Spring Architectural Tour next Saturday, May 21!

We are so excited to announce that our spring tour on Saturday, May 21, will feature the Continental Gin factory compound in Deep Ellum, in addition to Parkland Hospital and Nurses Building, Parks Estate, FOUR penthouses at 511 North Akard and 203 North Willomet in the Winnetka Heights historic district. All being past Preservation Achievement Award winning projects, our tour properties promise not to disappoint and you do not want to miss it!

The tour is presented by Gables Residential and check in will be at their new brownstones in the State-Thomas historic district. Tickets for the tour are only $35 for members and you can find more information, and purchase tickets here.

We secured Caruth Homeplace for the tour and unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances they had to drop out of the tour. We apologize and regret not being able to showcase the Homeplace.

2016 Preservation Achievement Awards
On May 3rd guests at the 17th annual Preservation Achievement Awards were treated to a great awards ceremony and perfect reception at historic Arlington Hall at Lee Park. We presented 15 awards this year and recognized places and people that contribute to the city's history. This year's awards also included a special tribute to the Meadows Foundation for its tremendous impact on Dallas and support of non-profits for over 65 years! Our Master of Ceremony for the evening was Dr. Mark A. Roglán, The Linda P. and William A. Custard Director of the Meadows Museum and Centennial Chair in the Meadows School of the Arts. With projects ranging from downtown towers, to small and large homes, to church bells and 1800's cabins, there was something for everyone.

You can see a list of 2016 Award recipients, the Meadows Foundation Honoree video and additional project videos here.

Changes for the Historic Preservation Division at City Hall
by David Preziosi

Changes are underway in the Historic Preservation Division at the City of Dallas! Last fall two new staff positions were authorized in the budget, adding to the three current positions. The addition of staff was included as part of the Downtown Historic Preservation Task Force recommendations to help improve preservation efforts in Dallas. The new positions added were Chief Planner and Senior Planner and Mark Doty was recently promoted from Senior Planner to the new Chief Planner position. In his new role he will oversee the Historic Preservation Division and the four planner positions in the division, two of which are currently filled by Jennifer Anderson and Marsha Prior. A new Planner is coming on board the end of the month and a Senior Planner will be hired this summer.

I sat down with Mark Doty to discuss his new role and plans for the Historic Preservation Division. Mark has been with the city for 10 years and survived the staff cuts during the recession and even served as the lone planner in preservation for quite some time with the departure of other planners post-recession. He is certainly happy that the division is ramping back up and he doesn't have to do it all. In Mark's new role he is the primary contact for the Landmark Commission and the Preservation Solutions Committee. He is also tasked with better integrating Historic Preservation into the work of the other city departments. Once all of the planner positions are filled the division duties will be divided up and Mark will assign his Landmark Designation Committee responsibilities along with the historic districts he works with to the other division planners so he can focus on the bigger picture issues.

To read the rest of the article click here.

Real Places Heritage Travel Conference in Austin, June 13-15

Heritage travelers spend $7 billion annually visiting the real places of Texas, and more than 10.5 percent of travel throughout the state is heritage-related - including historic sites, courthouses, local museums and more.

If you are passionate about seeking out, saving, and leveraging these places and the stories they tell about your community, the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Heritage Trail regions, and THC invite you to join them in Austin for REAL PLACES 2016 - a conference focused on the growing market for
Corporate Partner Spotlight: ARCHITEXAS

ARCHITEXAS is an architecture, planning and historic preservation firm offering a wide range of planning and architectural services in the areas of new construction, historic preservation, restoration, reconstruction and rehabilitation. It was established in 1978 by two members of the City of Dallas Planning and Urban Design Department, where they were introduced to the emerging historic preservation movement. As a young firm, projects included the adaptive use of turn-of-the-century industrial warehouse buildings and residential construction. Recognition came early in the firm's history when D Magazine named ARCHITEXAS one of the “Dallas Five” best architectural firms. The commitment to high quality design and to the respectful treatment of historic structures distinguished the firm as unique and visionary.

Some of the firm's earliest work included the Inwood Lounge, the Sammons Center for the Arts, a master plan for the Dallas Farmer's Market and preservation criteria for the Dallas West End Historic District. Through the years the firm has become known for historic courthouse restorations, beginning in 1990 with the Hill County Courthouse in Hillsboro, Texas. Working with the Texas Historical Commission's Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, the firm has completed full restorations for 15 counties. Additionally, the firm has contributed significantly to the restoration of Fair Park, a National Historic Landmark and the recipient of a National Trust Honor Award for Restoration.

With every project, ARCHITEXAS follows a process that begins with understanding the context - the physical, historical, programmatic and client driven needs - that define the parameters within which they will be working. Each project is a unique response to a particular set of conditions and goals. It is the firm's belief that architecture should not be driven by a stylistic preference. However, it should create solutions to problems. Historic preservation is a highly specialized component of their services that can include the precise restoration or the adaptive use of a historic or older building. The firm's services include new construction as additions to historic structures or as new buildings within historic contexts. They utilize architectural conservation to address building repairs, and assist owners with grants, public funding mechanisms and the Certified Rehabilitation tax credit process.

ARCHITEXAS has received numerous Preservation Achievement Awards over the years for projects
such as the White Rock Filter Building & Basin Boathouse Rehabilitation, The Joule Hotel Rehabilitation & Expansion, First Unitarian Church, Stevens Park Pavilion and most recently the Liberty Bank Building.

ARCHITEXAS’ client base includes county, state and federal agencies, non-profit, institutional and private development organizations, as well as individuals. Today, with offices in both Dallas and Austin, ARCHITEXAS has expanded its ability to provide highly specialized planning, architecture and historic preservation services to their clients. Their emphasis remains on excellence - in the design and preservation of the community.

Preservation Issues

**Fair Park** - At the Park and Recreation Board meeting last week Fair Park was once again discussed. Walt Humann presented a vision for the proposed Fair Park Texas Foundation, to view the presentation click [here](#). Mr. Humann announced that he and the Mayor were forming a Fair Park Envision and Planning Resource Team to generate ideas from other successful parks to apply to Fair Park as a whole and then look at planning strategies, design concepts, costs, and implementation details.

After the presentation Willis Winters, Park and Recreation Department Director, presented answers to issues the Park Board had raised in earlier discussions. The Board will be holding a special working session on May 26 from 9 to noon in the Board Room of the Park and Recreation Department at City Hall to discuss the Foundation further. In particular, they will hear more about the Foundation’s bylaws, who will be on the Board of Directors and on the Advisory Board, a more complete contract for management of the park, and more.

The Park and Recreation Board is intending to vote on a final recommendation concerning the proposed Foundation at their June 2 Park Board meeting.

**DART D2 Line** - In the past few months DART has held a couple of stakeholder meetings for the proposed D2 line through downtown in an effort to get comments on the impacts of the Locally Preferred Alternative route as approved by City Council last fall. The route goes along Jackson and Young Streets through downtown as illustrated by the yellow line on the map below:
The proposed route will not demolish any historic buildings in the path; however, there will be secondary impacts that will affect historic structures along the route. For example, if the line goes down Jackson Street access to the garages and service entrances for the Statler, Lone Star Lofts and the Continental will be severely impacted or potentially cut off. Noise and vibration from trains will impact many of the buildings along the route including the Aloft Hotel and SoCo Lofts at the western end of the proposed line which will have a tunnel right by them necessitating the train to sound a horn every time it exits. Preservation Dallas has been attending the stakeholder meetings and gave a presentation to DART on the impacts to the historic structures along the route. We are also preparing written comments to send to DART regarding those impacts. As part of the Federal Review process DART has to investigate the potential impacts to historic structures, which is included in the Environmental Impact Statement report due out later this year. You can read more about the proposed new line on the DART web site by clicking here.

Director's Letter

David Preziosi

May is here and that means National Preservation Month is underway with a whole slew of activities! Preservation Dallas made a conscious effort this year to really expand our programming in celebration of the month and the power of preservation in Dallas.

Kicking off the month was our first ever Art + Architecture Scavenger Hunt at Fair Park. We didn't know what to expect and were pleasantly surprised when 22 teams showed up to go on the hunt. We received many great comments on how fun it was and what a great way to see the art and architecture in the park.

Following that was one of our two signature events this month, the Preservation Achievement Awards. It was an incredible evening at Arlington Hall in Lee Park with a capacity crowd there to see 15 projects get awards along with 8 special recognition awards. The highlight though was the special tribute to the Meadows Foundation and recognizing the incredible work they have done on restoring and maintaining the Wilson
Block Historic district, not to mention the support they have given nonprofits for over 65 years! You can view a wonderful video of that story by going to our awards page on our web site here.

Our other signature event for the month is the upcoming Spring Architectural Tour which will feature award winning projects on the tour. We will have some great places on the tour this year as noted above and you won't want to miss it!

We are also co-hosting two very interesting panel discussions, one in partnership with the Dallas Heritage Village focusing on fifty years of preservation since the passage of the National Preservation Act in 1966, and the other in partnership with The Dallas Institute of Humanities & Culture focusing on preserving the cultural heritage of Dallas.

We also have many other smaller activities to go as part of National Preservation Month and we hope you will come join us for many of the great programs we have left this month!

## Events

### Fifty Years of Preservation: A Panel Discussion

**Sunday | May 15 | 2-3pm | Dallas Heritage Village - 1515 S. Harwood Street**

In 1966, Dallas Heritage Village was founded to preserve Millermore. That same year, the National Historic Preservation Act was signed into law. What was happening in historic preservation to lead to these two events? And where are we today as we continue to fight to preserve the past? Dallas Heritage Village and Preservation Dallas are bringing together Evelyn Montgomery, Curator of Dallas Heritage Village; Evan Thompson, Executive Director of Preservation Texas; and Beth Wiedower, National Trust for Historic Preservation for a conversation highlighting 50 years of historic preservation at the local, state and national levels. To find out more or to register for this free event click here.

### Pour Yourself Into History

**Tuesday | May 17 | 6-8pm | Sons of Herman Hall - 3414 Elm Street**

Join Preservation Dallas Young Professionals and the Dallas Historical Society for the a special talk from John Slate, City of Dallas Archivist, at the historic Sons of Herman Hall in Deep Ellum. The Dallas Sons of Hermann Hall is a Historic Landmark comprised of two Texas lodges; Dallas #22 and Columbia #66. In 1910 the Dallas lodges pooled their resources and built the hall at 3414 Elm. The Historical Committee of the Sons of Hermann Hall continues to assemble an extensive collection of memorabilia, which adorns the walls and glass cases through the hall. Many amazing musicians have played at Sons of Hermann Hall, come see the collection of photos of those that have helped to create the rich musical history at Sons of Hermann Hall. For more information go here.

### Preserving the Cultural History of Dallas

**Thursday | May 19 | 6-8pm | The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture - 2719 Routh Street**

Preservation Dallas and The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture are bringing together a panel of representatives from the Dallas Jewish Historical Society, Dallas Mexican American Historical League and Remembering Black Dallas to explore their challenges and successes in preserving their cultural heritage in
InTown Outing - Cannon's Village, 1314 West Davis Street

Tuesday | May 24 | 6 p.m. | 1314 West Davis Street, Dallas 75208

Join Preservation Dallas and the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL) as we host a tour of the unique Tudor style 1922 commercial building known as Cannon's Village located on Davis Street in Oak Cliff. A recent renovation brought the derelict building back to life with new commercial spaces on the first floor and apartments on the second floor.

Street parking is available around Cannon's Village.

Admission is free for members of Preservation Dallas and OOCCL, $20 for non-members and reservations are required. Please RSVP by e-mail or by calling us at 214-821-3290.

Please Welcome Our New Members!

**Benefactor**

Holly Bock Deason

**Individual**

Frank Adame  Mary Alice Garrison  Desiree Munson
Ryan Cox  David Johnson  Amy St. Peter
Kyle Crews  Nancy Lukken  Betsy Stern
James Farias  Jennifer Mayrath  Ken Stull
Melanie Ferguson  Jovi Moreno

**Young Professionals (PDYP)**

Courtney Engberg-Hulse  Christopher Harrison

Thank you to the following members for renewing!

John Allender  Lisa Maria Gala  Sherry Scott Moore
Kathryne Bishop  Mary Harbour  Donald P. Moxley
Kristen Boothe  Chip Harper  Brad Nitschke
Beth Borman  Michelle Hartsfield  Pete Peabody
Deborah & Nigel Brown  Dwight & Cynthia Henneberger  Nancy Quelland
Michael Callac  Grayson Hughes  Alicia Quintans