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Preservation Dallas Annual Meeting Recap

At the Preservation Dallas Annual Meeting in the Carlisle Room at the historic Lone Star Gas Lofts building last week six new members were elected to the Preservation Dallas Board of Trustees. They are Vanessa Baker, Michael Fahrenbrook, Christopher Haley, Grayson Hughes, Carrie Patterson and Will Stovall. Six outgoing board members were also recognized for their service to the board and include Wade Andres, Bob Carrozza, Amy Wallace Cowan, Daniel Huerta, Paula Peters and Tom Taylor. We thank them for their outstanding service to the Preservation Dallas Board of Trustees. At the meeting a recap of the previous year's work as well as plans for the upcoming year were presented. To view the presentation given at the annual meeting click [here](#).



New Preservation Dallas Board members - bottom row (l to r) Carrie Patterson and Vanessa Baker - top row (l to r) Michael Fahrenbrook, Will Stovall, Christopher Haley and Grayson Hughes

Two very special awards were also presented at the meeting. The first one, Volunteer of the Year, was given to Nicky DeFreece Emery for her amazing work on leading the Education Committee in the preparation of *The Architectural Styles of Dallas Exhibit*. Her tremendous work on the exhibit was recognized including the countless hours she spent researching for the exhibit, locating photographs and artifacts, and working with the Preservation Dallas staff and the exhibit designer on the exhibit layout. The second award, Outstanding Service, was given to Mike Northrup of Cowles & Thompson for his incredible work on the appeal of the MKT Case to the Appellate Court and the Texas Supreme Court. He graciously offered his services pro bono to Preservation Dallas to help the cause for preservation. Mike's dedication and hard work preparing multiple amicus briefs supporting the city's case helped the appeal make it to the Texas Supreme Court which sent the case back to the lower court and thus recognized the rights of Texas municipalities to enforce historic zoning ordinances.



Nicky DeFreece Emery accepting her Volunteer of the Year Award from Preservation Dallas Executive Director David Preziosi.



Mike Northrup accepting his Outstanding Service Award from Preservation Dallas Executive Director David Preziosi.

Message from new Preservation Dallas Board President Buddy Apple

I have learned much and met many interesting and committed preservationists since I first joined Preservation Dallas in 2011 as part of our efforts to restart our Young Professionals group (PDYP). It has been a pleasure to indulge my love of history and to use some of my skills learned as an attorney to advance our preservation objectives. As an organization, we are fortunate to have a dedicated staff and an abundance of hard working and committed board members and volunteers, and I am honored and excited to serve with them as President in 2015-2016.

I shared three goals for Preservation Dallas at our Annual Meeting last week in the beautiful Carlisle Room at Lone Star Gas Lofts. First, we are setting a goal of reaching 750 members. Increased membership will enable us to do even more to protect and revitalize our city's historic places and neighborhoods, and will give us a greater voice when advocating for preservation at City Hall. Second, we will improve and build upon our prior success for the 17th Annual Preservation Achievement Awards, not only in providing an exciting event to recognize successful projects and dedicated preservationists, but also in tying the event to both our Spring Tour so that attendees can see some of the winning projects in person as well as to a number of activities for Preservation Month in May. Finally, we will continue to improve our advocacy on preservation issues, with the goal of proactively advocating for preservation and in seeing the Mayor's Downtown Historic Preservation and Fair Park Task Force recommendations



Buddy Apple, new Preservation Dallas Board President, accepting the gavel from outgoing Board President Jann Patterson Mackey at the Annual Meeting.

adopted by Council. We have already formed a new Public Affairs Committee to assist us in reaching this goal.

Thank you for your continued support of Preservation Dallas. I look forward to working towards these goals with you and to enjoying a successful and fun year!

Buddy

Endangered List Returning in September

Preservation Dallas is bringing back the Endangered List! With so many historic buildings in Dallas with uncertain futures we felt the list needed to return to call attention to the threats many significant historic places in Dallas are now facing. The last list was released in 2010 and the new list will be announced in September.

We need your help in locating sites for the list! If you have a place you feel is endangered please nominate it for the new list. Click [here](#) to download a nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until August 14th. A jury will then review the nominations and select the top sites for the 2015 list.

Don't Miss the Sharrock-Niblo Outing July 9th!

Do not miss our Intown Outing to the Sharrock-Niblo Farmstead on Thursday, July 9th! More information is in the Events section below.

Marcel Quimby states "Researching and documenting the Sharrock log cabin provided insights into the history of this remarkable structure - one of the earliest remaining log cabins in Dallas County remaining on its original site. Built in 1847 - only a year after Texas became America's newest state - by Everard Sharrock Jr., it witnessed the birth of his first child, Catherine, in October 1847. Over the past 165+ years, the cabin has witnessed further changes - the American Civil War, the remote rural location is now located in one of the largest cities in the county - which has grown from a population of 430 in 1850 to over a million today.



The recent stabilization of the cabin provided further insights into the craft of the cabin's construction as the original wood pegs and hand hewn logs with notched and pegged connections at wall/roof conditions were revealed..... these are remarkable, well-crafted construction techniques utilized in this log building that was built without the use of nails (or other metals)."

Preservation Dallas Board Member Craig Melde Wins Community Builder Award

Congratulations to Craig Melde, a longtime friend of preservation and current Preservation Dallas Board Member! On Tuesday, Craig was presented the Grand Lodge of Texas Community Builder Award, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.



The Community Builder Award recognizes outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through service to the community; the government; their house of worship; or to humanity. The award is presented to individuals who, although they have never been initiated into Masonry, have followed similar precepts, ideals, and standards established for Masonic behavior. Often times the award is bestowed upon a man or woman who, year in and year out, quietly and without fanfare, shows devotion to the people of his or her community without expectation of awards and honors. The award is the highest award that a Masonic lodge can bestow on someone outside its membership.

This year Craig was chosen for his outstanding work in the architecture and preservation field. He is a Founding Principal of Architexas and has worked on numerous projects in Dallas and across Texas. A recent project was the reconstruction of the Liberty Bank building that used to sit at the corner of Elm and Cesar Chavez. Melde and his partners dismantled the circa 1890s building brick by brick and reconstructed the entire building next to the Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral on Harwood Street. Other projects he has worked on include the Joule Hotel, Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe, Sammons Center for the Arts and the Harlan Building. Craig Melde said "I can see the positive effects preservation has on communities, it's community pride, a link back to why we're here."

Besides serving on the board of Preservation Dallas, Craig is also a founder of the Farmers Market Stakeholder's Association and sits on the Downtown Dallas Transportation committee.

Corporate Partner Spotlight: Preservation Tree Services

Preservation Tree Services, Inc. is a Dallas-based tree care company that employs sustainable practices. They have been a leader in professional tree care, preservation, and urban forestry management for more than 20 years. As they celebrate their 20th Anniversary this year, they are reminded that the company was founded on the belief that trees are a vital part of our community's infrastructure; trees provide valuable environmental, economic

and social benefits that can only be maximized through preservation, professional care, management and cooperative planning with other stakeholders. Preservation Tree believes their view of trees as a major part of the defining character of our community makes them a natural partner with Preservation Dallas.

Preservation Tree provides a wide range of arboricultural services such as basic routine pruning, advanced specialized pruning, removals, pest/disease consultation and treatments, fertilization, as well as urban forestry management services. Urban forestry services include tree inventories, resource assessments, and management plans. Their clients range from private residential, commercial and corporations to local municipalities and higher education institutions.

Preservation Tree Services employs nine certified arborists, two degreed foresters, a wildlife biologist and an urban forestry specialist. Their highly trained personnel routinely engage in continuing education at leading industry conferences and training sessions. And, they stay on top of the latest science related to urban tree care. As a team, they work diligently to enhance the beauty and value of clients' properties, understanding that each site is an integral piece of the greater DFW urban forest.

For more information about how Preservation Trees Services can add value to your project and property, please contact them at 214-528-2266 or visit them on the web at www.preservationtree.com.



Preservation Dallas needs a new refrigerator!

Are you renovating your home? Do you have an urge to upgrade your refrigerator to a newer model? Do you wonder where that perfectly good refrigerator could be re-located? Think Preservation Dallas! Our old refrigerator is in sad shape and is not cooling properly because the door is missing insulation and parts, and does not seal correctly. We are looking for a fridge with freezer in good condition with the ability to hold catering trays. French doors are fine as long as the shelves extend the full width of the fridge. A water or ice dispenser is not required, but is fine if included. If you have a fridge in need of a new home, please contact us by [email](mailto:info@preservationdallas.com) or 214-821-3290. Tax donation eligible!



Preservation Issues

Historic Preservation Tax Incentive - In December of this year the current tax incentive program in the City of Dallas for historic properties will sunset. Unless the tax incentive program is extended no new tax incentives for historic properties will be granted or existing ones extended after December. Earlier this year the Landmark Commission authorized a task force to study the current incentives and make recommendations for a new tax incentive program. In June, two public meetings were held to present the results of the task force. They recommended keeping the current structure in place for the incentives and increasing each incentive period by 5 years, They also identified two "endangered neighborhoods" for additional incentives to help with their revitalization efforts. Those include Tenth Street and Wheatley Place. To view the presentation from the meeting click [here](#). In August or September the task force will present their findings and any revisions from the public meetings in a public hearing at the Landmark Commission meeting. After the Commission reviews the recommendations they will go to City Council for a vote. At that time we will need people to contact their council members to ask that they extend the Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program. The program has been very successful in helping those who have invested in historic properties over the years and we would like to see that continue well into the future.

For more information on the current tax incentive program click [here](#) to go to the city's web site.

McCree Cemetery - Progress is being made on the documentation of the history of the cemetery and the survey of the markers and their condition. Preservation Dallas just received a draft report on the history from the consulting firm, Versar, working on the project. At the Landmark Commission meeting on Monday there was a public hearing to consider the initiation of the historic designation process for the cemetery. The Commission unanimously voted that the McCree Cemetery should be sent to the Landmark Designation Committee for consideration. If you are interested in finding out more about the history of McCree Cemetery and the project Preservation Dallas is working on you can attend the Summer Sizzlers session at the Audelia Library next Tuesday. Included will be a tour of the Cemetery after the presentation.

Demolition Delay Ordinance - At the Landmark Commission meeting on Monday there was presentation by city staff on a proposed demolition delay ordinance which would be an amendment to Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas Development Code. To view the presentation by staff click [here](#). The Commission asked several questions of staff and made some suggestions for revisions. Staff will bring back answers to the questions and potential revisions at the next Landmark Commission meeting on August 3.

Director's Letter *David Preziosi*

With July comes our annual turnover at Preservation Dallas. This month starts our new fiscal year along with new board members officially joining the Preservation Dallas board and a new executive committee taking over the board leadership. This year we have an excellent new crop of board members that are the youngest new group of board members to join Preservation Dallas. I look forward to working with them and the new ideas they will bring to the table. We also have a new executive committee that will build upon the leadership of the past executive committee. The executive committee gives a great deal of their time to the

organization and meet at least monthly. However, with our executive committee members chairing the different Preservation Dallas committees, they often have many more meetings during the month to take care of committee business. Speaking of committees, we are always looking for more members to help out with the work of the various committees including Membership, Education, Preservation Issues, and our newest committee Public Affairs. If you are interested in joining any of the committees please contact the Preservation Dallas office by phone or [email](#). We could not operate at Preservation Dallas and do all that we do without the help of the board, executive committee, and the other committees. So next time you see one of our board members or committee members please thank them for their service.

We are now half way through our Summer Sizzlers series and hope that everyone is enjoying them and will come out for the remaining three. We also have our rescheduled Intown Outing Thursday of the Sharrock-Niblo farmstead. It's a fascinating site with not only the cabin, but an early barn and root cellar as well. You won't want to miss seeing and hearing about the story of this site and its restoration by craftsmen. Thankfully we don't have rain forecast for tomorrow!

Stay cool out there in the heat!

Events

Summer Sizzlers continues!

Only 3 sessions left! Don't miss out!

July 14 - A Prairie for Eternal Rest: The History of McCree Cemetery

July 21 - FLW, Meet FW: Frank Lloyd Wright's Influence on Fort Worth

July 28 - Who Tagged the Alamo?

Registration is required. Each session is \$10 for members, \$20 for the general public. For more information on each session or to make reservations, [register online](#) or call us at 214-821-3290. All sessions begin at 6pm.

InTown Outing - Sharrock-Niblo Farmstead

Thursday | July 9 | 6pm | 6740 Trailblazer Way, Dallas 75236

Step (way) back in time and see the progress being made on one of Dallas' oldest dwellings! Dallas Park and Recreation, along with Marcel Quimby, Phoenix 1 Restoration and Construction, and Siebler, Inc., have done incredible work at the farmstead on restoring the cabin and you should not miss it. Mark Birnbaum Productions is documenting the project and you can see it here. There is a liability waiver to sign and bring with you to the outing, as well as a map to and information on the farmstead here. Admission is free for APT and Preservation Dallas members, \$20 for non-members and reservations are required. Please RSVP at reservations@presevationdallas.org or 214-821-3290.

PDYP Happy Hour and Tour

Thursday | July 9 | 6pm | The Grove at Harwood, 3019 McKinnon, 75201

PDYP is excited to partner with Lee Park Junior Conservancy, whose mission is the conservation, preservation, further development, and maintenance of historic Lee Park and Arlington Hall.

Learn about the mission and activities of both organizations, network, and mingle with friends from both groups, and enjoy the setting at The Grove at Harwood, situated in an original home dating to the era when the area was a flourishing neighborhood known as "Little Mexico."

Non-members are welcome to attend. New members may join at the happy hour and "pay your age" - receive the full benefits of Preservation Dallas membership (normally \$50) for one year at a discounted rate.

Please RSVP on [Facebook](#), [Preservation Dallas](#) or 214-821-3290. Valet parking available.

Please Welcome Our New Members!

Individual

Mary Driver
Cristine Hazemy
David Jones
Cathy Maher
Mark Pinkston
Sarah Rodriguez

Sustainer

Suzanne Caruso

Young Professionals

Justin Gobert
Jonelle Hanson
Lauren Kasper
Greg Leeper
Caitlin McCown
Zachary Noblitt
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