**REMINDER**

Holiday Party at the Wilson House
Tonight, December 2, from 6:00-8:00pm
Click here for details!

Preservation Updates

**Cesar Chavez Expansion** - Dallas Heritage Village and Architexas each have expressed interest in moving and rehabilitating one of the three buildings in the route of the Cesar Chavez Boulevard expansion. If successful, this would mean that the two most architecturally significant structures - including one of only a few remaining nineteenth-century commercial buildings in downtown Dallas - in the row of three buildings would be saved.

Join/Renew

Donate
Calvary Baptist Church - This historic Oak Cliff church will move ahead with plans to sensitively renovate its three-building complex, including restoration of the original Doric columns on the 1924 church building (now hidden by a 1960s concrete screen). Church leadership has reached out to Preservation Dallas, preservation professionals, and the Oak Cliff community, and they believe that returning the building to its historic appearance will make the church a more integral part of the community - helping both the revitalization of the church, the congregation, and the neighborhood around it. Preservation Dallas welcomes the church as its newest nonprofit organization member.

Photo: Original Column Hidden Behind the 1960s Concrete Screen

Courtesy of Calvary Baptist Church

Monroe Shops - Monroe Shops has been awarded LEED® Platinum certification by the US Green Building Council for its recent renovation as the Dallas Area Rapid Transit

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New Members

Individual:
Roya Daugherty
Lauren Valek Farris
Wilford Foster
Kristine Graves
Lynn Mosley
Susan Quante
Ric Shanahan
William Short, Jr.
Patty Stevenson
Patrice Stine
Jerry Stine
Angela Webb

Double:
Allie Mysliwy

Nonprofit:
bcWORKSHOP
Calvary Baptist Church

Welcome and Thanks!

LINKS:

Dallas Arts District
Dallas Architecture Forum
Dallas Center for Architecture

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(DART) Police Headquarters at Illinois Station, Monroe

Shops, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006, was built in 1914 as a maintenance facility for the Texas Traction and Southern Traction interurban rail companies (later Texas Electric Railroad). During the renovation of the building - transforming it from, essentially, a shell to a modern police facility - DART and the design and preservation team (consisting, in part, of Aguirre Roden, URS Corporation, and Brinkley Sargent Architects) worked closely with the Texas Historical Commission to ensure that the renovations were performed in an environmentally sensitive way and that all interventions also met the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation. The LEED Platinum certification is an honor in itself, and this recognition is especially noteworthy because the Monroe Shops is one of only a few buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places to achieve this rating. Also, it is the first National Register building owned by a public entity to receive platinum certification.
Veterans Affairs Medical Center - The Veterans Administration is proposing demolition of Building 5 (built as the Manager’s Quarters, in 1940) and Building 6 (built as the Nurses’ Quarters in 1940) at the VA Medical Center, 4500 South Lancaster Road, to accommodate the new Clinical Expansion Mental Health (CEMH) facility on the site. In addition, the VA proposes to demolish Building 10 (the Boiler House, built in 1940) to accommodate a future new warehouse facility on the site. A tour of the buildings to be impacted and a public hearing were held on November 30.

Photo: Building No. 5, the Manager’s Quarters

Courtesy of Quimby McCoy Preservation Architecture

How To: Winterize Your Historic Home
As cooler temperatures prevail in the North Texas area, take these steps to protect your historic home and promote sustainability into the winter months:

- Move furniture off of floor vents and ensure that cold air returns aren’t blocked.
- Add draft stoppers to exterior doors. Click here to learn how to sew your own.
- Interior window insulation panels can act as an inside ‘storm window’ without affecting the outside appearance of an historic window. Click here for instructions on how to make your own.

Click here to read more tips...

**A Timeless Holiday at the Wilson House**

The talented team at William-Christopher Design has transformed the Wilson House for the holidays. Decorated with natural plants and bright accents, the design features elements that work well in a home of any style or age. To achieve a classic, elegant look in your own holiday decorating, W. Tyson Burks offers these tips:

- Use fresh, natural items as much as possible, including, flowers (such as poinsettias and cyclamen), greenery, nuts and fruits (such as pomegranates, oranges and pears).
- Keep it simple - CVS hasn’t always sold inflatable Santas for your yard. Remember that Christmas was once much more modest.
- Unite similar elements - use all red decorations in one room, all the green in another.

The Wilson House will be open for public tours during the holiday season, Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. through December 22nd. Come by for a visit, and let William-Christopher Design’s visual delights inspire your own holiday decorating plans.
Neighborhood Spotlight:

Hollywood/Santa Monica

In terms of development and construction, few places "roared" like Dallas during the Roaring Twenties. The 1924 New Year's Day edition of the *Dallas Morning News* trumpeted Dallas as second only to St. Louis in development volume throughout the southern and southwestern portions of the nation, citing strength in both downtown commercial and suburban residential real estate sales and construction value. Read more...
Upcoming Preservation Dallas Events

**Holiday Party**
Wilson House, 2922 Swiss Avenue
December 2, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Exclusive to members!

Celebrate the season with festivities and treats at the Wilson House, decorated in holiday finery by William Christopher Design. **UPDATE:** Authors of the new book on the McKinney Avenue Trolley and State-Thomas neighborhood will also be on hand for a book signing!

**Wilson House Holiday Tour**
December 6-22, Appointments Preferred
Tuesday-Friday, 10:00-4:00pm
Saturday for groups of 6+, Appt. Only

Create a new family tradition this year with a **free** holiday tour of the historic Wilson House. Hear about the history of the home and Wilson Block Historic District while you take a visual trip through the wonders of the holidays. Call 214-821-3290 or email ikays@preservationdallas.org to schedule today!

**PDYP Happy Hour**
Times Ten Cellars, Lakewood
January 25, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Celebrate the new year with fellow young professionals at the Times Ten Cellars Lakewood location. Hear why the owners chose the historic location and enjoy a glass of wine that was bottled on site!

**13th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference: Defining the Spirit of Dallas**
Hall of State, Fair Park
January 28

Join Preservation Dallas and 11 other local organizations for a day of provocative presentations by professional and lay historians focusing on the history of our city.

**Discussion and Book Signing**
Wilson House
March 6, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Join Chris Meister, author of *James Reily Gordon: His Courthouses and Other Public Architecture*, to learn more about this important architect who started his prolific career in Texas.

To register for these events, please call 214-821-3290 or email kays@preservationdallas.org.

Holiday Home Tours

*Winnetka Heights Holiday Home Tour*

December 3, 12:00-6:00pm

[Click here for tickets and more information.](#)

Event Recap: Intown Outings

*A Trip to Fort Worth's Old Home Supply House and Fairmount Historic District*

On November 5th, Preservation Dallas members took a morning trip to Fort Worth to tour the [Old Home Supply House](#) and hear tips on how to source items for historic homes from owner Ralph Watterson. A bus tour through the Fairmount Historic District followed, guided by Interim Executive Director Carol Roark.

*A Beautiful Night at Belle Nora*

Preservation Dallas members visited the Forest Hills mansion known as [Belle Nora](#) on the evening of November 16. The event featured a short talk about the history and residential architecture of Forest Hills, as well as special access to this grand private residence.

Our hosts, realtor Vicki White and Forest Hills Neighborhood Association President Leon Russell, shared wonderful information about the house and this unique Dallas neighborhood:

- Built in 1929, Belle Nora is one of two homes modeled after Mount Vernon on the shores of White Rock Lake.
• The home includes 12 Austrian crystal chandeliers
• Forest Hills Addition originally was developed in the mid-1920s. It was not annexed by the City of Dallas until May 1945.
• Warren Angus Ferris was one of the first people to survey the three forks of the Trinity River area and eventually settled on farm land that became Forest Hills. He is buried in the historic Ferris Cemetery on St. Francis Street.

Click here to view pictures from inside the home!