation Issues

By David Preziosi



Last month the Alamo Plaza Hotel Courts sign, formerly located on Fort Worth Avenue, was dismantled into three parts by the developer of the former Alamo Plaza site and now Sylvan | Thirty development. After a meeting and conversations with the developer asking for the sign to stay on the site in one piece he has decided that he would rather incorporate the three parts of the

sign around the development when it is finished. We believe that this will destroy the integrity of the original sign which was an icon on Fort Worth Avenue. A property owner further down Fort Worth Avenue has offered to take the sign and put it back together in one piece; however, the developer refused the offer. A website has been created with a petition for the sign's return to the site and can be visited at www.savethealamo.org.

Preservation Tax Credit for Texas

This legislative session Preservation Texas, along with its partners across the state including Preservation Dallas, advocated for a state tax credit to benefit preservation projects in the state. The Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit was part of the omnibus bill HB 500. It is the first such state tax credit for historic preservation in Texas. The advocates for the credit helped move the bill out of committee and ultimately to the Governor's desk. The grass root advocates from all over the state understood the benefits of the tax credit and reached out to their senators and representatives to let them know how important the bill was for historic preservation.

Historic rehabilitation is a known economic driver where rehabbed properties can spur a renewed interest in downtown or along commercial corridors. In the coming months the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Comptroller's office will have to hammer out the rules and regulations of the bill. Once the details of the tax credit are worked out Preservation Texas will work with partner organizations such as Preservation Dallas to help promote

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

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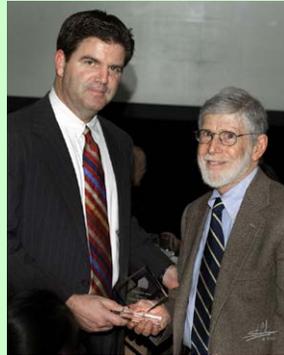
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the use of the tax credit. It will most likely be handled in a very similar manner as the Federal Rehab Tax Credit which the THC oversees in conjunction with the IRS. This will be a great new tool for developers and property owners to use to revitalize historic districts and landmarks and hopefully will lead to more preservation projects in Dallas and across the state.

Good Bye To Bennett Miller



Steve Whitcraft (left) presenting Bennett Miller (right) with the 2007 Stewardship Award

Preservation Dallas lost a long time friend with the recent passing of Bennett Miller. As a developer/President of the Bennett Miller Company, he focused on renewing the inner city and reversing urban decay. This was most prominently done through readaptation of older commercial and industrial buildings to residential use. His two National Register of Historic Places listed projects, the 1911 Magnolia Station and 1912 American Beauty Mill, are truly landmarks in Dallas' core.

Mr. Miller is credited as the developer who began the loft housing trend and his affiliations with Preservation Dallas ranged from former Board member to recipient of multiple special recognition awards. It is always hard to say farewell to our friends in preservation and Bennett Miller is a pioneer who will truly be missed.

For more on Bennett Miller's beginnings in Dallas, please [click here.](#)

Preservation Dallas Summer Interns



This summer Preservation Dallas has two interns working on projects. The first is Meg Covington who is studying liberal arts at St. John's College in Santa Fe. She is working with the Urban Armadillos group to format and verify information on the different buildings within each of the eight proposed walking trails through downtown Dallas. Plans are to have the trail information posted

Preservation Dallas Summer interns, Meg Covington (left) and Kathleen Bartholomew (right).

on the Preservation Dallas web site and in brochure form by the fall. The second intern is Kathleen Bartholomew who is a graduate student in historic preservation at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She is working on preparing technical information about historic preservation issues, such as window repair and making historic buildings more energy efficient, to add to the Preservation Dallas web site. In addition she is also working on collecting the electronic files of all of the National Register districts in Dallas to compliment the information in the Discover Dallas! section of the web site. We are excited to have both of them here and helping us out with great projects!

Dallas Landmarks Exhibit at the DCFA!



Noah Jeppson (left) and Mark Doty (right), both of whom worked on creating the exhibit for the DCFA

2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the City of Dallas Landmarks program! To celebrate 40 years of the program the Dallas

Center for Architecture is hosting an exhibit until June 28th

which explores the creation of

the program and how it has progressed over the years.

The exhibit looks at the process for designating a landmark,

how that process has evolved over four decades and how

the Dallas program fits into the context of the national

preservation movement. It also looks at some of Dallas'

current landmarks and most majestic icons which have

never been named historic landmarks at the city level.

The exhibit at the Dallas Center for Architecture, 1909

Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 100, is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The exhibit has been funded in part by a grant from the Fondren Preservation Services Fund for Texas of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Summer Sizzlers Annual Series set to begin in July



Historic image of the Dallas Coffin Company building to be featured in the Summer Sizzlers program.

Preservation Dallas is pleased to present another round of our popular Summer Sizzlers series in July! The series will offer insights into local history and preservation topics from noted architects, specialists, and historians.

We have a great lineup of presentations this year including: a photo journal of Cuban architecture, a presentation on modernism in Texas looking at the evolution of Art Deco to the International Style, a presentation on the history of the Dallas Coffin Company building and its transformation to the NYLO Southside Hotel, a site visit to 4949 Swiss Avenue to hear about the on-going restoration work to the house, a presentation on the history and scandals from the park system, and more.

Watch your email for more information on the programs and registration coming soon!

June Intown Outing

Woodrow Wilson High School Auditorium



Join Preservation Dallas on June 25th for an Intown Outing to the 1928 Woodrow Wilson High School! The school received a 2013 Preservation Achievement Award for the extensive restoration work recently done and you will not want to miss the Preservation Dallas debut. Project Manager, Craig Reynolds, from Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, will guide us through the ins and outs of such a grand educational

Woodrow Wilson High School Exterior project.

Admission is free for members and \$20 for guests. Reservations are required. Please reply here or call 214-821-3290. Parking is free and available on campus. The school is located at 100 South Glasgow Drive.

Director's Letter

By David Preziosi, Executive Director

Even though summer isn't officially here, it certainly feels like it weather wise! With summer comes time for travel, vacations, and relaxing in the yard or pool. At Preservation Dallas we have lots of activities planned for the summer, including the return of our popular Summer Sizzlers program in July, and more Intown Outings. Don't forget to sign up for the June Intown outing at the 2013 Preservation Achievement Award winning Woodrow Wilson High School! We also have our annual meeting coming up July 1st with an impressive list of nominations for the Preservation Dallas Board of Trustees to be considered at the meeting.

As noted in the article about the Dallas Landmarks Exhibit at the DCFA, the preservation program at the City of Dallas is turning 40 this year! This year Preservation Dallas is wrapping up its 40th year of existence as it was founded as the Historic Preservation League (HPL) in 1972. Preservation in Dallas has come a long way since the formation of the HPL and the creation of the Dallas Landmarks Commission. If it wasn't for the diligent effort of many preservation leaders and elected officials over the years, Dallas wouldn't have the interesting and diverse mix of historic neighborhoods and buildings that we have today. It is certainly hard to imagine today that at one time the Swiss Avenue Historic District was threatened with demolition of houses for apartments and high rises! It was historic preservation that helped to save the amazing historic architecture and charm of the district by becoming the first area of the city with protections enacted for historic structures. Now today we have twenty-one local historic districts and over one hundred individual landmarks that are protected through the preservation ordinances. Preservation of historic resources in Dallas has not been without losses over the years including the Dr. Pepper Building and numerous other buildings and houses throughout Dallas. As a city of progress and growth there will continue to be pressure on historic buildings to come down for new development and we must be vigilant in working to protect and find ways to reuse those buildings. We have so many examples of great historic reuse projects that it shouldn't be hard to prove that rehabilitating historic buildings makes economic, environmental, cultural, and aesthetic sense! So here's to forty years of preservation and

the pioneers that helped get the preservation program off the ground and to where it is today! Without their extraordinary efforts and the City of Dallas backing the ordinances that protect historic buildings Dallas would be a much different place today and certainly not as unique as it is with our diverse historic neighborhoods and amazing historic landmarks! I hope that the next forty years will bring many successes for historic preservation and by that time we will be working to save the architecture of the 1970's and 80's!

Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners

[Dallas Center for Architecture Film Series](#)

Wednesday, June 12, 6:00 pm
DCFA - 1909 Woodall Rodgers Frwy

This month the Dallas Center for Architecture will feature two short films on architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The films will take a closer look at two of his homes: his Home and Studio in Oak Park, Illinois and Taliesin West, his winter retreat in Scottsdale, Arizona. The evening will begin with a reception and light refreshments, followed by the screening and discussion after the films. A \$10 donation is requested at the door. To RSVP, send an e-mail to info@DallasCFA.com.

[Preservation Dallas Intown Outing - Woodrow Wilson High School Auditorium](#)

Monday, June 25, 6:00 pm
Woodrow Wilson High School
100 South Glasgow Drive

Craig Reynolds, from Brown Reynolds Watford Architects will guide us on a tour the 2013 Preservation Achievement Award winning school and discuss the ins and outs of the restoration. For more information or to register please contact us by [email](#) or at 214-821-3290.

[Preservation Dallas Annual Meeting](#)

Monday, July 1
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

Preservation Dallas will be holding its annual meeting to elect new board members and talk about plans for the upcoming year. This is a complimentary, members only event. Please RSVP by phone to 214-821-3290 or by [email](#).

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