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A Message from the Historic Preservation Officer

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Happy New Year! I hope that you and yours had a happy, safe and restful holiday. The Office of Historic Preservation is ready to begin another year of exciting events and initiatives.

This year many of our popular events will return. We'll present a Window Restoration Workshop, Spring and Fall S.T.A.R. (Students Together Achieving Revitalization) Projects, popular Preservation Month events in May such as the Amazing Preservation Race and the Amazing Preservation Race for Kids, a series of Go! Historic SA running and walking tours, the 5th Annual Historic Homeowner Fair, Power of Preservation Social events, and the Power of Preservation PROMenade. We also have a few surprises in the works for this year.

We'll do all of this while continuing our core duties of design review for our 27 local historic districts and more than 2,000 local landmarks, as well as providing protection of San Antonio's historic resources through new landmark and historic district designations.



OHP will be doing all this great work in 2013 without the hard work and dedication of former Principal Planner Anna Hudson. Anna begins this month as the new Executive Director of [Preservation Texas](#), the statewide nonprofit for historic preservation. Anna joined the OHP in August of 2008 after finishing graduate classes at UT Austin's Community and Regional Planning program. Anna helped to manage Historic and Design Review cases and staff during her tenure with OHP. Anna also worked to increase the outreach and education efforts of OHP by serving as project manager on many of those activities and events, including Preservation Month. Her new role as Executive Director of Preservation Texas will allow her to build on these efforts and help bring awareness of the importance of historic preservation to a statewide audience. We have all enjoyed working with Anna and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor!

Thanks for your ongoing interest and support. Enjoy this month's newsletter!

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City News and Events

Power of Preservation DreamWeek Social – January 15



We are kicking off our 2013 Power of Preservation Campaign! Join us on Tuesday, January 15th for the Power of Preservation Social. We are honored to participate in the historic and cultural sign preservation campaign. Hosted by Grant, this social event will be the first of its kind. We anticipate our 2013 PROM fundraising event in October. See you there!

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Find information and more ways to participate in DreamWeek at <http://www.dreamweek.org/what-is-dreamweek/>!

Window Restoration Workshop – February 1-2

Windows are important character defining features of our historic homes and buildings. The Office of Historic preservation will once again host a workshop on the restoration and care of historic wood windows. This popular workshop will provide historic property owners, contractors, and preservation enthusiasts the proper steps for repairing and maintaining historic wood windows. The workshop will take place February 1 and 2 at the historic Acosta-Half House in HemisFair Park. Registration is required.

For more information please contact Adriana Munoz at 210.207.0166 or adriana.munoz@sanantonio.gov. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for complete details on this event.



Protecting Historic Views



Can you imagine a skyscraper behind the Alamo shrine or a billboard next to Mission Concepcion? How we view our historic sites plays a major role in the overall experience. The City of San Antonio utilizes Viewshed Protection Districts to safeguard historic views, enhance scenic quality, and improve the overall experience of visitors to our most cherished historic sites. Viewshed Protection Districts are zoning overlays designed to address the unique situations associated with historic views that are otherwise not covered by zoning regulations.

Currently, two viewshed overlays have been adopted, but there are many more historic sites and landmarks to address. The one for the Alamo has been in place for many years. City Council adopted one for Mission San Jose, prepared by the Center City Development Office, just this week. The OHP will soon be developing proposed viewsheds for Mission Concepcion, Mission San Juan, and Mission Espada. We will announce dates and times for public meetings concerning the new viewshed districts in the coming weeks, so stay tuned. This effort is

for Mission Concepcion, Mission San Juan, and Mission Espada. We will announce dates and times for public meetings concerning the new viewshed districts in the coming weeks, so stay tuned. This effort is an important piece of the ongoing work to have the San Antonio Missions inscribed as a **World Heritage Site**, which would have a huge positive economic impact on our city. Protecting views preserves the quality and character of our historic sites!

Upcoming Go! Historic SA Guided Running and Walking Tours



Join us on the upcoming **2013 Go! Historic SA Guided Running and Walking Tour**. Our 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 last tour of the Downtown Holiday Lights in December was a great success. A photo album of the event can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Our next tour will take place Saturday, **February 9**, and feature San Antonio's beautiful King William Historic District. Registration is \$15. [Register online](#) or in person the day of the event. The tour will begin at the City Marina at 202 E. Please arrive by 8:30am for registration and check-in.

Additional tours will be offered throughout the year so stay tuned for more information and a calendar of upcoming tours (coming soon).



Westside Landmarks Initiative Update

The Office of Historic Preservation, in conjunction with many community partners, has conducted a Westside Cultural Resource Survey over the last year to identify, document, and protect places of cultural, historical, and architectural significance on the city's Westside. Over 90 historic places and sites have been identified as significant.

A number of these identified properties have been recommended by the OHP for designation as local historic landmarks. The OHP hosted a public meeting for property owners of the recommended Westside Landmarks on December 11, 2012, to discuss the benefits of designation, provide information about the designation process, and to answer questions.



The Office of Historic Preservation will move forward with a select number of potential landmarks. These properties will go to the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) for a finding of historic significance on January 16, then to the Zoning Commission, and finally to City Council. For dates of the Zoning and City Council meetings, or for more information on the landmark initiative, 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.

Iowa Street Improvement Project



The City of San Antonio is in the planning stages of a cross-departmental initiative to make improvements to the Iowa Street corridor between Cherry Street and New Braunfels Avenue. A public kick-off event will be held on Saturday, January 26, from 10am-2pm at the Davis Scott YMCA at Pittman-Sullivan Park. City departments and other offices will be on hand with information highlighting services available. For complete details, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter or contact Elizabeth Porterfield at 207.3327 or elizabeth.porterfield@sanantonio.gov.

2012 Tax Projects – Substantial Rehabilitation

The Office of Historic Preservation offers incentives for historic property owners to invest in their homes and businesses. One of these incentives is the **tax credit for substantial rehabilitation**. This reduction in City property taxes is available for designated local landmarks and properties within local historic districts that undergo a substantial rehabilitation. Substantial rehabilitation includes improvements that extend the life of a building such as roof, foundation, and siding work; electrical, plumbing, and HVAC system work; other structural work; and interior work. This work must be at least 30% of the pre-restoration assessed value of the property.

Following substantial rehabilitation of residential properties, owners may choose one of two options:

1) City property taxes are frozen at the assessed value prior to rehabilitation for up to 10 years, or
2) no City property taxes are owed for the first five years and for the next five years the City taxes are assessed at 50% of the post-rehabilitation appraisal (5 Zero/5 Fifty). Substantially rehabilitated commercial properties are eligible for the 5 Zero/5 Fifty tax exemption. The tax exemption for substantial rehabilitation remains with the property regardless of change of ownership or sale of the property. The following properties were the recipients of tax incentives for substantial rehabilitation in 2012:

- 430 Austin Street (see photos at end of newsletter)
- 1003 S. New Braunfels
- 222 Camargo
- 516 E. Courtland Place
- 323 S. Frio
- 1115 N. Pine
- 332 Adams
- 116 Princess Pass
- 922 N. Pine (see photos at end of newsletter)
- 330 Lamar



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.

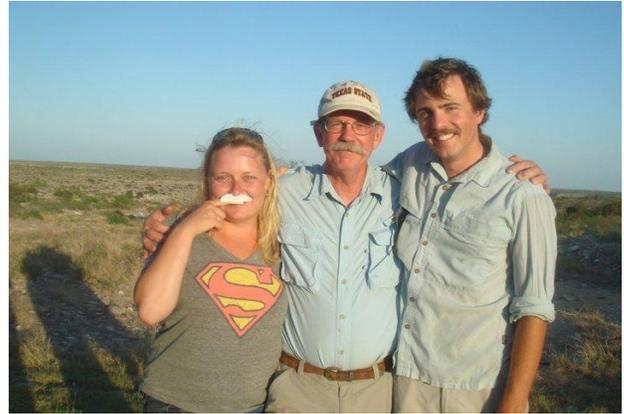
For more information on tax credits, contact us at 210.215.9274 or at OHP@sanantonio.gov. You can also visit our website at www.sanantonio.gov/historic.

Local News and Events

STAA Quarterly Meeting at Institute of Texan Cultures

The STAA Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, at the Institute of Texan Cultures from 12:30-4pm. The meeting will be held in the Connally Room on the 3rd floor. There is limited free parking in Lots 7, 8, and 9 (in front by the flag poles) and there is a city parking lot nearby as well. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- 12:30 Registration and Meet and Greet
- 1:00 Business Meeting, Officer Elections, and Awards Ceremony
- 1:30 Presentation by **Dr. Steve Black**
- 2:15 Presentation by **Ashleigh J. Knapp**
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Presentation by **Charles Koenig**



*Left to right: Ashleigh Knapp, Dr. Steve Black, and Charles Koenig
having fun out on a dig.*

Presentations Topics:

Ancient Southwest Texas: Progress and Prospects

Dr. Steve Black of Texas State University in San Marcos will present a paper on the Ancient Southwest Texas project. Ancient Southwest Texas is an ongoing, long-term research program launched in 2009 at Texas State University with the broad aims of improving the understanding of the prehistoric human record of southwestern Texas and adjacent northern Mexico, sharing what is learned with the scholarly community and the public, and training the next generation of archaeologists. Undergraduate and graduate students from Texas State and other universities have taken part in a variety of research experiences including archaeological field schools in 2010 and 2011, and a six-week field season in 2012. These experiences have been enhanced by numerous visiting and collaborating researchers. Ongoing investigations in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands include surveys, excavations, experiments, photogrammetry, geoarchaeology, remote sensing, and lab analyses. The paper highlights the program's research progress and prospects, including new work in Eagle Nest Canyon beginning with a field school combining dirt and rock art archaeology in June 2013.

Earth Oven Plant Baking at the Little Sotol Site

Ashleigh J. Knapp will present a paper on earth oven plant baking at the Little Sotol site. The Little Sotol site is an earth oven facility and the location of repeated plant baking through much of the Archaic period. The site is located in a tributary canyon to Dead Mans Creek, a west bank tributary to lower Devils River. The site consists of a 2-meter deep burned rock midden on a low, open terrace at the mouth of two small caves. Texas State University field school students uncovered several remnant earth oven beds, charred plant materials, and lithic tools indicative of plant processing and earth oven baking. Patterns in burned rock debris and artifactual remains at Little Sotol and nearby sites are shedding light on the history of plant baking in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands.

Burned Rock Middens, Settlement Patterns, and Bias in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands of Texas

Charles Koenig will present a paper on burned rock middens. Burned rock middens are one of the most common archaeological features encountered in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands of southwest Texas and Coahuila, Mexico. These features result from the repeated use of a single location for constructing earth ovens. Based on the research of these features, two models of Archaic settlement patterns have been hypothesized for the Lower Pecos: the semi-sedentary rockshelter and canyon collectors model and the nomadic foragers model. However, these two settlement pattern models have never been tested using site survey data. In order to test these two competing settlement pattern models, Dead Man's Creek (DMC - a tributary to the Devils River) was surveyed.

Through the use of GIS, site frequency and density was analyzed using Buffer analysis to determine site patterns in relation to the Devils River. The patterns observed within the data were then compared to three additional datasets: the Lower Pecos regional site data, site data from Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site, and site data from Devils River State Natural Area – North Unit (DRNSA-NU). Patterns within the frequency and density data for DMC, Seminole, and DRNSA-NU indicate that more earth oven cooking was occurring as distance away from the major rivers increased. This pattern of increased earth oven cooking away from the major river canyons conflicts with the canyon collector settlement pattern model, but there is too little site data to fully evaluate either the canyon collector or the nomadic forager models of Lower Pecos settlement pattern models. Furthermore, the site data for the Lower Pecos is heavily biased in two ways, both of which impact settlement pattern modeling.

First, nearly all of the surveys have occurred along the major river canyons. Second, there is a recording bias towards recent sites found on the surface. Based on the analysis of the limited geoarchaeological investigations, there is the potential for buried archaeology in the three main topographic settings in the region (uplands, rockshelters, and canyon bottoms). Further, due to geomorphic processes the most common sites present on the surface date to the last 3,000 years. These two biases have severely impacted previous settlement pattern hypotheses, and until additional site data is collected from areas greater than 7 kilometers from the major rivers and extensive geoarchaeological investigations are conducted, settlement pattern models will remain biased. Only through multi-disciplinary, systematic studies can data be objectively collected to test previous hypotheses and build new, better-grounded settlement pattern models for the Lower Pecos Canyonlands.

This promises to be an exciting meeting with great presentations! Following the meeting, the group will gather at El Mirador at 722 S. St. Mary's Street for food, beverages and fun conversation! Please join us! For more information on archeological events and activities in San Antonio and South Texas, contact City Archaeologist Kay Hinds at 210.207.7306 or kay.hinds@sanantonio.gov.



San Antonio Conservation Society Names Recipients of 2012 Community Grant Program



Using the proceeds from its 2012 presentation of “A Night In Old San Antonio” (NIOA), the San Antonio Conservation Society awarded more than \$134,000 last month in grants and special allocations to 15 historic preservation projects that fulfill its purpose to “preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places, and customs relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty and all that is admirably distinctive to our State.”

“For all those who wonder why Society volunteers work so tirelessly to produce NIOA every year, our grants program is just one of the many programs funded by that hard work,” says Conservation Society President Nancy Avellar. “And to all of you that volunteer at NIOA—even if it’s just as a shift worker—your donation of time is helping your fellow San Antonians through the grant projects funded by NIOA proceeds.”

After a lengthy review process by Conservation Society volunteers of a record number of applications, grants were awarded to 12 individuals or organizations in two categories: nine grants for residential historic structures and three grants for education projects. The Society began its building grants program for the restoration or rehabilitation of residential and commercial historic structures that are at least 50 years old in 1990. Grants for educational projects relating to historic preservation were added in the early 1990s. Since 2000 alone, the Society’s grants program has awarded more than \$1.8 million dollars to individuals and organizations.

Building Award Grants

Steve and Alma Cross, 1204 East Grayson, built 1885, Government Hill Historic District - for repair and stabilization of exterior limestone walls, reconstruction of roof supports and decks, and installation of a new standing seam roof. Called the Schaezler House, this high Victorian Italiante cottage was built for Christian and Gertrude Schaezler and is constructed with caliche/limestone blocks over a foot in thickness. There are numerous similarities between Alfred Giles designed houses of the 1885 period and this property; however, to date, there is no proof of this being a Giles designed home. It recently suffered severe damage from fire.

Susan Carlin and Ugur Kilic, 330 Lamar, built between 1906-1912, Dignowity Hill Historic District - for foundation leveling. The first floor of this property was used as the “Surman Red & White Grocery Store” until the late 1980s. Apartments on the second floor were used from the 1930s until 1970s. The entire building was boarded up as of 2000, until it was purchased in February 2012 by Carlin and Kilic as their residence. They plan to restore the store-like appearance of the building.



330 Lamar c. 1920



330 Lamar today

Richard Hernandez, 159 Kelly Drive, date unknown, Mission San José neighborhood - for roof repair. This home was built in a vernacular style, but with wood rather than caliche or limestone which suggests the late 1800s or early 1900s as its construction date. The cottage has been in the current owner's family since 1940 when it was purchased for \$200 by Epifanio G. Hernandez.

Lionel and Kathy Sosa, 126 Lavaca, built 1872, Lavaca Historic District - for repointing and removal of Portland cement from exterior limestone walls and replacement with appropriate mixture. This property was part of a Spanish Land grant made to Jose Maria Salinas in 1793 under Charles IV, the King of Spain. In 1872, landowner Martin Meunsch hired Henry Klockenklemper to construct this house which was then to be sold in 1880 to prominent businessman and civic leader August Briam, Jr. Remaining in the Briam family until 1947, it then passed through several owners. In 1996, under the ownership of United Way, it underwent an exterior renovation donated by contractor, Willie Mitchell.

M.E. Beall and Elisabeth Beall Erspamer, 312 Petersburg Street, built 1854, Castroville - for re-roofing of structure and restoration of windows. Anton and Catherine Schneider built this house of native limestone after they emigrated from France. The house appears to have been built in two stages and contains two fireplaces with chimneys and inside stairs that led to a loft, which was used for sleeping. These stairs were removed when a bathroom was added in 1952 by Martin Tschirhart. The exterior dimensions of the house remain as it was built in the 19th century.

Rusty and Madeline Guyer, 120 King William St., built mid-19th century, King William Historic District - for repair and restoration of two chimneys. In 1868, brothers and stone masons Joseph and John Ball came from Elmendorf, Texas to San Antonio and built two matching houses on the property. Research indicates that "their respective wives had a falling out, so John's house at 120 was built without windows on the northeast side." John Ball and his wife Catherine lived in the house at 120 King William until around 1924.

Richard and Jennifer Hussey, 210 Callahan Avenue, built 1907, Lavaca Historic District - for front porch renovation. The house was built in 1907 in an unusual style, with classical columns on the front porch and Mission Revival parapets on the roof. It was a single family home until the 1950s when it was converted to a duplex. It remained a duplex until the 1990s when it was redone and made into a single family home again.

Luis O. Lascari, 719 Mason Street, built 1898, Government Hill Historic District - for roof replacement. Lascari plans to make the historic Italianate cottage his permanent homestead once it is habitable. It is located next to the Iglesia Cristiana la Puerta al Cielo church, where Lascari is pastor.

Sandra O'Banion, 14450 Old Frio City Road, built 1898, Lytle, TX - for replacement of historic porch on north side of home. Joseph Ball, Jr. and his wife, Salome Keller Ball, purchased the land in 1898 and built a two-story brick house with a substantial fence. The property stayed in the Ball family until 1943, when it was sold to Laworia and Elsie Scoggin, grandparents of the current owner. The bricks are handmade, and story has it that they came from Meyer Pottery when it was still manufacturing bricks. All the walls, including the interior walls, are 14 inches thick, and cross hatched for strength. The main entry into the house was on the second floor on the north side of the house with a long covered porch. This property received a Conservation Society grant in the past.

Educational Grants

UTSA Mexico Center - for the publication of essays by multiple scholars from the US and Mexico, exploring the unique cultural heritage of the region nestled between San Antonio and Monterrey, Mexico, including architecture, traditions, culture, space and society.

Patrick H. Butler, III, Ph.D., Oral History Program. As part of a book he is writing about the history of historic preservation in Texas, he will develop an oral history program to gather information from many individuals involved in historic preservation in Texas from the 1960s to the recent past. The interviews will inform and support the proposed history.



City of San Antonio, Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Archives and Records - for its “Paving the Path from San Antonio’s Past to its Future” project that is designed to make documents from the City Engineers and Surveyors’ Collection easily accessible. It will include physical preservation of survey books along with a finding aid. The finding aid will be made available on the Office of the City Clerk website. There are over 1,000 field survey books, in varying conditions. Once indexed, the collection will be made available to historians, architects, surveyors, developers, scholars, geographers, archaeologists, historic preservationists, and the public.

This year, three projects also were awarded “special allocations” by the Society Board, unrelated to the Grants process:

Special Board Allocations

Koehler Greenhouse Restoration at Alamo Colleges - for disassembly, abatement of lead paint, repair and replacement of damaged wood, and reassembly to original form and detail. Although historical records do not mention the Koehler greenhouse specifically, the Koehler mansion, carriage house and grounds were completed in 1901. German immigrant Otto Koehler (1855-1914) hired local architect Carl von Seutter to design the home, billed by the Texas Historical Commission as “one of the most spectacular examples of turn-of-the-century eclecticism” in the area. At the time of its construction, the 12,655-square-foot Koehler mansion was touted as the most expensive private residence in the city and was one of the first homes built in Laurel Heights Place, north of downtown.

Koehler’s love for gardening was well-documented and probably drew him into the greenhouse often. According to *A Brief History of the Otto Koehler Residence* by Mary Carolyn Jutson, “Koehler took the greatest pride and pleasure in his home and the broad terraced lawns were his special province. G.A. Schattenberg, owner of Waldheim Nursery in Boerne, Texas, did the original landscaping, providing only the choicest specimens for his friend.” The Conservation Society newspaper archives show that Koehler won several botanical awards before passing away in 1914. Otto A. Koehler, son of the first Otto’s twin brother and his wife Marcia, deeded the mansion and grounds to San Antonio College in 1971. The estate was designated as a historical landmark by the Texas Historical Commission in 1975. Although Koehler mansion has been well preserved, decades of weather exposure and a lack of institutional funds have left the greenhouse in disrepair.

Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center at St. Philip's Colleges/Alamo Colleges - for renovation costs associated with re-use of the Good Samaritan Hospital building into a Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center. The Good Samaritan Hospital, built in 1948, was the first health care facility for African Americans in San Antonio. During this time, segregation of blacks and whites was very prevalent in San Antonio, and thus it is important to note the cultural and social significance of this structure. Although it has remained vacant for several years, the Center for Archaeological Research (CAR) at UTSA considers the structure to be eligible for formal listing as a State Archeological Landmark. The current project will create a unique one-stop workforce center that will provide workforce development services and an outreach and transition center for veterans in San Antonio, Bexar County, and South Texas. Once completed, St. Philip's College will continue to work to maintain the architectural integrity of the hospital and its historic, social and cultural significance.



Good Samaritan Hospital in 1948. San Antonio Light Photograph collection MS 359 University of Texas San Antonio Special Collections Institute of Texan Cultures.



Current conditions of the Good Samaritan Hospital Building

Bexar County Commissioners Court - for the development and implementation of "The History Center" in the historic Bexar County Courthouse. The grant will help pay for the services of a nationally renowned Interpretive Program Master Planner to spend 12 months developing everything from the initial mission, vision, and values statements to curating the first exhibit.

The grants program occurs annually and applications for the 2013 grant program will be posted on the website at www.saconservation.org in late August 2013, and will also be available at the Society office. For more information, contact the Conservation Society at (210) 224-6163 or conserve@saconservation.org.

2013 Historic and Design Review Commission Meeting Schedule

The [2013 HDRC Schedule](#) for application deadlines and meetings is now available. For questions or concerns regarding HDRC contact Sara Luduena at 210.207.4680 or sara.luduena@sanantonio.gov or Cory Edwards at 210.207.1496 or cory.edwards@sanantonio.gov.

Featured Article

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town: The Sites of the Texas Revolution in Downtown San Antonio

By Nicholas Fuqua, OHP



Downtown San Antonio was one of the most important theaters in which the war for Texas Independence from Mexico played out. Though the Alamo is undoubtedly the most famous of these sites, the downtown area is filled with important locations from the Siege of Bexar, or First Battle of the Alamo, fought between October 12 and December 11, 1835.

Leading up to the Siege of Bexar were a number of skirmishes and battles which would culminate in the struggle for San Antonio. The first shots of the Texas Revolution were fired at the Battle of Gonzales on October 2, 1835. Mexican soldiers had loaned the settlers of Gonzales a cannon in 1831, but by 1835, with growing political unrest, Mexican soldiers were sent to get the cannon back. Reportedly Texans raised a now famous white flag with the image of a cannon and the words “*Come and Take It*” and shots were fired. This was followed by the Battle of Goliad on October 10 and the Battle of Conception on October 28.

By that time, Mexican General Martin Perfecto de Cos had arrived in San Antonio and had chosen to take a defensive stand in Main Plaza, Plaza de Armas (Military Plaza), and the Alamo. His troops mounted defensive positions which included cannon emplacements. With 751 men, Cos tried to block access to and from town. Ben Milam and Frank Johnson, along with a number of Texan and Tejano volunteers, set up camp at the old Molina Blanco, believed to be in the vicinity of present day Providence High School (just north of downtown on N. St. Mary’s Street). On December 5, Milam and Johnson lead an attack on Mexican troops at Main Plaza. Cos and his men withdrew to the Alamo on December 9 to develop a plan for counter attack. Milam was later killed by a sniper in the courtyard of the Veramendi Palace, a large residence built for the Veramendi family in the late 18th-early 19th centuries. On December 11, 1835, the Texans officially accepted Cos's surrender, which took place in La Villita. Under the terms of the surrender, Cos and his men would leave Texas and no longer fight. The site of the surrender still stands, and the structure is known as the Cos House.



Cos House in La Villita

After the Siege of Bexar and surrender of General Cos, the Texan and Tejano volunteers occupied the Alamo, which had already been fortified by Cos. On February 23, 1836, Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna unexpectedly arrived in San Antonio. When Santa Anna demanded surrender, the Alamo defenders answered with a cannon shot. Santa Anna then raised a red flag of “No Surrender” at the top of San Fernando Church, meaning they would take no prisoners. Fighting ensued and continued for 13 days

until the Alamo fell to Mexican forces on March 6. Following the bloody battle, General Antonio López de Santa Anna ordered the bodies of the Texans and Tejanos burned. It is not clear where the funeral pyres were located, but it's postulated that one was along the Alameda, now Commerce Street.

Many of the locations, sites, and structures associated with the Texas Revolution are still located in downtown San Antonio. Plaza de Armas (Military Plaza) and Main Plaza, where Cos set up his defenses, are still prominent public spaces in the city. The Veramendi Palace, where Ben Milam was shot and killed was demolished in 1910, but was located where the Mexican Manhattan Restaurant today exists on Soledad Street between Commerce and Houston Streets. The Cos House still stands in La Villita, along with other 19th century period structures. The Alamo and its grounds remain at the heart of the city and are open to the public free of charge.



Casa Navarro

Other sites in the city are also associated with the Texas Revolution. These include the Fairmount Hotel, located at S. Alamo and E. Nueva Streets, which was the site of a Mexican fortification that fired onto the Alamo during the battle. Casa Navarro, a State Historic Site located at W. Nueva and S. Laredo Streets, was the home of Jose Antonio Navarro, one of two native born Texans to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence. The site of the Samuel Maverick homestead, also a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, was located where the Gibbs Building is now at Houston and Alamo Plaza. Two cannon used during the siege of the Alamo were uncovered at this site during the building's construction and relocated to La Villita and can now be seen at the west entrance on S. Presa Street. The site of the De La Garza Home and Mint, which is identified with a

historical marker on east side of Rand Building at Houston and N. Main, was where Ben Milam's troops engaged in a two-day battle to commandeer the compound as their headquarters. Milam Park, on the western side of downtown between Houston, Commerce and Dolorosa Streets, once served as the city's burial ground and was the location of the interment of Mexican soldiers after the battle of the Alamo on the orders of Santa Anna.

Preservation Partners

Local Historian Maria Pfeiffer



Maria Watson Pfeiffer is a native San Antonian with 40 years of experience as a historian and historic preservation consultant. She specializes in documenting the 19th and 20th century history of San Antonio and Southwest Texas. Ms. Pfeiffer received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Texas at Austin and M.A. in Urban Studies from Trinity University. Her work includes numerous studies of public buildings and spaces in collaboration with architecture, landscape architecture, and engineering firms. She has completed numerous nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designations. Her work also includes historical content for museum exhibits and interpretive signage. She currently serves as a board member for the Brackenridge Park Conservancy and member of the Texas Antiquities Committee.

State and National News

Preservation Stories and News from around Texas, the Country, and the World

Historic Preservation and Weather

Louisiana Cemeteries Sinking

www.weather.com/news/sinking-cemeteries-20130103

Mississippi River Hits Historic Lows

www.weather.com/news/mississippi-river-low-levels-20130103

Preservation Meets High Fashion

Ralph Lauren's Flagship Stores Mix Preservation and Adaptive Rehabilitation with Historically Sensitive New Construction

<http://flagships.ralphlauren.com/>

Versace Store Occupies Last of Vanderbilt Fifth Avenue Townhouses

<http://daytoninmanhattan.blogspot.com/2011/06/last-of-vanderbilt-row-no-647-fifth.html>

Community Preservation Issues

Connecting Main Street and Hispanic Communities

<http://blog.preservationnation.org/2012/10/16/10-on-tuesday-10-ways-to-connect-main-street-and-hispanic-communities/>

Prentice Hospital in Chicago Denied Landmark Status

<http://blog.preservationnation.org/2012/11/02/prentice-hospital-denied-landmark-designation-the-fight-continues/>

Texas Historic Courthouses Still in Danger

www.savingplaces.org/treasures/texas-courthouses



Preservation Texas News and Events

www.preservationtexas.org/resources/statewide-events/

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/01.04.2013.htm#sandy

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 relocation of historic structures, including an 18th century Virginia log cabin relocated to San Antonio in the 1950s! 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” and “Power of Preservation San Antonio”



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WINDOW RESTORATION WORKSHOP

February 1-2, 2013 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm • Historic Acosta/Halff House in HemisFair Park

Friday, February 1st

This session will focus on the basics of repair and restoration using the historic Acosta/Halff House windows for a hands-on learning experience. Session is open to registered homeowners and contractors. Training begins at 9:00 am at the Acosta/Halff House in HemisFair Park.

Saturday, February 2nd

Encouraged for contractors or professionals interested in advanced training on wood window restoration. Participants will be certified by the City of San Antonio in wood window restoration at the end of the session. Training begins at 9:00 am at the Acosta/Halff House.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms are available at www.sanantonio.gov/historic

For more information contact Adriana Munoz at 207-0166 or adriana.munoz@sanantonio.gov

REGISTER TODAY! Windows are a character-defining feature of historic buildings that can last for decades if properly maintained. This workshop, presented by the City's Office of Historic Preservation, the UTSA College of Architecture, ARTchitectural Interiors, Downtown Operations, and HPARC is designed to teach the basics of wood window care and repair.

The one-day course is geared for homeowners looking for the basics, while the more extensive two-day course is for contractors and students interested in receiving certification in wood window restoration. Individuals receiving certification will be included on the Office of Historic Preservation's list of Certified Window Repair Professionals. The window workshop will be held at the historic Acosta/Halff House in HemisFair Park. The Victorian Eclectic home was built in 1893 as a single-family residence, converted into a rooming house in the 1950s, and eventually became an architectural showpiece in the 1968 HemisFair. The home still stands in its original location as part of HemisFair Park and is owned by the City of San Antonio.

Participants will rehabilitate the existing windows of the building and gain valuable knowledge about wood window restoration. The workshop is a hands-on opportunity to learn how to save thousands of dollars through simple do-it-yourself techniques and proper window maintenance.

COST

Homeowner (1-day course)	\$195
Student (with valid ID) (2-day course & certificate)	\$150
Contractor (2-day course & certificate)	\$395

Registration fee includes window restoration materials, hands-on training, lunch, & tour of the Acosta/Halff House.

INSTRUCTORS

Victor Salas, expert craftsman and HDRC Commissioner, will teach participants to assess a window's condition and provide basic to advanced repair. Mr. Salas is the owner of ARTchitectural Interiors, a custom wood and metal work design company in San Antonio.

Sue Ann Pemberton, architect and professor with the UTSA College of Architecture, will educate participants on the value of historic windows and the historical significance of the historic Acosta/Halff House.

WINDOW RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Register Today! Space is limited!

February 1st and 2nd, 2013

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Acosta/Halff House in HemisFair Park

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Please Type or Print

Name _____

Organization/Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Payment Method (circle one) Check Credit Card

The City will accept checks or credit cards. Please make checks payable to *The City of San Antonio*. If paying with a credit card, you must drop off your registration form in person at 1901 S. Alamo at the Historic Preservation Counter. Check payments may be dropped off or mailed to:

**City of San Antonio
Office of Historic Preservation
1901 S. Alamo**

Course Registration (please check one)	
_____ One-Day Course – February 1st.....	\$195
_____ Two-Day Course (student with valid ID) – February 1st & 2nd	\$150
_____ Two-Day Course – February 1st & 2nd	\$395
<p>Course includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-depth, hands-on training on wood window care and repair• All materials needed during the workshop• Safety equipment• Wood Window Repair Manual• Lunch (please indicate preference below)	

February 1st	February 2nd
<input type="checkbox"/> Station Club Sandwich: Cheddar and Provolone cheeses with turkey, ham, lettuce, tomato, and mayo	<input type="checkbox"/> Oven Roasted Turkey Breast
<input type="checkbox"/> Habanero Turkey – Garlic habanero aioli on a hot turkey sandwich with lettuce, tomato, and melted provolone	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad
<input type="checkbox"/> Habanero Roast Beef – Lean roast beef with melted provolone and a garlic habanero aioli, lettuce, and tomato.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Salad
<input type="checkbox"/> The Veggie Sandwich – Homemade hummus with shredded carrots, cucumber, yellow squash, lettuce, tomato, and a hint of chipotle.	<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ham
	<input type="checkbox"/> Veggie
	Choice of Bread:
	<input type="checkbox"/> White
	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole Grain Wheat
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Wheat Wrap

Please meet at the Acosta/Halff House in HemisFair Park by 9:00 AM the day of the workshop. Registration fees are not refundable. Contact Adriana Munoz at adriana.munoz@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-0166 for additional information.

Downtown Holiday Lights Tour

December 6, 2012



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Come join
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The Department of
Planning & Community Development
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WHERE: DAVIS-SCOTT FAMILY YMCA
1213 IOWA STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78203

TIME: 10:00 A.M.— 2:00 P.M.

For more information please call (210) 207-2797
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Before



After

**Substantial Rehabilitation Tax Credit Project
430 Austin Street**



Before



After