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January 2016 News & Updates

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17th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference
Saturday | January 30 |
8 am - 12:30 pm | Hall of State

This year’s conference, with the theme of "Breaking the Mold," will feature presentations by Susanne Starling, Evelyn Montgomery, John Slate, Willis Winters, and J. Gordon Melton. A special feature will be "Conversation with a History Maker: Anita Martinez," conducted by Mercedes Olivera.

Preservation Dallas is a proud sponsor and one of more than a dozen historical organizations and libraries that jointly sponsor the conference each year.

Online register is now open! For more information, call 214-413-3665.

Preservation Achievement Award Nominations are due February 12!

Each year Preservation Dallas presents the Preservation Achievement Awards to a select group of individuals, organizations, businesses and projects throughout Dallas that exemplify outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation.
The awards honor projects involving the preservation or protection of historic resources including the restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of historic properties; sympathetic new construction or additions to historic properties; or education, documentation and advocacy work on behalf of historic preservation. If you have been directly involved in a preservation project or are aware of an outstanding effort that deserves attention, please let us know by submitting a nomination or e-mail Donovan here. Nomination forms are available here.

We are also asking for your help in getting the word out about these prestigious awards. Please forward this information to your colleagues and any organizations or individuals who may be interested. The 2016 Preservation Achievement Awards will take place May 11.

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**Making Fair Park Work**

**Tuesday | January 26 | 6:30 pm**

**Hall of State - Fair Park**

As part of the Dallas Festival of Ideas, the Dallas Institute for the Humanities in partnership with the Dallas Architecture Forum and UTA CAPPA, is presenting a panel discussion on how Dallas can transform Fair Park into a year-round destination and economic engine for its South Dallas environs. The program will be moderated by Dallas Morning News architecture critic Mark Lamster and include panelists Virginia McAlester, Walt Humann, Vicki Meek, and Don Williams who will address this critical issue for the city.

For more information and to register for this free event click here.

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**Corporate Partner Spotlight:**

**Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate**

At Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate, a deep and abiding respect for history is woven into the corporate fabric. Firm founder Dave Perry-Miller himself is an avid architecture and history buff, and past member of the board of Preservation Dallas. Dave's made some history of his own along the way, too, founding the company almost ten years ago and finding unprecedented success with it - to the point of selling it to another historical local firm, Ebby Halliday Realtors.

Since 2007, Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate has been setting Dallas sales records, representing billions of dollars in property. Thanks to the strong culture of preservation in hot areas where the firm thrives, much of that financial success can be attributed to buyers and sellers who value the character and charm Dallas’ older homes add to their respective neighborhoods.

In 2015 alone, the firm represented 579 sellers of homes pre-dating 1965, with 133 of those...
Thorpe House (Hal Thomson, 1918) at 4908 Lakeside Drive is currently listed with Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate and was the site of our InTown Outing in November pre-dating 1935. The total sales volume was $606 million with the average sale price around $1+ million, an encouraging sign of the prevailing attitude toward this city's many hidden treasures. On the other side, the firm represented 568 preservation-minded buyers who ultimately purchased a home 50 years or older, with 96 of those purchasing a home 80 years old or older. The total sales volume was over $560 million, and the average purchase price of those 96? Nearly $2 million!

Many Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate agents have their Preservation Dallas Historic House Specialist designation, and serve on boards and as members of local preservation organizations. Because of their passion and involvement in this important area of interest, they are in a much better position to network when an historical home comes on the market. This helps ensure Dallas’ greatest local treasures will remain so for years to come.

Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate has five area locations, marketing the key areas of the Park Cities, Preston Hollow, Uptown, East Dallas, and Kessler Park. Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate is also a member of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World and Luxury Portfolio International, one of the nation's largest global networks of premier locally branded residential real estate companies. Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate is an Ebby Halliday Company.

Preservation Issues

**Forest Theater** - Conceptual Plans for the revitalization and expansion of the theater were presented to the Landmark Commission on Tuesday for a Courtesy Review. The plans were well received by the Commission and they liked the direction the developers are going. Plans call for the exterior of the historic theater to be restored and the attached retail strip to be redeveloped as part of the new theater concept. A larger theater space is planned as an addition to the rear of the historic theater. The developers are in the process of purchasing the property and said that the final plans will be presented once the program for the building is finalized. Due to the initiation of the Landmark Designation process for the building last year all final plans will have to be reviewed by the Landmark Commission.

**Knights of Pythias/Union Bankers** - Also at the Landmark meeting this week the Knights of Pythias property was on the consent agenda for approval of the demolition of the two-story addition to the west side of the Knights building known as the W.J. Lawther building. The demolition was requested due to the structure posing an imminent threat to public health and safety from a collapsed roof and weakened support structure. The demolition was approved by the Commission. Although located immediately adjacent to the Knights of Pythias Temple and within the historic overlay boundaries the building is considered non-contributing to the historic overlay, which the Texas Historical Commission also supports. The owner of the property is planning to rehabilitate the Knights building and develop around it. Any new additions to
the Knights building will have to be reviewed by the Landmark Commission.

**Brewery Building** - It was announced last week that the owners of the Brewery Building intend to demolish it for a new residential development. Even though the building dates to the late 1800s it is not a City of Dallas Landmark and is not a part of the nearby West End Historic District. Therefore there are no protections for the building from demolition. Due to the changes to the building it is not eligible for City of Dallas Landmark status or National Register status.

**Meadows Building** - Next week Preservation Dallas will be meeting with the local representative of GlenStar, the new owners of the Meadows Building, to discuss their plans for this important mid-century landmark. They also purchased the DAVACO tower and the Energy Square buildings which surround the Meadows Building. GlenStar is based out of Chicago and one of the buildings they own is the 1930 Art Deco Chicago Board of Trade building.

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**Director's Letter**

*David Preziosi*

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope it is getting off to a good start! With a New Year comes the ubiquitous list of items to accomplish for the year, and we are no different at Preservation Dallas. We have our core list of things to work on which I'm sure will be added to as the year progresses and new issues to address pop up. Of course we have our standard items we do every year that we will continue to work on including our InTown Outings, Historic House Specialist classes, Architectural Tours, and Achievement Awards. We do have some new items that we are working on for 2016.

On the heals of the highly successful Preservation For Cocktails reception in November, we are planning two more receptions before the end of our fiscal year in June and maybe more after that if it continues to be well received. The big push for the year though will be Preservation Month in May. That is the national month to celebrate preservation and we are working to do it up big this year with several activities and events throughout the month. We even have a committee working on it and you know if there is committee it will be big! The Preservation Achievement Awards will be held in May along with our Spring Architectural tour which will feature Achievement Award winning projects. In partnership with the Dallas Heritage Village in May we will have a panel discussion on the 50th anniversary of the National Preservation Act and its influence in Dallas. Stay tuned for more about the celebration for preservation!

Beyond Dallas in 2016 there are several preservation related events in Texas including the **Preservation Texas Preservation Summit** from February 18 to 19 where they will be presenting their Honor Awards and their 2016 Endangered List. In the fall two national preservation conferences are coming to Texas. The Association for Preservation Technology will be holding their national conference in San Antonio October 30 to November 2. Following that will be the National Trust for Historic Preservation national conference in Houston from November 15 to 18.

2016 will be another busy year for preservation and hopefully a good one with many successes!
Restore: A Film by Mark Birnbaum

Friday | January 15 | screenings at 8:30 pm and 11 pm
Dallas Museum of Art C3 Theater

Restore is a short film that examines three North Texas restoration projects: the Old Dallas Municipal Building (now becoming the UNT Law School), The Sharrock/Niblo Log Cabin thought to be the oldest standing structure in Dallas, and Lady Justice, an 11-foot tall copper statue being restored to her rightful place atop the Navarro County Courthouse. Presented by Phoenix I and Mark Birnbaum Productions. Tickets are $15, free for kids 11 and under and DMA members.

InTown Outing - Higginbotham-Bailey Building

Wednesday | January 27 | 6 pm
900 Jackson Street, Dallas 75201

Designed by Lang and Witchell and built in 1914 (with 1917 and 1923 additions), the Renaissance Revival style Higginbotham-Bailey Building was constructed to house the dry goods manufacturing and distributing business of the Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co. (known as Higginbotham-Bailey after 1945). Admission is free for members, $20 for non-members and reservations are required. Free parking is available in the Higginbotham-Bailey Building parking garage. Please RSVP by email or by calling us at 214-821-3290.

Braniff Book Event

Tuesday | February 23 | 6 pm | Hall of State - Fair Park

Join the Dallas Historical Society and Preservation Dallas for a special book event with the author of the new Braniff Airways: Flying Colors. The book covers the fascinating history of Braniff International Airways, beginning with its small-town Oklahoma roots to its move to Dallas and its high-flying and stylish span of the globe. Preservation Dallas Executive Director David Preziosi will interview the author Richard Benjamin Cass about his work in bringing the colorful story of Braniff to life in this new book from Arcadia Publishing. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author at the event. For more information click here.

Historic House Specialist seminar

Thursday and Friday | March 3 and 4 | Wilson Carriage House

Become an authority of historic Dallas neighborhoods! This popular two-day seminar includes lectures from local experts on architectural history and styles of Dallas, the preservation ordinance, property tax incentives, how to research the history of a building, and more! It also includes a bus tour of historic neighborhoods in Dallas. Participants receive a signed copy of Virginia McAlester's Field Guide to American Houses and a complimentary one year membership to Preservation Dallas. Don't delay! Enrollment is limited to 27 people. The past sessions have sold out with a wait list!

REGISTRATION:
The workshop is $230 and includes lunch on both days. Realtors will receive 8 hours MCE credit. Register with MetroTex Association of REALTORS at 214-540-2751, go online or mail the form with a check to MetroTex.

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