

October 2012 Edition

A Message from the Historic Preservation Officer



October is an exciting month for the Office of Historic Preservation! First and foremost, our inaugural **Power of Preservation PROMenade and Pachanga** (aka PROM) is just weeks away. Thank you to Deco Pizzeria and the Friendly Spot for hosting our fantastic PROM socials in August and September. The PROM will take place at the historic Mission Road Power Plant on October 25. This event will be an unforgettable fundraising gala with a twist, followed by an exciting Pachanga after party. Keep reading for details on tickets and sponsorship opportunities. You won't want to miss out on this one-of-a-kind event! A complete itinerary of the evening's festivities is in this issue.

We also have a number of other important events and projects this month. October is **Archaeology Month**...please read on for more information about fun archaeological activities throughout the month that are family friendly and educational. In addition, our **Historic Design Guidelines** are almost complete. We are still taking public feedback, so let us know what you think! We also have a "spooky" **Go! Historic SA Guided Tour** of the historic Eastside Cemeteries District, our most popular tour of the year.

Coming up next month will be our next **S.T.A.R.** project in Government Hill on November 17 and 18. S.T.A.R., which stands for Students Together Achieving Revitalization, utilizes the hard work of student volunteers from the UTSA College of Architecture, San Antonio College, and volunteer contractors to assist low to middle income historic property owners with repair and maintenance of their homes. S.T.A.R. has been a catalyst in the revitalization of many of San Antonio's historic neighborhoods.

Keep reading for more information on these and other events this month has to offer. Happy fall to all!

Sharon

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City News and Events

Power of Preservation PROMenade - Who Are You Going To Ask To PROM?

Our inaugural **Power of Preservation PROMenade & Pachanga** on October 25 is not your ordinary gala fundraiser. In a unique approach, the concept was developed to promote the message of change that preservation can make for the future of our community. In the words of critic, philosopher, and writer Roger Scruton, preservation is “not nostalgia, but knowledge passed on.” Far from freezing buildings in time and restricting change, the power of preservation is forward energy, using the materials of the past to illuminate the future. With this inspiration, the **Power of Preservation Foundation** was established.



Proceeds from the event will benefit the Power of Preservation Foundation, which funds OHP’s hands-on preservation programs including the S.T.A.R. Project and the Acquisition/Rehab/Resale Revolving Fund. The newly formed Power of Preservation coalition is comprised of individuals, businesses, neighborhoods, associations, and agencies to bring awareness to the impact – both economic and quality-of-life – that preservation has brought to San Antonio. As a non-profit organization, the group will sponsor future events and fund-raisers such as The Prom & Pachanga to raise money for local programs that promote preservation and education. The multi-media **Power of Preservation** campaign also includes an innovative tattoo promotion. Supporters can wear temporary “Power of Preservation” tattoos to show their support for preservation in San Antonio. Take a look at the end of this newsletter for our Power of Preservation Tattoo Photo Booth pictures!



The historic Mission Road Power Plant was chosen as the venue for the Preservation PROMenade and Pachanga for its bold architectural presence, its soaring spaces, and its historic role in supplying power to the city of San Antonio. The Mission Road Power Plant was originally constructed in the early 20th century, and although abandoned for years, it will once again be illuminated to power the future of preservation.

The **Power of Preservation PROMenade & Pachanga** fundraiser gala on October 25 will

showcase the significance that preservation has played in the city’s historical, cultural, economic, and environmental sustainability. With title sponsor Glazer’s Distributing, VIP Reception sponsor San Antonio River Authority, Welcoming Sponsor CPS Energy, and many other partners and sponsors, the Power of Preservation coalition will present three honors to *Preservationistas* who have furthered the cause to preserve San Antonio’s history, culture, and landscape. Honorees are UTSA educator **Sue Ann Pemberton**, Conservation Society Executive Director **Bruce MacDougal**, and **Silver Ventures**, owners and developers of the Pearl. The event will include a VIP cocktail party, awards dinner, dancing, and an exciting after party. Attire will be the traditional black tie, but guests may also choose to dress in “Roaring 20s” period attire!

This event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. Please see the end of this newsletter for a complete list of our sponsors. Thank you for all of your support in this exciting and worthwhile initiative!

The Power of Preservation PROMenade & Pachanga

Mission Road Power Plant
200 Mission Road @ Yellowstone (near Roosevelt Park)

Thursday, October 25, 2012

7:00 pm PROMenade Cocktail Reception

8:00-10:30pm PROMenade Dinner and Program

\$150 each or share a table sponsorship

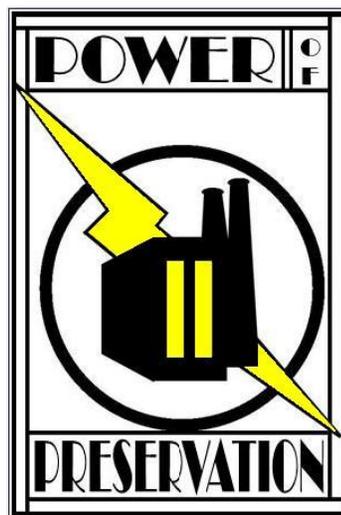
9:30 pm Pachanga

\$25 ticket (included with Prom ticket or can be purchased separately) If you can't make the gala, a separate ticket is available for the Pachanga on the banks of the Mission Reach. Enjoy the evening with cool tunes from SoundRave, cold beer from Glazer's selection of brews, and a food truck!

Please visit www.powerofpreservation.org for more information and make plans today to become a sponsor or purchase tickets to this one-of-a-kind event! Please contact Cory Edwards at 210.207.1496 or cory.edwards@sanantonio.gov for more information.

For More On the Mission Road Power Plant, follow the link below.

www.cpsenergy.com/Developers_Builders/New_Infrastructure/Mission_Road_Power_Plant/mrpp_history.asp



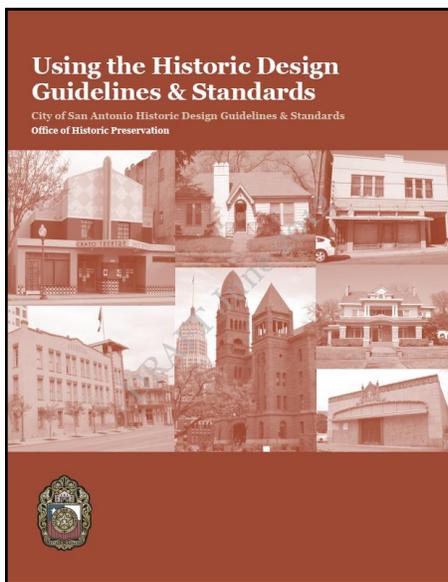
The Power of Preservation tattoo, available at the Office of Historic Preservation. Wear your support today!

S.T.A.R. in Government Hill Historic District November 17 and 18

Every year S.T.A.R. (Students Together Achieving Revitalization) keeps getting better and better, and this fall we are excited about our fifth S.T.A.R. effort on November 17 and 18 in the Government Hill Historic District. This is the first time that the S.T.A.R. project will be in Government Hill. Since the S.T.A.R. project inception in 2010, student volunteers from UTSA College of Architecture and San Antonio College have helped to restore dozens of historic properties in the Dignowity Hill, Tobin Hill, and Five Points historic districts. Sponsors for the Government Hill S.T.A.R. project include the RK Group, the Bullis House Inn, OT Partners, and ARTchitectural Interiors. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, contact Adriana Munoz at 210.207.0166 or adriana.munoz@sanantonio.gov.



Historic Design Guidelines Update



The Office of Historic Preservation is pleased to announce that the **City of San Antonio Historic Design Guidelines** are now available for view. The Guidelines were recommended for approval by the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) on October 3. This final version will be going before the Zoning Commission for approval on October 16, and presented to City Council Committee on October 17. The anticipated date for consideration by City Council is November 8.

The Guidelines will have a profound effect on the future development and preservation of our historic districts. The establishment of these city-wide Guidelines will provide predictability in the interpretation and implementation of design guidelines and consistency during the design review process. Successful historic design guidelines will help to reinforce and preserve the character of our historic districts.

To help us efficiently and effectively assess your feedback regarding the final document, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SAHDDG to complete a brief online survey. This is your chance to let us know how the Guidelines affect you. If only one section of the Guidelines affects or concerns you, then please feel free to only leave comments for that section. For additional information, please contact Cory Edwards at 210.207.1496 or cory.edwards@sanantonio.gov. The complete draft of the Guidelines is available on our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic/HistoricDistrictGuidelines.aspx.

Upcoming Go! Historic SA Guided Running and Walking Tours



Join us on the upcoming **2012 Go! Historic SA Guided Running and Walking Tours** offered this year. The guided tours are a great way to experience San Antonio's historic sites and get fit. At various stops along the routes, tour guides share stories behind the buildings, homes, neighborhoods, and parks of our historic city.

Our next tour will be of the historic Eastside Cemeteries District on **Saturday, October 27**, at 9:00 am. Participants will be guided

through the historic cemeteries and learn about the history and some of the more colorful "residents." Costumed interpreters will bring to life the stories of both famous and infamous figures buried in the cemeteries. The tour will be approximately 90 minutes. Participants will be broken into small groups based on running or walking preference. Come celebrate the "spirit" of San Antonio with this entertaining and informative tour! Registration is \$15, and a "Know Your Place" t-shirt is included in the registration price. [Register online](#) or in person the day of the event. This tour is our most popular tour of the year, so sign up soon!

Upcoming Tours

December 6, 2012
Holiday Lights

February 9, 2013
King William



Costumed interpreters bring the dead to life on the Cemetery Guided Tour

Westside Potential Landmarks and Cultural Resource Survey



The Office of Historic Preservation has collected public feedback on the Potential Westside Landmark properties that were identified over the past year as part of the Westside Cultural Resource Survey. Based on community feedback and eligibility, the OHP will identify a select number of properties to move forward with historic landmark designation to ensure the protection of these significant Westside resources. The OHP will work with property owners over the next month and will host a public meeting for owners of the selected properties.

Visit our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic/events.aspx for more information about the Westside Cultural Resource Survey and photographs of all potential Westside landmarks. This is an ongoing project, and we will continue to work with our community partners to identify additional cultural and historical resources on San Antonio's Westside. We are in need of volunteers to assist with research on identified properties. For more information on the Office of Historic Preservation's Westside initiatives, or if you are interested in becoming involved with our designation and research efforts, please contact Elizabeth Porterfield at 210.207.3327 or elizabeth.porterfield@sanantonio.gov, or Nicholas Fuqua at 210.207.0066 or nicholas.fuqua@sanantonio.gov. Also, a special thank you to our community partners, including the Westside Preservation Alliance, the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, the San Antonio Conservation Society, and the Westside Development Corporation, for their research and property identification on this project. We couldn't do it without your help!

Local Preservation News

October is Archaeology Month!

Each year, archaeologists in Texas celebrate Texas Archaeology Month, and this October will feature numerous archaeological activities and events.

A number of organizations in San Antonio will co-sponsor this year's **Archaeology Day** event to be held on **October 13**, from 10am to 3pm, at Mission San Jose. A number of hands-on activities are planned. The Office of Historic Preservation will be doing rock art painting and hosting Sam Viera of the Medina River Natural Area who will amaze you with his flint knapping skills. You don't want to miss this fun, free event! Hope to see you there!

On **October 20**, the Office of Historic Preservation will co-sponsor an **Artifact Identification Day** from 1-5pm at Mission Conception Convento. Dr. Thomas R. Hester (Professor Emeritus, University of Texas and former Director of the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory), Dr. Harry Shafer (Professor Emeritus Texas A&M University), Marybeth Tomka (Center for Archaeological Research, UTSA), David Calame (Steward, Texas Historical Commission), and members of the AIA-SWTAS will provide identification of your artifacts. This is your opportunity to bring in those items that you've always wanted to know "what is it?" The identification is free. Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter for details on these events.

For more information on archaeology and archaeological activities and events in South Texas, contact City Archaeologist, Kay Hindes, at 210.207.7306 or kay.hindes@sanantonio.gov.

Events and Exhibits at Villa Finale

Located at 401 King William Street in the beautiful King William Historic District, Villa Finale is the first National Trust for Historic Preservation site in Texas. Villa Finale was the home of Walter Mathis for nearly 40 years. Mr. Mathis was a leading preservationist in San Antonio and within the King William neighborhood. The home and its spectacular collection of over 12,000 objects were given to the National Trust in 2004. For more information on the following tours, programs, and exhibits, stop by the Visitor Center at 122 Madison, call 210.223.9800, or visit www.villafinale.org.



Spook-tacular Family Workshop & Boo-tique, October 27, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Come create “thrilling” crafts on the grounds of Villa Finale! Marylou Hernandez of The Cascaron Store will teach children how to create fun crafts with a Halloween or *Dia de los Muertos* theme. Kids can choose from *cascarones* (confetti-filled egg shells), candy baskets, or “ghoulish” piñatas. Take your crafts home just in time to celebrate the “scariest” time of the year! Each child may have one parent participate with them in making the crafts. Can’t get enough spooky crafts? After the workshop, The Cascaron Store will also be hosting a Halloween *Boo-tique* on the grounds of Villa Finale! Come shop for crafts to decorate your home for Halloween or *Dia de los Muertos*. Proceeds from *Boo-tique* sales go to Marylou Hernandez’s “All in 4 Autism” foundation. Workshop fee is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. Admission to the “*Boo-tique*” is free.

Statewide and National Preservation News and Events

UTSA Architecture Program Giving Architects a Re-education in Preservation
www.tpr.org/news/2012/08/news12082902.html

Battle of Nueces Event to Recall Conflicted Civil War Texas
www.chron.com/default/article/Battle-of-Nueces-event-to-recall-conflicted-Texas-3776975.php

Preservation and Sustainability in Charleston, SC
www.traditionalbuildingportfolio.com/features/commercial/preservationandsustainability.html

University Holdings Door to History and Culture

www.nytimes.com/2012/08/17/us/in-texas-university-holdings-door-to-history-and-culture.html?_r=2pagewanted=all&

Tim Portlock's Chronicles of De-industrialization

www.kcet.org/arts/artbound/partners/18th-street-arts-center/tim-portlocks-chronicles-of-de-industrialization.html

The Challenges of Preserving a Historic Neighborhood

www.washingtonpost.com/realestate/the-challenges-of-preserving-a-historic-neighborhood/2012/09/27/4a301f5c-0742-11e2-858a-5311df86ab04_story.html

Preservation Advocacy

Federal Historic Preservation Issues

Provided by Erik Hein, President, Preservation Action

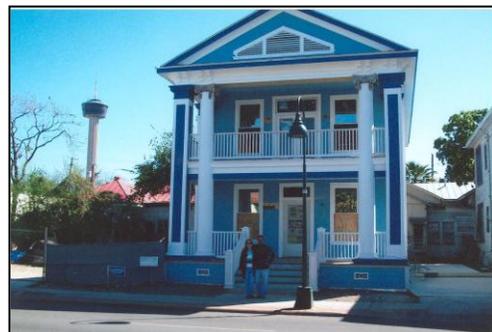
Note from OHP: The mission of Preservation Action is to make historic preservation a national priority by advocating to all branches of the federal government for sound preservation policy and programs through a grassroots constituency empowered with information and training and through direct contact with elected representatives. What happens in Washington directly impacts the work we do at the local level: grant funding to Certified Local Governments, Preserve America and Save Americas Treasures programs, federal rehabilitation tax credit policy, etc. This feature is intended to provide information to those who are interested about the status of current national legislative priorities within the preservation movement.

For more information about Preservation Action or current issues on the national legislative agenda or for information about becoming a member, visit www.preservationaction.org or contact Shanon Miller at shanon.miller@sanantonio.gov. For the latest Preservation Action update, follow the link below.

www.preservationaction.org/states/10.12.2012.htm

Tax Credits for Designated Historic Structures

Are you planning substantial rehabilitation for your historic home or business? Before you get started, contact the Office of Historic Preservation to find out if the work may qualify for one of our local tax incentives or a federal tax credit. For more information on tax credits, contact us at 210.215.9274 or at OHP@sanantonio.gov. You can also visit our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic for more details.



Reporting Potential Violations to the Historic Building Enforcement Officer

To help protect the City's historic resources, residents are encouraged to notify the Office of Historic Preservation's Historic Building Enforcement Officer of potential violations. To report a concern:

- 1) Gather information. Be prepared to provide the address of the property in question and a brief description of the potential violation or concern. Photographs are helpful but not necessary.
- 2) Call 210.219.2093 or email Ron Meyers, Historic Building Enforcement Officer, at ron.meyers@sanantonio.gov or OHP@sanantonio.gov during regular business hours (7:45am - 4:30pm) to report your concerns. After-hours complaints should be registered by phone through 311 or by email at OHP@sanantonio.gov.
- 3) You can report potential problems anonymously or provide contact information for follow-up.

Historic Structure Plaques



Historic Structure Plaques are available for purchase for individual local landmarks and contributing properties within local historic districts. The plaques visually identify properties and districts that have been officially recognized by the City of San Antonio for their architectural or historical significance. The plaques, available for purchase for \$95, are of cast aluminum with raised silver letters on a dark grey background. The plaques are approximately 7½ inches in diameter and ¼ inch thick. Fill out an application available on our [website](#) or stop by our office to purchase yours today.

HPTV: Historic Preservation Television

HPTV is back with all new episodes!
See the show on TVSA Channel 21:

Tuesdays @ 9:00am
Wednesdays @ 1:00pm
Fridays @ 7:00pm

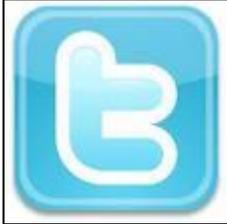
View current and past episodes of HPTV online at the OHP Website [here](#) (sorry, PC only). Recent episodes include a look at the city's historic Westside and a fascinating interview with San Antonio poet laureate Carmen Tafolla! If you have a suggestion for a topic you would like to see covered on HPTV, contact Nicholas Fuqua at 210.207.0066 or nicholas.fuqua@sanantonio.gov.



Office of Historic Preservation Online!



The Office of Historic Preservation is on Facebook! Facebook is a great resource for promoting preservation events and networking with other people in the community interested in preservation topics. Go to www.facebook.com and search for "City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation."



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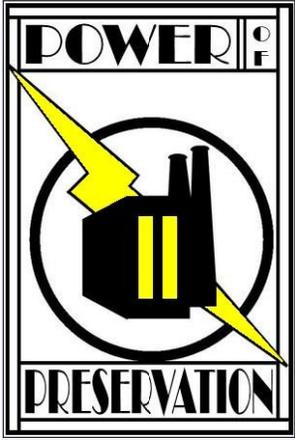


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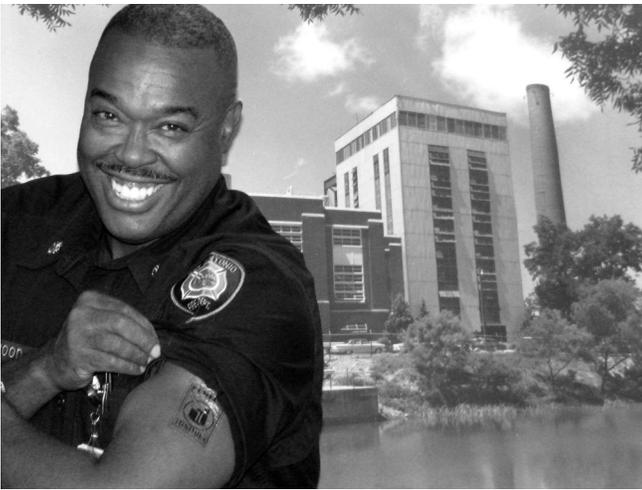
Check out the historic preservation blog on the San Antonio Express-News website at <http://voices.mysanantonio.com/swasielewski/>



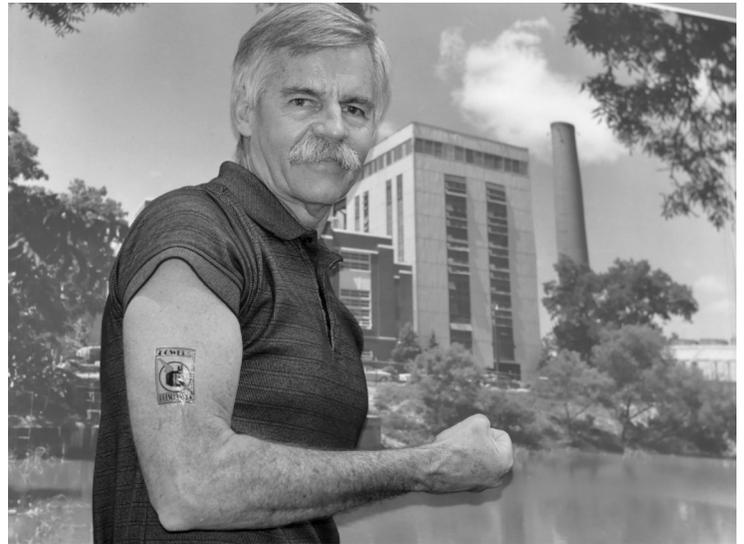
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ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

October 13, 2012
10am - 3pm



All Activities are FREE to the public

Alphabets in History - Archeology Institute of America-Southwest TX Archaeological Society

Hidden in the Midden, Mock Dig & Screening, Ask an Archaeologist, Artifact Touch Table, Atlatl & Rock Wall Art - UTSA-Center for Archaeological Research & Institute of Texan Culture

Greek Vase Designs - San Antonio Museum of Art

Flint Knapping & Painted Pebbles - CoSA-Office of Historic Preservation and Southern Texas Archaeological Association

Exploring the Archives - TX Historical Commission-Casa Navarro

Building an Arch, Paper Missions, Indian Quarter's Dig, Corn Grinding, Tooltime, Visual Caching with GPS - National Park Service-San Antonio Missions NHP

Wheat Grinding, Iron Age Weapons, & Fishing Tools - Texas Coritani

Storytelling - San Antonio Mission Branch Library

Fibers & Fabrics - TX Parks & Wildlife-Goliad State Park

ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION DAY

Where: MISSION CONCEPCION CONVENTO, 807 Mission Road

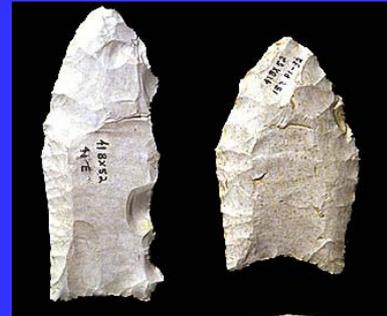
Date: Sat. Oct. 20, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Artifacts to be identified by:

- Dr. Thomas R. Hester, Professor Emeritus UT, Austin, and former Director of the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL), UT, Austin
- Dr. Harry Shafer, Professor Emeritus, Texas A&M University
- David Calame, Texas Historical Commission Steward
- Marybeth Tomka, Center for Archaeological Research, UTSA (CAR, UTSA)
- Kay Hinder, City Archaeologist, City of San Antonio
- Members of the AIA, SWTAS

What'zit? Don't know what you have, but have been dying to know? Now's your chance! Have that artifact identified! Includes prehistoric and historic artifacts! * Does not include appraisals. Your artifacts belong to you!!



- Visit the newly restored church at Mission Concepcion
- Take a scenic walk to the new Concepcion portal and along the hike and bike trail at the San Antonio River