Director's Letter
By David Preziosi, Executive Director

It has been a little over a month since I arrived at Preservation Dallas, and it has been a whirlwind of meetings, learning more about the city, its history and architects, and the operations of the organization. I also have been exploring the incredible historic neighborhoods in Dallas, of which there are many! I haven't seen them all yet, but what I have seen has really been amazing. Luckily, I've had some great tours of East Dallas and Oak Cliff neighborhoods from people that live there and know about them. What has impressed me the most about the neighborhoods is how diverse they are with architectural styles, sizes of the homes, and their individual identities. The street signs with the different neighborhood names are a great way to reinforce neighborhood identity and also are very helpful for newcomers like me to figure out the boundaries of the different neighborhoods. Dallas is lucky to have such diverse historic neighborhoods spread across different income levels, and people who appreciate and maintain their historic homes. One can chose from neighborhoods of Tudor Revival style houses, Craftsman style houses, ranches and modern style homes to neighborhoods with a mix of styles. One such neighborhood of mixed style is Greenway Parks, which will be on the Fall Architectural Tour next month. Open during the tour will be amazing homes of different styles including English Tudor, French Eclectic, traditional, and mid-century modern to contemporary homes. You won't want miss seeing these very unique homes!

I'm sad to say that this month we will be saying goodbye to a valuable staff member at Preservation Dallas. Lisa Kays, Program Manager, will be leaving us to take a position at SMU. She has been with us for over a year and has worked on highly successful programs, membership, communications, and marketing. We will miss having Lisa around the office and wish her luck in her new position at SMU!
Preservation Updates

211 N. Ervay
By Marsha Prior, VP - Heritage Programs
With Contributions by Carol Roark, Secretary

Located on North Ervay between Elm and Pacific streets, sits a long-neglected, 18-story office tower designed by Thomas E. Stanley of Hedrick & Stanley. Developer Leo F. Corrigan had little space to work with when he planned his fourth office tower in downtown Dallas. The lot was only 50 feet wide by 200 feet long. The end result, however, was a tall, slim, elegant building of modernist design with a colorful facade—a treatment common in the 1950s to brighten bland downtown districts. The building's exterior included azure and aquamarine porcelain panels alternated with ribbons of single-pane glass windows. Originally, the recessed, ground floor was covered in granite; mosaics covered the second floor. Tenants included law firms, insurance companies, and aviation-related companies. Ground floor space was leased by retail companies. MORE>

Cotton Bowl
By David Preziosi, Executive Director

This month the City of Dallas Landmark Commission considered additional work to spruce up the exterior appearance of the Cotton Bowl. Up for consideration at the meeting were renovations to the west and east concourses, installation of a new façade on the 2008 addition, and replacement of fencing and gates. The proposed façade for the north and south end zones uses stainless steel mesh in two patterns to screen the view of the interior. The mesh will pick up light and will change with the weather and time of day. The screens have an artistic quality to add visual interest, while shielding the more utilitarian portions of the stadium. Other proposed alterations are minor and mostly deal with changes to the fencing, gate design, and the addition of concrete entrance surrounds to better identify the entrances on the east and west concourses. The project team for the alterations includes Heery International as the architect, James Carpenter Design as the artist for the mesh façade, and Quimby McCoy Preservation Architecture as historic preservation consultants. The Landmark Commission approved all of the proposed designs and changes.

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2012 Fall Architectural Tour

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Reserve your spot online or by phone at 214.821.3290. Preservation Dallas members receive exclusive discounted rates for both General and Patron-level Tour tickets.

**General Tour**

The general tour includes six properties in the Greenway Parks neighborhood and admission to the symposium.

- $40 for Preservation Dallas members
- $50 for the public

**Patron Tour**

Patron-level tour tickets include access to a seventh tour house PLUS an invitation to the Patron Party on Thursday evening, November 1.

- $85 for Preservation Dallas members
- $100 for the public

**Featured Properties**

5353 Montrose Drive

5358 Montrose Drive

5446 Neola Drive

5549 Wenonah Drive (Stemmons House)
Upcoming Programs

Reception for David Preziosi
Thursday, October 18
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The Wilson House, 2922 Swiss Avenue
RSVP by email or at 214.821.3290

Preservation Dallas members are invited to join the Board of Trustees for a reception at the Wilson House to welcome David Preziosi, our new Executive Director.

PDYP Cemetery Stroll & Happy Hour
Join the Preservation Dallas Young Professionals (PDYP) for a twilight tour of one of Dallas' oldest cemeteries. Pioneer Cemetery houses the graves of six Dallas Mayors; veterans from the War of 1812, Texas Revolution, and Civil War; members of the La Reunion Colony; and a number of notable civic leaders from Dallas' first decades. After the tour, we'll meet for drinks at the Omni Hotel's Owner's Box Bar. Wear sturdy, comfy shoes and bring a flashlight!

Other Events

Sacred Spaces of the Arts District Tour
Thursday, October 25
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
$10 per person; RSVP online

The Dallas Arts District is a neighborhood with a long and rich history and is home to some of our city's oldest churches: the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, St. Paul United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church. Learn about the history and the architecture of these sacred spaces on this self-guided tour. Historians, architects and volunteers will await visitors at each church. MORE>

Fair Park Deco: Author Talk & Booksigning
Thursday, November 8


Historic House Specialist (HHS) Seminar
Thursday, November 15 - Friday, November 16
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Our popular seminar is open to or anyone interested in learning about Dallas architects and developers, architectural styles, historic building research, making historic homes "green" or historic designations. HHS also offers the opportunity for realtors to be certified as Historic House Specialists through this intensive two-day training course, provided in partnership with the Metrotex Association of Realtors. MORE>

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