Two Grants Awarded for the Urban Trails Project

Preservation Dallas received news of two grants that were awarded for work on the Urban Armadillos trail project through downtown Dallas! We have been working with the Urban Armadillos group since the beginning of the year developing unique trails through the different downtown districts to highlight interesting sites and buildings with architectural, historical, or cultural facts. Seven districts have been developed with about 8 to 15 buildings within each district. The individual sites are linked within each district by a trail. Our summer intern, Meg Covington, worked on compiling and formatting the information on the sites from the Urban Armadillos volunteers, who selected and researched the sites.

The first grant was received from AT&T and the second was from the Fondren Fund for Texas of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Both grants will be used for the development of trail materials and a mobile app. The mobile app will allow users to access the trails via their mobile device pulling up maps to follow and information on the different sites. We are planning on having brochures of the trails out this fall and the mobile app out early next year. It is an exciting project that will help promote downtown Dallas and our unique buildings!

Note from the new Board President
If you attended the Annual Meeting at the Sixth Floor Museum in July, you heard about the many activities of Preservation Dallas and some of the ways that you can get involved as a member. One of our goals this year is to make sure there are easy, accessible ways to engage our membership; here are some of the ways we do that:

Committees - the committees of the organization are going to start to meet monthly at regular times; contact Preservation Dallas for details and to get onto the email distribution list for the committee of your choice. Here are some of the options:

**Preservation Issues Committee** (typically meets on the last Friday of the month at noon) - This group addresses the issues of the day, whether by volunteering after the hail storm in 2012 to assist homeowners in the Swiss Avenue, Munger Place and other parts of East Dallas with roof repairs or by working to save the Braniff Operations and Maintenance Building, the committee stays involved with preservation advocacy. They also prepare a Watch List of properties in danger of being lost, when needed.

**Membership and Development Committee** - This group looks for ways to increase membership and participation, and includes sub-committees for events like the Preservation Achievement Awards and the Intown Outings. The Preservation Dallas Young Professionals (PDYP) group falls under this committee - for those 40 and under.

**Heritage Education Committee** - The focus lately has included nominating sites associated with the JFK assassination to the National Register and signage for Main Street Gardens. The Urban Armadillos is a sub-set group that is developing a mobile app and walking trail to highlight lesser known historical facts about Dallas, a program funded by a grant from AT&T.

Our Intown Outings are now offered monthly and are, as always, free to members. Past tours have included the Statler Hilton hotel downtown, an insider's tram tour of Fair Park, and the city's "Boneyard." This month we will visit the Potter Art Metals Studio, a Dallas institution that has crafted metal light fixtures for homes like the DeGolyer House and many others.

In addition to the above are a wide variety of Volunteer opportunities associated with events, such as the Fall Architectural Tour that will focus on mid-century modern homes in October or the Spring Home Tour- just contact us and we will guide you to something you will enjoy.

Our annual Summer Sizzlers Series was a
**Good Neighbor Program**

Help Preservation Dallas by shopping at Tom Thumb! They will pay 1% of your total grocery purchases to Preservation Dallas. Simply fill out the Good Neighbor form and the top part of a Reward Card Application (if you don't have a Reward Card already), indicating our number and return it to the Courtesy Booth or to Preservation Dallas.

Our Good Neighbor number is: **11352**

And spend a minimum of $50.00 at your local Tom Thumb between September 1-30, and you'll receive a Community Buck. Collect as many as you can and send them to Preservation Dallas who will receive $1 for every Community Buck in the form of a Tom Thumb Gift Card.

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**PARTNER LINKS:**

- [Dallas Architecture Forum](#)
- [Dallas Arts District](#)
- [Dallas Center for Architecture](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

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The Summer Sizzlers Series had almost 200 people in attendance over six sessions! It started off with a record attendance at 4949 Swiss Avenue of almost sixty participants who heard about the house's preservation. The other programs included a primer in modern architecture and its influence on Texas, a brief and fun history of the Parks Department, a presentation on the preservation of sites related to the JFK assassination, a history of the Dallas Coffin Company, and an amazing slide show of the architecture of Cuba.

Many thank yous go to our off site hosts for graciously allowing us onto their properties and to all the lecturers for their incite into preservation work in our wonderful city!

Keep an eye out for details about an encore presentation of the JFK preservation work in a couple of months!

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**InTown Outing**

- [Dealey Plaza](#)
- [Potter Art Metal Studios](#)
Come join us at Potter Art Metal Studios for a demonstration and tour of the facility. Potter restored and replicated the historic metal lanterns in Woodrow Wilson High School, a Preservation Dallas 2013 Achievement Award winner. Their ironwork can be seen throughout the city on houses, churches, and in Fair Park.

PARKING:
The studio has limited parking in front of the building, but parking is available along Memphis and Lupo streets.

REGISTRATION:
Admission is free for members, $20 for non-members. Reservations are required. Please contact Preservation Dallas by e-mail or at 214-821-3290 to reserve a spot.

Dealey Plaza
by John H. Slate & Willis C. Winters

Book Signing:
Dealey Plaza
WEDNESDAY  | September 4
6-8 pm
Wilson House

Bring a friend and join us as John Slate and Willis Winters discuss and sign their latest book.

Dealey Plaza is famous for many things, both locally and nationally. The park was originally a bluff near the Trinity River, was the site of John Neely Bryan’s cabin and also the location for the first ferry and bridge over the river. The park was launched into national history in 1963 and is visited by over two million people annually. It was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1993.

REGISTRATION:
Admission is free, but reservations are encouraged. Reserve a copy of the book today to make sure you have one for
the signing. A limited number of books will also be available for purchase at the event. Books are $21 for members, $24 for non-members, which includes tax. Please contact Preservation Dallas by e-mail or at 214-821-3290 to RSVP and to purchase a book. Pre-ordered books will be given out at the event.

Continuing Education:
Architectural and Design Uses of Reclaimed Wood
by Goodwin Heart Pine Co.

TUESDAY | September 10,
12:00-1:15 p.m.
Wilson Carriage House

2 learning credits for HSW, AIA and IDCEC offered.

Lunch is provided.

Representatives from Goodwin Heart Pine, the company that milled new historically accurate hardwood floors for the Texas Governor's Mansion, will give a presentation about how to use hardwood floors, what to look for in hardwood and softwood quality, "hardwood science," and a short history of hardwood floors and logging in America. Goodwin Pine will talk about the benefits of using reclaimed wood and their method of salvaging original old-growth hardwood logs from river bottoms, lost during logging transport in the nineteenth century.

REGISTRATION:
Free, but limited to 25 people. Reservations are required. Please contact Preservation Dallas by e-mail or at 214-821-3290 to RSVP.

North Texas Giving Day

Save the Date!

On September 19, from 7am to midnight, Preservation Dallas will be participating in North Texas Giving Day. On that day only, every donation $25 and above will be
multiplied if you donate to us through DonorBridge. With help from donors during that day we also have a chance to win assorted prizes given to the organizations throughout the day for a variety of challenges. More details to come closer to the date.

If you are interested in helping make this a success, please email us with your contact info!

**Director's Letter**

By David Preziosi, Executive Director

With August comes the end of summer and preparations for the fall. After a very successful Summer Sizzlers season this year, thanks to everyone that attended, we are now gearing up for lots of actives this fall! As you can tell by this newsletter we have many actives planned for August and September and that will also extend into October and November! We have so many upcoming events that we couldn't fit them all in his newsletter! We are however, getting all of the fall events listed on our calendar on the web site and will be sending out registration information for the individual events as we get closer.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye this month to our two wonderful interns that were with us for the summer. Meg Covington and Kathleen Bartholomew both did a great job helping us out! Meg worked on our Urban Armadillos project and Kathleen worked on adding technical information to our web site on preservation tools, which is now located under the Resources Tab of the web site. The section has information about windows, paint, going green with historic buildings and more.

This summer the Wilson House also saw some improvements with a new wood shake roof. Over a course of a month the old roof was removed, a new waterproof underlayment put down, and new shakes installed as well as new flashing and metal ridge caps. The Meadows Foundation, owner of the Wilson House, paid for the new roof and keeping the authentic look of a wood roof. And yes, the new roof works...
well as we survived the recent rain storms without leaks!

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer and will be filling up their fall calendar with Preservation Dallas events!

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**Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners**

**Bankhead Highway Public Meeting**
September 10, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is undertaking a two-year study to document the history of the Bankhead Highway, one of the nation's earliest transcontinental highways. Individuals or organizations are encouraged to attend the public meeting to share information and visual items related to the Bankhead Highway for use in the project. For more information click here.

**Old Oak Cliff Conservation League 2013 Fall Home Tour**
October 12 and 13, 12 - 6pm

The Tour showcases distinctive homes and occasionally includes an exceptional commercial structure or historic church. This is a driving tour which allows the visitor to experience bungalows, mid-century modern, and early 20th century architecture. For more information, click here.

**Preservation Dallas Fall Architectural Tour & Symposium**
October 26, 8:30 am - 2pm

Save the Date! Our annual tour highlighting mid-century modern architecture sponsored by Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Realty is coming up! More information and invitations to the tour will be coming soon!