April 2016 News & Updates

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Preservation Achievement Awards coming to Arlington Hall on May 3rd

Over the last 16 years, Preservation Dallas has presented 166 Preservation Achievement Awards and this year we are proud to add another 15 projects to our remarkable inventory! Congratulations are in order for the 2016 Award winners: Canon's English Village, Caruth Homeplace Curing Shed, Continental Avenue Bridge Park, Dallas Fire Fighters Museum, Lone Star Gas Lofts, LTV Tower, McFarlin Auditorium at SMU, MKT Depot and Flatcar at Dallas Heritage Village, Renner Methodist Church Bell, 211 North Ervay, Liberty Bank Building, Woolworth Building, 307 North Winnetka, 315 North Montclair and 6001 Swiss Avenue.

In addition to the Preservation Achievement Awards, which celebrate buildings and places, we will be making special recognition for contributions to preservation. Daron Tapscott will receive the Dorothy Savage Award, Ron Siebler will receive the Craftsmanship Award, Lee Park & Arlington Hall Conservancy will receive the Stewardship Award, Dallas Morning News will receive the Spirit of Preservation Award, the Sharrock Cabin project will receive the Gail Thoma Patterson Award and Mark Birnbaum will receive the Preservation Education Award.

We invite you to join us at 2016 Awards and Reception on Tuesday, May 3, at the historic Arlington Hall at Lee Park. Come hear about these special projects and people while enjoying an evening of drinks and food. This year's awards will include a special tribute to
Celebrate Preservation in May during National Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month and Preservation Dallas and its partners will be celebrating with a month full of activities to highlight preservation efforts in Dallas. The goal is to raise awareness about the importance of historic preservation and its benefits to the city.

The two premier events for the month will be the 2016 Preservation Achievement Awards on May 3 and the Spring Architectural Tour on May 21 featuring award winning preservation projects. Other events will include: Art and Architecture Scavenger Hunt at Fair Park, a photographic exhibit of historic sites in Dallas at St. Matthew's Cathedral Arts, a panel discussion on the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act in partnership with the Dallas Heritage Village, a panel discussion on preserving the cultural heritage in Dallas in partnership with the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, and more. For the month of May the Historic Architectural Styles of Dallas exhibit will also be located in the lobby of City Hall.

During the month of May, weekly emails will go out with information about the activities for each week. More information about the events throughout the month can be found here.

Volunteers will be needed to host membership booths at select events during the month. If you are familiar with the organization and would like to help us recruit new members, please let us know by email or by calling us at 214-821-3290.

Historic Marker for Cochran Heights

On Sunday, April 3 the newest state historic marker in Dallas was unveiled in Cochran Heights. The marker celebrates the history of the Cochran Heights neighborhood established in the early 1930s and architect Charles Dilbeck who designed over 60 of the modest houses in the neighborhood. The neighborhood is a popular one with compact lots, cottages of brick, stone, and wood, and great proximity to commercial areas. Even though the houses were modest they were highly designed with interesting details and distinguishing features to set them apart.

This was a huge undertaking for the Cochran Heights neighborhood and Preservation Dallas is very appreciative of their efforts to submit the nomination for the marker to the state and to go through the approval process.
We have many wonderful historic neighborhoods in Dallas; however, only a handful are designated by a state historic marker. So we are grateful that the Cochran Heights neighborhood took it upon themselves to recognize the importance of the neighborhood and Dilbeck’s contribution. This puts the neighborhood on par with Swiss Avenue and Winnetka Heights, both of which also have state markers. With the Texas Historical Commission approval of the marker they have recognized the importance of the neighborhood on a state level, which is a great honor.

We believe that it is a tremendous investment in the neighborhood and is something that will highlight its importance, be there for generations to enjoy and is something for the neighborhood residents and the City of Dallas to be proud of.

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Passing of Neil Emmons

We recently lost a great friend and supporter of historic preservation efforts in Dallas with the unexpected passing of Neil Emmons. Neil was a strong advocate of historic preservation and neighborhoods in Dallas. He served two terms on the City Plan Commission from 2001 to 2009 and was reappointed to the commission in 2014. He served also as the liaison between the City Plan Commission and the Landmark Commission. Neil was instrumental in helping to establish many of the Conservation Districts in East Dallas. He was also involved behind the scenes in many battles to save historic places in Dallas including the Lakewood Theater and the old Braniff Hostess College building. In addition, Neil was one of the members working to develop the new Dallas Endowment for Endangered Properties. Neil will be missed by many, including his friends in the preservation community.

To read Neil’s obituary click here.

To read Robert Wilonsky’s story in the Dallas Morning News on Neil Emmons work click here.

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Corporate Partner Spotlight:
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The team at Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Realty has a long held philosophy that it is not just about real estate, it is about relationships. Your home is important to them. You are important to them.

President and CEO Robbie Briggs grew up in Dallas. But, a few years ago he had the opportunity to live and work in Beijing, China. During this time, from 2005-2008, Briggs remained dedicated to North Texas through continued service to his firm as a "chief executive overseas"
4441 South Versailles listed by Joan Eleazer

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The team at Briggs Freeman Sotheby’s International Realty strives to give the extraordinary in all they do - serving their clients, community and world. They are dedicated to supporting outstanding community organizations and nonprofits through a wide variety of local sponsorships - from school directories and sports programs, to community and charity events, art festivals, reading initiatives and more. Since opening offices in Fort Worth and The North in 2015, the brokerage is now home to more than 400 real estate professionals throughout DFW who live and work in the neighborhoods they serve. Visit Briggs Freeman Sotheby’s International Realty here.

Cabana Hotel - The former Cabana Hotel, and most recently Decker Jail, will be back on the market soon.
Lincoln Properties had won the bid for the building owned by Dallas County last year; however, the deal has fallen through. After winning the bid Lincoln had announced plans to demolish the building for a data center. The building is not a City of Dallas Landmark so there are no protections for it; however, it does fall in the new Demolition Delay Ordinance overlay. Read more about the issue in the *Dallas Morning News* article.

**Fair Park** - Last week Walt Humann gave a briefing to the Park and Recreation Board on the proposed management agreement with Fair Park Texas Foundation. Walt is working to create a Foundation that will manage the park and its buildings for the City of Dallas. At the briefing he went over the plans for the Foundation, its role, board structure, and funding. To view the presentation click here.

Park Board members brought up several issues after the presentation including: who was to be selected for the Foundation board, need for financial transparency for the Foundation, how success would be measured by the Foundation, where the increase in funding for the Park will come from and how it will affect the current Park budget, how the approval process will work for the creation of the Foundation, etc.

Some of the Park Board members were also concerned that they did not have enough information on the proposed Foundation to make a decision on a recommendation to the City Council. The issue will be coming back to the Park Board on April 21 when staff will present documents showing how the concerns expressed can be included in the final agreement. A vote may take place at that meeting and if not there may be a special call meeting on April 28 to officially vote on the Foundation. The City Council is scheduled to be briefed on the Foundation on May 4 and to vote on it May 25.

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**Director's Letter**

*David Preziosi*

As noted above May is National Preservation Month and this year we have stepped up our efforts to celebrate with various activities and events throughout the month. There has been a lot of planning and coordination that has gone into setting up the events and working with our partners on joint events. We will be partnering with Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas Historical Society, Dallas Center for Architecture, Dallas Architecture Forum, City of Dallas, and the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. We have a great team that has been working since January on putting together the month's activities. The team included Jennifer Anderson and Marsha Prior from the City of Dallas, Alicia Quintans and Jann Mackey from the Preservation Dallas board, Victoria Clow, Donovan Westover and myself.

This push for numerous activities throughout the month of May is a new endeavor for us and we hope you will join us for some of the great events planned. If you didn't get a chance to see the
Architecture Styles of Dallas exhibit at Old Red last year you will have a chance to visit it, minus the artifacts, at the Dallas City Hall in their lobby as it will be there during the whole month. Of course our big events for the month will be the Preservation Achievement Awards and the Spring Architectural Tour focusing on Preservation Achievement Award winning projects. You won't want to miss the awards event this year as there are some really great projects and people we will be recognizing, including the Meadows Foundation for their tremendous impact on Dallas.

So rest up this month as there will be lots for you to do in May to help us celebrate the power of preservation!

**Events**

**Advanced Historic House Specialist seminar**

**Thursday | April 21 | 8:30-5pm | 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.

**Raising the Roof with Rose-Mary Rumbley**

**Thursday | April 28 | 5-7pm | Dallas Woman's Forum, 4607 Ross Ave**

The Dallas Woman's Forum is hosting an event with legendary Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley for an evening of laughter and levity to help raise funds for a new roof for the historic mansion. The event will treat guests to an exclusive tour of the historic Alexander Mansion, a local treasure which is just as much a part of Dallas history as Dr. Rumbley herself. Space is limited. For more information or to register click here.

**An Evening in Seville**

**Sunday | May 15 | 5-8pm | Paigebrooke Farm, Westlake**

Hosts Kelly and Scott Bradley invite guests to tour their historic home, built in 1938 for Ted Dealey, former publisher of The Dallas Morning News. The home was designed by famed architect Charles Steven Dilbeck. In 1998, the owners took extraordinary measures to preserve the house by disassembling and moving it to a site nearby in seven sections. Former Preservation Dallas board president Nancy McCoy designed a new guest residence, the Pond House, with its fishing porch off the master bedroom, cantilevering out over the pond. Enjoy tapas, paella, sangria and craft beers, as well as a brief concert by international artist and classical guitarist Christopher McGuire. Along with an art silent auction, this evening benefits the
Spring Architectural Tour: Preservation Achievement Award Winners

Saturday | May 21 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Preservation Dallas and Gables Residential are proud to celebrate 17 years of Preservation Achievement Awards with the Awards Tour on Saturday, May 21. Join us from 10 am to 2 pm for a tour of five past award winning properties. Check in begins at the new brownstones at Gables McKinney Avenue in the State-Thomas neighborhood. Tour properties include the likes of the Penthouses at 511 North Akard (1957 Relief and Annuity Building) and we are adding properties on a regular basis so stay tuned and purchase your $35 tour tickets here.

Courtesy of Candy’s Dirt, you can see more information about one of the multiple penthouses to be featured here.

Please Welcome Our New Members!

Sustainer
Bala Menon

Double
Phyllis & Andy Prycer
Robert & Carolyn Sherman
Beth & Peter Tiggelaar

Individual
Angela Adams
Cynthia Greco
Glenn Taite
Kandy Casstevens
Kate McCoy
Melanie Till
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Deborah Packer
Jennifer Wakefield
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