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May 2014

Preservation Achievement Awards are next week!



Join us next Wednesday the 14th for the 15th annual Preservation Achievement Awards ceremony and reception at the historic Texas Theatre! Come see all of the wonderful award winning preservation projects and people involved in preservation.

Our special Honoree this year will be the Bishop Arts District for its outstanding transformation from a run-down commercial area to a thriving shopping and culinary destination for Dallas.

Come celebrate remarkable preservation in Dallas and get a taste of Oak Cliff, all in one star studded evening!

For more information or to purchase tickets click [here](#).

National Rebuilding Day in Tenth Street

On April 26, Preservation Dallas participated in Rebuilding Together's National Rebuilding Day in the historic Tenth Street neighborhood. Thirteen projects were completed that day by volunteers from across the city. Preservation Dallas and the Preservation Dallas Young Professionals had their own volunteer team working on two projects. Our main project was 102 N. Cliff Street, a former two-story commercial building in the neighborhood which is now home to the Mendez



Preservation Dallas Volunteers busy at work painting 102 N. Cliff Street

family. The project consisted of painting trim work and building a new fence. The second project involved painting the interior of the Greater El-Bethel Church with other volunteer groups.

Our volunteers consisted of Buddy Apple, Joshua Atkins, Nicki and Bob Emery, Matthew Graham, Lisa Kays, Ann Keen, Tim Kindseth, Cheryl Manning, Cathy Mukasa-Magoye, Andrew Meckfessel, Anne Rushing, David Preziosi, Alicia Quintans, and Donovan Westover. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that gave up their Saturday to be a part of the extraordinary day of helping such an important historic neighborhood in Dallas!

To view images of the Preservation Dallas volunteer team at work during the day click [here](#).

In Memorium: Catherine Lou Conner (Cay) Kolb

Preservation Dallas is saddened to hear of the recent loss of Cay Cobb. Cay was a strong community activist who worked to make Dallas a better place to live, especially in her Oak Lawn neighborhood. She supported the development of neighborhood conservation districts, the establishment of a tree ordinance for the city, the McKinney Avenue Trolley, the State Thomas and Uptown Tax Increment Finance Districts, and also worked to protect the State Thomas Historic District. She was also heavily involved with the Historic Preservation League before it became Preservation Dallas and remained a devoted member to Preservation Dallas.

For Cay's complete obituary please click [here](#).

Events

Intown Outing - Davis Hawn Lumber and Architectural Millworks

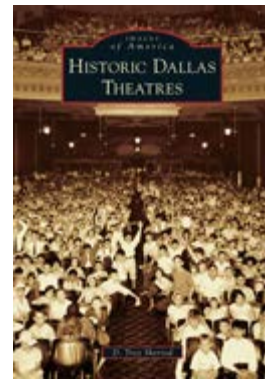
May 20 | 6pm | 1941 S. Beckley Avenue

Founded in 1923, Davis-Hawn is a full-service lumberyard, hardware store and mill, serving Oak Cliff and the metroplex. The lumberyard focuses primarily on custom homebuilders, remodelers and preservationists who value quality lumber, building materials and personal service. Davis-Hawn is committed to carrying on its traditions of quality, value, service and integrity. See a video about Davis-Hawn [here](#). Please contact Preservation Dallas by [e-mail](#) or at 214-821-3290 to register for the Outing.

Historic Dallas Theatres booksigning

May 27 | 6pm | Wilson House

Bring a friend and join us as D. Troy Sherrod, a fourth-generation Dallasite and local historian, discusses and signs his new book on the amazing history of theatres in Dallas.



Admission is free, and reservations are encouraged. Reserve a copy of the book today online to make sure you have one for the signing. A limited number of books will also be available for purchase at the event. Books are \$21 for members, \$24 for non-members, which includes tax. Please contact Preservation Dallas by [e-mail](#) or at 214-821-3290 to purchase a book. Pre-ordered books will be given out at the event.

Summer Sizzlers

Save the date! Our popular Summer Sizzlers series is returning for June and July. More details to come soon!

New Members

Individual

Andrea Collins
Elizabeth Gunby
Constance Harris
Kaki Roberts Lybbert
Harold Moses
Catherine Mukasa-Magoye

Urban Armadillos

Stan Aten
Lisa Benskin
Double
Don & Diana Kingston

Sustainer

Bill & Jon Lamoreaux

Steward

Karen Crowder

Welcome and thank you to our new members!

Preservation Issues

The Conservation District enabling ordinance issue is still continuing. This Thursday the issue will again be considered by the City Plan Commission at their public meeting in City Hall Council Chambers at 1:30. At the meeting the Commission will hear the case again and will decide to send the issue back to the Zoning Ordinance Committee for further review, take up further review at their meetings, or send it to City Council with either a recommendation for approval or denial. Preservation Dallas will again be recommending at the meeting that the issue go back to the Zoning Ordinance Committee for further review and input from concerned citizens and neighborhoods. We also have several issues that we would like to see addressed and feel that returning the ordinance to the Zoning Committee will provide a chance to address these issues.

Sadly, the historic Clarendon Street Interurban bridge in Oak Cliff was demolished this past weekend. Due to safety issues with the deteriorating bridge the Landmark Commission approved DART's request for demolition in January. The historic bridge was built in 1914 and operated until 1948 when it was abandoned by the Interurban and remained unused up to its demolition. As part of the demolition approval DART had to document the bridge before demolition and leave a portion of the bridge columns intact. They will also have to provide interpretive signage on the history of the bridge.



A historic image of the Interburn bridge on the left and demolition of the bridge on the right from this past weekend. Demolition pictures provided by Alicia Quintans.

Director's Letter *David Preziosi*

I hope you have noticed our new look for the newsletter! We have been working to simplify the newsletter and make it a little easier to read, especially on mobile devices. We will continue to tweak and evolve our newsletter so there may be more changes in the future!

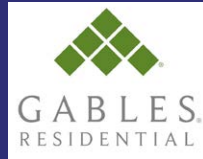
May is national Preservation Month and another chance to celebrate the power of preservation in communities across the country. Organized by the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) they have chosen the theme of "New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage."

Preservation Dallas started a little early with "Embark" during our community service project in the Tenth Street Historic District neighborhood. As for "Inspire" and "Engage" we are doing that next week at the Preservation Achievement Awards. The Awards event is always inspirational and an opportunity to hear the stories of outstanding preservation efforts from around the city. The incredible before and after images of work that has taken place is always fun to see. This year we will recognize projects from small shotgun vernacular houses to grand classical houses on Swiss Avenue, parks, commercial buildings, and more! Preservation comes in all shapes and sizes and we are happy to have an extensive range of award winning projects this year. We will also honor the Bishop Arts District for the incredible transformation of the district into one of the hottest destination neighborhoods in Dallas. Like many preservation efforts it took years of hard work and dedication on the part of many people to turn around the decline and that story will be presented at the Awards event. This event is also meant to "Engage" the general public and prove that historic preservation can be a beneficial tool for our community and a way to not only save historic places, but to provide jobs, increase the tax base, and improve the local economy. We hope that we will see you at the Texas Theatre for this amazing event and celebration of the power of preservation!

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