

## SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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**Michael Kovarsky**  
1939 - 2012

Accountant and friend of Preservation Dallas, Mike Kovarsky, died Sunday, September 9, following an unexpected stroke. Mike came to Dallas in 1983 and, with his wife Melody, ran a business and financial consulting firm specializing in preparing business plans, raising working capital, and tax planning and tax preparation for small and medium size companies, entrepreneurs, executives, individuals, trusts and estates.

He found Preservation

### **Executive Director's Letter**

*By David Preziosi, Executive Director*

Let me introduce myself! As of September 4th I started in my new role as the Executive Director of Preservation Dallas. For the past sixteen years I have worked in the historic preservation field and I am excited to work with such a talented staff and dedicated Board of Trustees in preserving the historic places of Dallas! I actually am familiar with the Dallas area as I finished high school in Plano. From there, I attended Texas A&M, receiving two degrees - a Bachelor of Environmental Design, a four-year architecture degree, and a Master of Urban Planning with a Historic Preservation Certificate.

I started my career in the small historic town of Natchez, Mississippi as the Assistant City Planner/Historic Preservation Officer and then the City Planner. After six years in Natchez, I moved to Jackson, Mississippi to be the Executive Director of the Mississippi Heritage Trust (MHT), a statewide non-profit preservation organization. For ten years I served in that role and worked on many issues across the state. At MHT we raised awareness for preservation issues through an endangered list, preservation education and training, and advocacy for preservation efforts. We also nominated historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places and were instrumental in responding to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina on historic buildings in Mississippi.

It is exciting to be back in Texas and to have the opportunity to work on the local level to preserve the wonderful collection of historic neighborhoods and buildings in Dallas. I am steadily getting up to speed on all aspects of Preservation Dallas and its work in the community for the past forty years, along with meeting representatives of many different organizations in the city. One of my goals is to help the organization continue to grow and make it even more successful while taking on the challenges that face historic neighborhoods and buildings daily. I hope that all of you will continue to be strong supporters of the organization and look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming programs!

### **Preservation Updates**

*By David Preziosi, Executive Director*

Dallas by attending a home tour and became an active member. He joined the board of Preservation Dallas in 2004 and served for six years, his keen eyes watching over our financials. You could always count on seeing Mike with his wry smile at Preservation Dallas events, especially the Preservation Achievement Awards. [MORE>](#)

There were two preservation victories at last week's Dallas City Council meeting. The first was the designation of the Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery on Haymarket Road as a City of Dallas Landmark. Once included on Preservation Dallas' list of most endangered historic properties and resources, the cemetery is an important historic African American site with over 100 burials dating from 1902 to 1948.

Secondly, the council voted to deny the expansion of the Bishop/Eighth Street Conservation District in Oak Cliff. The proposed expansion of the Conservation District north of W. Davis Street along N. Bishop Street would have taken in the houses at 627 and 631 N. Bishop Street. [MORE>](#)

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## Upcoming Programs



### PDYP Fall Kick-Off

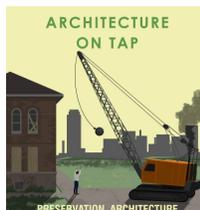
Wednesday, September 26

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

NYLO Dallas South Side | [{directions}](#)

RSVP to [Lisa Kays](#)

Join the Preservation Dallas Young Professionals (**PDYP**) for happy hour to kick off the fall season. We'll meet at the Library Lounge at the new NYLO Dallas South Side to hear about the transformation of this historic building into a hip, new hotel, and to learn about plans for the year ahead at Preservation Dallas.



### AIA Dallas presents Architecture on Tap: Preservation Architecture

Thursday, September 20

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Mason Bar | [{directions}](#)

\$12 per person (advance) | [register online](#)

Join [AIA Dallas](#) for the next installment of the Architecture on Tap series. The program will feature a discussion on Preservation Architecture. Panelists will talk about the benefits and hardships that architectural preservation optimists face in an ever changing city fueled by contemporary ideals.

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## 2012 Fall Architectural Tour

The 2012 Fall Architectural Tour is right around the corner - save the date for **Saturday, November 10**. Preservation Dallas highlights Greenway Parks, recently honored with our 2012 Neighborhood Achievement Award, with an eclectic collection of homes open especially for this occasion.

The day will begin at the Angelika Theater in Mockingbird Station with a continental breakfast and an architectural symposium. The keynote speakers will be renowned Dallas architect **Frank Welch**, FAIA and **Willis Winters**, FAIA, award-winning author, historian and architect.

#### TICKETS

Tickets are available to purchase [online](#) or by phone at 214.821.3290 beginning Monday, September 24.

The general tour includes six houses in the Greenway Parks neighborhood. A complete list of featured homes will be announced soon.

\$50 for the public

\$40 for Preservation Dallas members

Patron-level tour tickets include access to a seventh tour house (5380 Wenonah Drive, pictured above) PLUS an invitation to the Patron Party on Thursday evening, November 1, held at a Greenway Parks home designed by Frank Welch.

\$100 for the public

\$85 for Preservation Dallas members

*Photo: Steve Clicque*

## Community Events

### Munger Place Days

Friday, September 21 - Sunday, September 23

Munger Place Historic District

A three-day celebration showcasing the historic architecture in east Dallas' Munger Place neighborhood, known for its large collection of Prairie-style homes. [MORE>](#)

**Bishop Arts First Thursday Cruise Night**

Thursday, October 4  
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
7th Street & Bishop Avenue in Oak Cliff

Preservation Dallas members are invited to stroll the block and grab a bite in Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District. Collectible vehicles of all stripes will be displayed amid the historic buildings on Bishop as part of the monthly First Thursday event.

**Old Oak Cliff Conservation League Home Tour**

Saturday, October 13 & Sunday, October 14  
Oak Cliff

This year's tour highlights a variety of homes and buildings in Oak Cliff, including bungalows, mid-century modern, and early 20th century architecture. [MORE>](#)

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