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Preservation Task Force Created by City

In response to the recent demolitions downtown, the Mayor and City Council have authorized the creation of a task force to look at the current programs and policies of the historic preservation program and evaluate them for their effectiveness to protect our heritage while encouraging the management and growth of our downtown.

The chair of the task force will be Katherine Seale, current Landmark Commission chair and former Preservation Dallas executive director. Task force members include a range of developers, property owners, as well as representatives from local organizations from the preservation, planning, and architecture community. Preservation Dallas is on the task force represented by David Preziosi, the current executive director.

The task force is scheduled to start in early 2015 with a short time frame to come up with ideas to bring back to city council for consideration.

Need a Holiday Gift for Someone This Year?

Don't forget about our great holiday gifts at Preservation Dallas! They are perfect for family, friends, or clients. We have a wide range of wonderful books on the history and architecture of Dallas, including several new books recently released. You can swing by to check out the selection during the week (from 9 to 5) or call the office to order books for pick-up. As always our members receive a 10% discount on books! For a list of books we have for sale click [here](#).

We also have gift memberships available to Preservation Dallas so you can give the gift of preservation and access to all of the wonderful free programs we have for members throughout the year. For more information call the office at 214-821-3290 or [email](#).



2015 Preservation Achievement Awards Nominations Due January 16

WE NEED YOUR HELP identifying remarkable preservation projects that should be nominated for the 2015 Preservation Achievement Awards. The jury for the 16th annual Awards will be selecting award recipients in January, and we are collecting projects for them to review. Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 16. [Email](#) or call 214-821-3290 for more information on nominating a project, or to alert us to a deserving preservation project. Nomination forms are [here](#). Please help us recognize this years recipients at the Awards coming in April. Event details are forthcoming.



Oswald Sites Added to the National Register

The Paine House in Irving and the Johnson Rooming House in Oak Cliff were both officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 26. Both sites were tied to Lee Harvey Oswald and part of the efforts of Preservation Dallas to document the places associated with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy which had not been recognized with National Register status. Preservation Dallas worked on preparing the nominations for the sites with several volunteers including Sam Childers, Nancy McCoy, Marsha Prior, and Carol Roark.

Oswald's wife Marina lived in the Paine House at the time of the assassination and is the location where Oswald spent his last night and allegedly picked up the rifle that shot Kennedy. Oswald lived in the Johnson Rooming House during the week so he could be close to transportation to his job at the School Book Depository. Both houses were a part of the media frenzy after the assassination and covered in the Warren Commission report.

The Paine House, owned by the City of Irving, is operated as a house museum. For more information click [here](#). The Johnson Rooming House is owned by the granddaughter of the owner at the time of the assassination and is open for tours.

For more information click [here](#).



Paine House



Johnson Rooming House

Corporate Partner Spotlight: Kelly-Moore Paints

When the founders of Kelly-Moore Paints, William Kelly and William Moore, opened the company doors in 1946 they made a commitment to manufacture a high quality architectural paint that performed well in the diverse climate of the western United States, at a fair price, and presented with exceptional customer service. Their commitment has held as the company approaches its 70th birthday. Today, this employee-owned company creates its products in two plants - one in its hometown of San Carlos, California the other in nearby Hurst, Texas.

And the paint it produces in its 380,000 square foot facility, is sold through over 150 Kelly-Moore owned paint and decorating stores, dubbed "The Painter's Paint Store" - thirty of which are in Texas - and in an equal number of independently owned paint stores. All Kelly-Moore paints are held in high esteem by those who's living depends upon how well the product performs - the professional painting contractor. "We are proud to be the paint of choice for a vast number of painting professionals," shared Dean Nichols, Kelly-Moore's general manager in Texas. "And more and more homeowners are seeking out Kelly-Moore to be their choice when painting themselves - folks understand that if the pros choose a product, it has to be good."

Of course, architectural paint is used on structures with paintable surfaces - so it follows that Kelly-Moore Paints would be a staunch supporter of historic preservation. "Not only is it important for Americans to preserve their architectural legacy, the right paint for these structural gems is critical to their preservation-the coating preserves as it protects," shared Mr. Nichols. "And, in many instances, the paint colors used are reflective of the building's historic provenance."

Kelly-Moore prides itself on not only being the "best" but also possesses unique color intelligence on identifying just the right hues for each region. "Architectural styles, light, natural environment all impact the colors created by Kelly-Moore," noted Mr. Nichols. "One of our most popular collections is featured in our Historic Lifestyles of the West color card."

To underscore the importance of preservation, this past November, ASID Industry Partner Kelly-Moore Paints collaborated with Preservation Dallas in paying tribute to

a national force in the preservation world - Dallas native and founding member of the foundation organization of Preservation Dallas (Historic Preservation League) Virginia Savage McAlester.



Dean Nichols (left) of Kelly-Moore Paints presented a bouquet of yellow roses to Virginia McAlester at the Tribute Event while David Preziosi, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas, and Katherine Seale, Chair of the Landmark Commission and Tribute Event master of ceremonies, look on.

"Kelly-Moore wanted to publicly recognize Virginia's passion and dedication to the preservation of historic buildings. Without her initiative, moxy and tenacity, many of the revered spaces in Dallas would not be around and places like Fair Park and the Swiss Avenue Historic District would not be the incredible historic places they are today," cited Mr. Nichols. "And, with the release at the end of 2013 of the second edition of her 1984 seminal work, 'A Field Guide to America's Historic Houses' (Knopf), Kelly-Moore felt it was a most appropriate time to pay tribute to this remarkable woman.

"And the tribute luncheon was held at the ideal location," shared Mr. Nichols, "the Hall of State at Fair Park - the location that owes its preservation to her." At the conclusion of the luncheon, which was attended by over 200 supporters, Mr. Nichols presented a \$10,000 donation from Kelly-Moore Paints to Preservation Dallas in Virginia's honor to help the organization continue her life's work.

Preservation Issues

We have continued our work on the downtown demolition issue by attending the City Council Briefing on November 18 where city staff presented information on the current status of preservation in downtown Dallas and the lack of protections in place for historic buildings which are not City of Dallas landmark structures or in landmark districts. Staff also announced that they have initiated a 10 day notice period for demolitions downtown and recommend the creation of a task force to study the issue. To view the presentation by City staff click [here](#).

In addition to Preservation Dallas staff and board members there were many members there and other preservation supporters who helped fill the briefing room in a show of support for better protections for our historic buildings in downtown. In the

open microphone session both Katherine Seale, Dallas Landmark Commission chair, and Scott Potter, Vice-President for Preservation Issues on the Preservation Dallas Board of Trustees, spoke in favor of the city taking action to study ways to better protect historic buildings downtown.

Following the staff's presentation the city council expressed their interest in the creation of a task force and asked Katherine Seale to come up with names to serve on the task force. That task force was officially authorized earlier this week by the Mayor and City Council.

Preservation Dallas has recently engaged the services of Christine Rogers of the marketing firm Spark Farm to assist us in our messaging surrounding the work of the newly formed task force and to help gain city council and community wide support for preservation efforts in Dallas.

Director's Letter

David Preziosi

We are getting close to wrapping up the year so I wanted to reflect on some of the accomplishments and challenges in 2014. It has been another busy year for us with all of our advocacy efforts, programming, events, and normal daily tasks. This year we:

- Updated the newsletter with a cleaner more streamlined format, which is also easier to read on mobile devices.
- Celebrated outstanding preservation projects in Dallas at our Preservation Achievement Awards and recognized Bishop Arts as the Honoree this year for the incredible transformation of the historic area. Click [here](#) to view the award winning projects and a video on the story of Bishop Arts.
- Organized monthly Intown Outings and special lectures for members.
- Launched the Pegasus Urban Trails mobile app in partnership with the Urban Armadillos. To date there have been over 3,200 downloads of the app.
- Held a successful Spring Architectural Tour in the State Thomas neighborhood and a Fall Architectural Tour featuring estate homes and their grounds.
- Responded to the demolitions in downtown Dallas with media responses, appearances before City Council and organizing a Public Forum on the issue.
- Continued to advocate for threatened historic buildings in Dallas.
- Completed a strategic planning session with the Preservation Dallas Board of Trustees to focus on goals and priorities for the next few years.

As the year comes to a close please consider a special year-end gift to help us with our work in the new year. To give a gift please click [here](#).

Thanks also to all who came to our holiday party last week at the Wilson House! We had over a hundred people come through and enjoy the holiday decorations, food and drink. With the warm weather we had the windows open and guests enjoyed the porch. A far cry from last year when we had to postpone the party due to snow!



Events

Preservation Dallas Holiday Hours

Preservation Dallas will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 24th and will reopen Friday, January 2nd, 2015. If you have a question, please leave us a message by phone at 214-821-3290 or [email](#). We will get back with you as soon as we can!

Candlelight at Dallas Heritage Village

Saturday and Sunday | December 13 and 14 | 3-9pm | Dallas Heritage Village

For over 40 years, Candlelight has been a tradition among families. With 13 acres of decorated buildings, flickering candles lining the paths, strolling carolers, carriage rides with Nip and Tuck, and crafts for those young and young at heart, Candlelight captures the holiday spirit for all. For more information click [here](#).

Book Event: *Building a Timeless House in an Instant Age*

Thursday | January 22 | 6 pm | Hall of State

What do our homes say about us? What stories are they telling? Are they declarations of integrity, beauty and heritage? Or do they suggest we have lost our sense of value, craft and harmony? Brent Hull, owner and president of Hull Historical, addresses these very questions in his book *Building a Timeless House in an Instant Age*. Nationally recognized as an authority on historic design, architecturally correct moldings, and millwork, he reflects on a bygone era, providing a profound insight into the art of building homes in an age that is obsessed with what's next. The Dallas Historical Society and Preservation Dallas have invited Brent to talk about his work and sign books. For more information click [here](#).

16th Annual Legacies History Conference "Conflicts that Shaped Dallas"

Saturday | January 31 | 8am-12:30pm | Hall of State

Sessions for the 2015 conference will focus on the Trinity River, attempted annexation of the Park Cities, saving St. Ann's school, and the memorialization of the Kennedy assassination. The conference will culminate with a conversation with Wes Wise conducted by Darwin Payne. Preservation Dallas is a proud sponsor and one of a dozen historical organizations and libraries that jointly sponsor the conference each year. More information to come!

New Members

Individual

Monty Busch
Eun Hye Kim
Teresa McNiel
Russ Olivier
Patricia Tipps
Jerry J. Van Loh

Urban Armadillos

Debbie Bagley
Jeffrey Kobes
Tanya Ragan

Double

Brenda Hedrick

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Belva Lowry & Jacob Rice

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