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The Architectural Styles of Dallas Exhibit Now Open



After months of hard work The Architectural Styles of Dallas Exhibit has finally opened to the public at the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture. This exhibit uses iconic Dallas architecture, like Old Red and the Statler Hilton, to help tell the fascinating and diverse history of architectural styles in Dallas. Everything from early log cabins, revival and early modern styles are covered.

The exhibit brings to life the impressive history of architecture in Dallas through text, photographs and architectural elements.

Open from 9 to 5 daily, the exhibit will run through June 8. Admission to the exhibit is \$4 or is included with the \$8 general admission to the museum. If you are a Preservation Dallas member you get half off the admission to the exhibit only.

The exhibit is made possible by funding from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Fondren Fund for Texas of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and The Summerlee Foundation.

Preservation Task Force Update

The Preservation Task Force has had three additional meetings since the last update. The one scheduled for February 25 was cancelled due to the weather.

After the first three meetings the focus shifted and looked outside of Dallas at other cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Denver, Durham, San Antonio, and Austin to see how they handle historic preservation. The goal was to determine the best practices of the different historic preservation programs and what redevelopment incentives for historic properties are used. The individual task force members also did individual research and reported back to the task force on items

such as economic incentives, how building codes impact historic properties, Tax Increment Financing, easements for historic properties, and more. In addition, Karl Stundins from the City of Dallas Office of Economic Development discussed the Tax Increment Financing program at the city and how it has worked over the years, especially for buildings in downtown.

The meeting last week focused on identifying the issues we have now and how to better address them in order to come up with a set of recommendations for the city. At the next meeting on the 18th the recommendations to be delivered to the city will be discussed by the task force members. The minutes from last week's meeting have not been made available yet.

Click on the links below for the minutes from the task force meetings:

[Task Force Minutes 1-21-15](#)

[Task Force Minutes 1-28-15](#)

[Task Force Minutes 2-04-15](#)

[Task Force Minutes 2-11-15](#)

[Task Force Minutes 2-18-15](#)



2015 Preservation Achievement Awards

The Awards are fast approaching and we hope to see you on Wednesday, April 8, to help us celebrate this year's award winning projects: Davy Crockett Elementary School, Dallas Farmers Market - The Shed, 5526 Tremont Street, 5215 Milam, 6915 Lakewood Boulevard and 1007 Fort Worth Avenue.

We are also very proud to announce the 2015 special recognition award recipients! The Dorothy Savage Award goes to the Founders of the Historic Preservation League (now Preservation Dallas), the Craftsmanship Award goes to Davis-Hawn Lumber & Architectural Millworks, the Stewardship Award goes to the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League, the Gail Thoma Patterson Award goes to the Kiest Park Pergola project and the Preservation Education Award goes to the Urban Armadillos.

The Awards Committee invites you to attend the 2015 Awards ceremony and reception at the historic Scottish Rite Cathedral. This year's awards will include a special tribute to the Swiss Avenue Historic District. Congratulations are in order to all of our 2015 award recipients! For more information or to purchase tickets visit [here](#).

Corporate Partner Spotlight: Quimby McCoy Preservation Architecture

Quimby McCoy, founded in 2000, provides full architectural services with a specialization in the restoration, adaptive use and architectural conservation of historic buildings and structures. The firm has a broad base of experience and knowledge in the related areas of preservation planning, research and analysis, architectural history, building assessments, materials science, government standards and regulations and offers assistance to property owners in determining potential uses and the utilization of historic tax credits and other incentives for rehabilitation.

The firm focuses solely on historic preservation and their experience includes many of Dallas' most significant sites, including the Esplanade and Hall of State at Fair Park and the Caruth Homeplace, Mesquite's Lawrence Farmstead, and Grapevine's Nash Farmstead, all of which have received Preservation Achievement Awards.

Other work in Dallas includes the Majestic Theater, the Downtown Dallas National Register District nomination, and the Sharrock family homestead that retains a circa 1848 log cabin, log barn and other remnants of pioneer life. For the Texas Historical Commission, they have completed three historic house museum projects and for Texas A&M University, they have completed several historic building renovations. Their planning work includes preservation plans and design guidelines for historic communities across Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Their residential experience includes houses on Swiss Avenue and the Saigling House in Plano, among others.



Photograph by Carolyn Brown

The principals and staff at Quimby McCoy serve on the Landmark Designation Committee, the Tenth Street Task Force, Swiss Avenue Task Force and the CBD/Individual Landmark Task Force, the Dallas Heritage Village Board of Trustees and the City of Dallas Urban Design Peer Review Panel. Principals Marcel Quimby and Nancy McCoy are both past Presidents of Preservation Dallas and continue to support the organization.

Preservation Issues

Fair Park - The [Mayor's Fair Park Task Force report](#) is still under discussion at the Park and Recreation Board and will be on the agenda at their next meeting on March 19th during their work session. At the previous meeting the board members discussed the report extensively and were in general agreement with the recommendations outlined in the report; however they wanted to discuss several of the items in more depth before sending it on to City Council. Some of those issues included community input into the creation of the report, lowering I-30 and how that would impact surrounding areas near the park, the structure of a nonprofit to run the park, and more. Several board members also questioned the process moving forward and how that would work. To download the task force report click [here](#).

Conservation District Regulation Amendments - Last Wednesday there was a briefing to the City Council on the proposed amendments to the Conservation District Regulations, which were developed in 2013 and 2014. The date hasn't been set yet for Council action on the amendments. To view the briefing from last week to City Council click [here](#).

Proposed Harwood Street Park - The Belo Foundation recently purchased several parcels of land between Young and Jackson Streets in downtown with the purpose of donating the land to the City of Dallas for a new park as outlined in the update to the Parks Master Plan. There are three buildings on those parcels which would need to be demolished to create the park. There are also several buildings along Harwood Street which were identified by the Parks Plan for the Harwood Park. Those have not been purchased yet and are in the Harwood Street Landmark District, thus requiring permission of the Landmark Commission for demolition. That area of downtown was once part of "film row" where many film companies in the 1920s to 1930s had offices and distribution centers for their films.

Director's Letter

David Preziosi

February was a busy month for Preservation Dallas with finishing up the exhibit and dealing with several preservation issues. All of the weather issues didn't help and required a lot of rearranging of meeting schedules and finding new dates for the February InTown Outing and Exhibit Opening Reception. So, thanks to the weather we have two great InTown outings this month to van Enter Studios and the University of Dallas Campus (yes, that is slightly out of town in Irving). Both will be great outings you won't want to miss!

This month will be another busy one as we get ready for the 16th annual Preservation Achievement Awards in April. You won't want to miss the event as we will be holding it in the amazing Scottish Rite Cathedral on Harwood Street in downtown close to the Farmers Market. This year's honoree will be the Swiss Avenue Historic District for the incredible work that has been done since the 1970s to save this important neighborhood. In the early 1970s the district was threatened with redevelopment and zoning changes which would have destroyed its historic character. Getting the neighborhood placed on the National Register of Historic Places and getting it designated as a City of Dallas Landmark district helped to stabilize the neighborhood and protect investment in the grand houses from the early 1900s. This was a huge

undertaking by many people to make it happen. It is hard to imagine today that this gem of a historic district was once threatened with redevelopment! We hope you can all make it to the awards event to hear about all of the great preservation projects around the city and the transformation of Swiss Avenue first hand!

Events

InTown Outing - van Enter Studios

Rescheduled date

Tuesday | March 10 | 6pm | 1415 Fairview, Dallas 75223

For fine art conservator Michael van Enter and his professional studio team, the conservation of significant elements such as the Octavio Medellin stained glass (Trinity Lutheran Church), the Millard Sheets mosaics (Mercantile Building) and the Jack Lubin mural (Statler Hilton) are business as usual. Join us as we learn about this 2006 Preservation Dallas Craftsmanship Award recipient's work spaces and see current projects.

REGISTRATION

Admission is free for members, \$20 for non-members and reservations are required. Please RSVP by email or by calling 214-821-3290.

Endangered Dallas Bus Tour

with the Dallas Historical Society

Saturday | March 21 | 1 - 4pm | starts at Hall of State

In 2004, Preservation Dallas developed the Most Endangered list to call attention to the threat or threats many of our most important historic buildings and neighborhoods in Dallas were facing at the time. There are still many buildings on the list where the future is unclear like Crozier Tech, Fort Worth Avenue's Motor Court motels and even the Tenth Street Historic District. Find out more about these sights as you take a bus tour with David Preziosi, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas, to see properties on previous endangered lists and hear more about their status and efforts to preserve them.

REGISTRATION

Admission is \$30 for DHS members, \$40 for general public. Register [online](#) with the Dallas Historical Society.

Lunch N Learn

Heart Pine...The King's Pine...Using reclaimed antique heart pine

Tuesday | March 24 | noon | Wilson Carriage House

This course is intended for anyone who appreciates the beauty, character and value of using wood for the construction of residential, commercial or other types of projects. The focus will be on Heart Pine, which occupies a unique place in the annals of wood as it was a primary source of building material used in the construction of homes, factories, warehouses, bridges and a host of other applications up to the beginning of the 20th Century. Due to its extensive use, Heart Pine is only available today through reclaiming wood from old structures or recovery from southern riverbeds. The primary objective will be to help participants learn the history of Heart Pine, comprehend its features and benefits and allow them to make informed decisions relative to using this special material of various construction projects.

Presented by Legacy Timber
AIA members earn one credit

REGISTRATION

Admission is free but registration is required. Register by [email](#) or call us at 214-821-3290. Lunch provided.

InTown Outing - University of Dallas Campus Tour

**Saturday | March 28 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
1845 East Northgate Drive, Irving 75062**

The Braniff Preservation Group and Preservation Dallas invite you to join us for a tour of the University of Dallas, located on rolling, wooded terrain in Irving. In 1966, the Braniff/Blakley Foundation, founded by Braniff Airways cofounder Thomas Elmer Braniff, donated \$7.5 million to the University of Dallas. The gift was used to build the iconic Braniff Tower, Braniff Mall and Braniff Graduate Management Center which are the central hallmarks of the classic 1960s style campus. Architects O'Neil Ford and Jane and Duane Landry designed many of the buildings on the campus creating a series of buildings that reflected their unique architectural philosophy which combined modern forms, regional materials and crafts, along with careful attention to light and shadow. There is an optional lunch in the Campus Cafeteria afterward.

REGISTRATION

Admission is free. For more information, please [click here](#) or RSVP by [email](#).

Advanced Historic House Specialists seminar

Thursday | April 16 | 8:30am - 5pm | Wilson Carriage House

Hone the skills learned in the Historic House Specialist seminar by taking our one-day advanced class. Learn about materials and methods of housing in Dallas, preservation economics, home appraisal, landscape and more. This class includes a trip to the public library for advanced historic building research. 6 hours MCE credit earned for licensed realtors. For more information and to register, go to [Metrotex](#) or call 214-540-2751.

New Members

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Dale Swope

Double

Stacey Copeland

Sustainer

Robert Smith

Young Professionals

Douglas Magditch

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