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Looking Back, Looking Forward



A Message from the President

★ Shelly Hemingson

Summertime is our chance to sit back and reflect on what we've accomplished so far, as well as look ahead to upcoming Preservation Austin (PA) activities and events. It has been an eventful, busy year, and as soon-to-be Immediate Past President, I would like to thank our many volunteers and Board for their help and support. It has truly been my honor to lead this amazing organization. Serving along side such an esteemed Board of Directors has been a privilege.

In November, PA hosted our 54th Annual Preservation Merit Awards Luncheon at the beautiful Driskill Hotel. We recognized owners of historic properties who preserved and rehabilitated buildings from a mid-century modern house to a small bungalow, as well as a Stewardship Award for the Texas Historical Commission. We would like to thank our sponsors again for their participation in this great event that celebrates "Saving the Good Stuff."

This May we held our 23rd Annual Historic Homes Tour, "Austin through the Ages." Approximately 700 people enjoyed the tour as well as our two lectures. Michael Barnes, one of our 2014 Merit Award winners and writer for the *Austin American-Statesman*, headlined the first lecture held at the beautiful Byrne-Reed House (Humanities Texas). "Reel Austin," the second lecture, was held at the historic Stateside at the Paramount. Dr. Caroline Frick, director of the Texas Archive of the Moving Image, narrated incredible historic footage of "Austin through the Ages" ranging from a film clip of a 1912 circus parade down Congress Avenue to Cold War era PSA's. We had six stellar buildings on the Tour itself, from the 1870's Castle to the 1960's Butterfly House — and the weather was just perfect! We would like to thank

the property owners for graciously allowing us into their beautiful buildings. And we would like to thank our generous sponsors and great volunteers. We could not have done it without each and every one of you!

Responding to our constituents, PA hosted a tax credit workshop which detailed the new Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit, the Federal Historic Tax Credit, and other credits that can be used for the rehabilitation of historic income-producing properties. Our expert speakers also discussed tax credit syndication, New Markets Tax Credits, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Attendees included property owners, downtown developers and economic development professionals. Thank you to our venue, the North Door, and our sponsor, Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc., for their support. Many thanks also to the Texas Historical Commission, which co-presented the workshop.

This was a busy year for advocacy, with both the Texas State Legislature in session and a new Mayor and City Council. At the state level, PA supported the Texas Historical Commission's budget request as well as legislation allowing nonprofit organizations to participate in the new state historic tax credit. PA also received a Resolution from the House of Representatives thanking our organization for honoring the Texas Historical Commission's stewardship of its historic buildings with a 2014 Merit Award. On a local level, we've spent countless hours attending and testifying at Historic Landmark Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council meetings, most specifically in support of the Bluebonnet Hills neighborhood as it seeks historic district designation. Over the last four months PA has also succeeded in meeting with all ten new City Council members and/or their staff, as well as Mayor Steve Adler to discuss preservation policy concerns.

We are looking forward to a busy fall with more educational opportunities and special events, a new slate of Executive Officers,

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For more information, please visit our website at www.preservationaustin.org/get-involved/planned-giving/ or contact Executive Director Kate Singleton at (512) 474-5198 ext. 7728. ★

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Interested in making your vintage home more energy efficient? Wonder whether solar would be a good fit? Have too much water or want to retain water in and around your home?

Join us for an engaging series of three workshops around the topics of retrofitting older homes with energy efficiency in mind. Presenters from across the fields of architecture, preservation, sustainable design, energy efficiency, and landscaping will cover from basics to details on solar, water and more.

Saturday, July 11, 9-11am

Greening Your Vintage Home:
The Basics

Part I: "Energy Retrofit of Older Homes in San Antonio"

William A. Dupont, FAIA, NCARB,
Director, Center for Cultural Sustainability,
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and Finance, College of Business,
University of Texas at San Antonio

Part II: Historic Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Green Building Initiatives

Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation
Officer, City of Austin

Saturday, July 18, 9-11am

Greening Your Vintage Home:
Solar

Part I: Solar Benefits and Installation

Jason Ballard, President, CEO, and
Co-Founder, TreeHouse

Part II: Solar Issues and Solutions

Panelists:

Michael Embesi, Arborist, City of Austin

Solar Contractor/Installer TBA

Bess Graham, Historical Architect, Texas
Parks and Wildlife Department

Saturday, July 25, 9-11am

Greening Your Vintage Home:
Water

Part I: Building Envelopes, Moisture Prevention, Dehumidifying Spaces, and HVAC

Kimberly Llewellyn, Energy Consultant,
Positive Energy

Part II: Water Mitigation and Retention

Panelists:

Dr. Robert E. Mace, Deputy Executive
Administrator, Water Science and
Conservation, Texas Water Development
Board

Historic Landscape Architect: TBA

Rainwater System Builder/Installer: TBA

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Tickets for individual workshops
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HERITAGE QUIZ

by Rebekah Dobrasko

Preservation Austin presents a Heritage Quiz through Facebook the first Friday of every month. The first respondent to correctly identify a local landmark receives a \$5 gift card to Cenote (and, naturally, the satisfaction of a job well done).

Here are this spring's landmarks and winners:

APRIL: The Lamar Boulevard Bridge over the Colorado River (now Lady Bird Lake) opened in 1942 along the new Lamar Boulevard that connected north and south Austin. The Texas Highway Department designed the reinforced concrete bridge with Art Deco detailing and open arch spandrels best seen from the river. Lamar Boulevard, historically designated as State Highway 20, began as a Work Projects Administration project in 1939 to connect Austin to the Fredricksburg Highway and as a downtown bypass. By the time the bridge was completed in 1942, Lamar Boulevard had been declared a part of the strategic military highway network and was considered part of Austin's contribution to the World War II effort. The bridge still serves as an important link and is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. For more on Texas' historic bridges, visit <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/learn/historic-bridges-texas>. ★ **Winner: Gregory Smith**



Lamar Boulevard Bridge

MAY: Austin High School's second building stands at 1212 Rio Grande Avenue, which is now a campus of the Austin Community College campus. The school was originally built in 1915 as the John Allan Junior High School. By 1924, the first Austin High School ran out of space, and the Junior High and Austin High traded buildings. Austin High began building additional classrooms at its "new" campus in 1925. In 1929, the school received a new gym, and in 1939 the school district constructed 24 additional classrooms, a Band Hall, and a tunnel under West Avenue to reach these buildings. By 1951, 3000 white students attended Austin High. The early 1950s saw the construction of two new white high schools, A.N. McCallum High and William B. Travis High and the construction of a new black high school, L.C. Anderson High. Austin High was renamed Stephen F. Austin High. Continued growth, curriculum changes, and parking needs forced Austin High to relocate to its current location on West Cesar Chavez to accommodate growth and expansion. The first day of school at the new Lakeside Campus was August 25, 1975. ★ **Winner: Bonnie T. Wilson**



The former Austin High School

JUNE: The Millet Opera House at 110 E. 9th Street opened in 1878 with 800 moveable seats, boxes, and a balcony. Captain Charles Millet, a businessman and property owner, hired architect Frederick Ruffini to design the limestone structure. In addition to operas, the Millet Opera House staged plays, musical recitals, conventions, and graduation exercises. Millet owned and operated the Opera House until 1896. The new owners turned the building into a roller skating rink. Subsequent owners/operators were the Knights of Columbus, the Austin Independent School District, and the current tenant, The Austin Club. The Millet Opera House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a State Antiquities Landmark, and a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. ★ **Winner: Mollie Cleveland**



Millet Opera House



Education Committee

Ann Graham, Chair

Preservation Austin's Education Committee doesn't sit still!

We are currently working on two new events with more in the works. **Check out our "Greening Your Vintage Home" series of three Saturday morning workshops in July.** PA receives numerous requests for information on "how to" with vintage and historic homes and this workshop series will address issues of how to make your older home more sustainable – the basics, exploring the possibilities of solar, and keeping water out of your house and in your garden. Check out our web site for all the details. We hope to see you there.

On Saturday, September 26 wrangle the kids you know for PA's "History

Hunt." Join us for a 9am start of this architectural scavenger hunt to be staged in the Hyde Park Local Historic District. Starting at the Elisabet Ney Museum, children will receive a scavenger hunt booklet with key architectural features to find and identify within a walkable area of the neighborhood. More details will be forthcoming on our website over the summer, but mark your calendars now!

In addition to these programs, the Education Committee is brainstorming on ways to celebrate next year's 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and is participating in preparation for Mathews Elementary School's 100th Birthday Party in September 2016. We hope to host another realtor's workshop focused

on historic homes. We also hope to host another tax credit workshop, this time for nonprofits looking to use the new Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit – something made possible by the passage of HB 3230 during the 84th Legislative Session.

If you have ideas you'd like to share, notable anniversaries of historic properties you'd like to bring to our attention, or would like to get involved, please contact us through PA's Programs Coordinator, Lindsey Derrington at programs@preservationaustin.org.

Special thanks to our PA staff and our idea-rich, energetic Education Committee. ★

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and the addition of new board members. We are so fortunate to have Alyson McGee, the former Deputy Preservation Officer for the City of Austin, as our President Elect. We are also now fully staffed with Kate Singleton as our Executive Director and Lindsey Derrington as our Programs Coordinator. Please welcome Lindsey to Preservation Austin!

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on August 18 at the Alamo Ritz Theater! Then get ready for our amazing fall schedule, including the family-oriented Hyde Park History Hunt, our Preservation Speaker Night at the Paramount, Inherit Austin's Somewhere in Time dinner, and our 55th Annual Preservation Merit Awards Luncheon. Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you at all these great informative and fun events!

Sincerely,

Shelly Hemingson



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MEET THE NEW PA PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Lindsey Derrington became Preservation Austin's Programs Coordinator on March 30. Her commitment to historic preservation grew out of love for the red bricks and Victorian parks of St. Louis, where she was raised. In 2007 she earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science with minors in American Culture Studies and Film Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, after which she worked as Research Associate for the nonprofit Landmarks Association of St. Louis. She earned her master's degree in Preservation Studies from the Tulane School of Architecture in New Orleans, where she interned for Docomomo US/Louisiana and the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans' Advocacy Department.

Upon returning to St. Louis, Lindsey worked as a preservation

consultant, as Assistant Curator of Visual Resources in Washington University's Department of Art History & Archaeology, and served as Board Secretary of the preservation nonprofit Modern STL. Among the more than a dozen National Register nominations which she has authored, she is particularly proud of those for a working-class upstairs bowling alley; the home of fellow St. Louisan Chuck Berry; and the home of Nathaniel C. Curtis, Jr., architect of New Orleans' Superdome.

In 2013 she was part of a group of preservationists receiving Missouri Preservation's Preserve Missouri Award for successful efforts preventing the demolition a 1967 saucer-style gas station in St. Louis City. In 2015 she, along with rest of Modern STL's board, members, and partners, received a Citation of

Merit Award from Docomomo US for unsuccessful efforts to save the 1963 Lewis and Clark Branch Library in North St. Louis County.

Lindsey moved to Austin with husband Jon Hagar, a designer for Forge Craft Architecture + Design, in September 2014. She serves on the board of Mid Tex Mod, the Central Texas chapter of Docomomo US. Apart from her Great Loves of historic preservation and the St. Louis Cardinals, Lindsey is committed to supporting community radio, stray rescues, and finding a cure for spinal muscular atrophy in honor of her indomitable five-year-old niece Tilly. She could not be more thrilled to take on this challenging role with Preservation Austin; opportunities to work full-time with such a talented and committed group of preservationists are rare. ★

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Call for Nominations: 2015 Preservation Merit Awards ★★★



Preservation Austin's 55th Annual Preservation Merit Awards honor visionary approaches to preserving our city's unique architectural, cultural, and environmental heritage. By recognizing outstanding individuals,

businesses, organizations, and institutions, we hope to inspire others to carry on this important work.

Preservation Awards honor the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic properties; outstanding infill which enhances the historic fabric; the preservation of a cultural landscape; and sustainability initiatives which respect a property's historic character. **Stewardship Awards** honor ongoing efforts to manage and maintain historic

resources. **Special Recognition Awards** honor those who have exhibited leadership in preservation, including through craftsmanship; education; public service through advocacy, neighborhood preservation, or research; and outstanding scholarship and media coverage of preservation issues.

- Projects must be located within the City of Austin.
- Projects must be completed between January 1, 2013 and August 7, 2015.
- Due date for nominations is Friday, August 7, 2015.
- Forms and further instructions can be found on our website at www.preservationaustin.org/programs/preservation-awards.

Questions? Contact Programs Coordinator Lindsey Derrington at 512-474-5198, ext. 7724 or programs@preservationaustin.org. ★

New African American Austin Historic Tour App

We're excited to announce our latest mobile guide and audio tour, African American Austin, developed by the Education Committee with the African American Cultural Heritage District and co-sponsored by the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau. The new tour features twelve historic sites throughout East Austin, including Rosewood Courts, Downs Field, and the works of Modernist architect John S. Chase, FAIA. Locals and visitors alike can trace their way through historic sites of importance to our city's African American community, many of which were developed after Austin's 1928 comprehensive plan essentially relocated all non-white residents east of today's

I-35. The tour is rich in history, both cultural and architectural, so make sure to thank our stellar Education Committee members Sarah Marshall, Maddie Clites, Josh Conrad, and Rebekah Dobrasko for making it possible.

Unlike our previous tours, this one is supported by Otocast, a new mobile app platform. Otocast offers the same audio, image, and information-based features as our existing Historic Austin Tour Apps 1 and 2, yet is compatible with all smart phone operating systems and does not require costly updates. It currently offers over twenty arts-related tours across thirteen cities ranging from "Public Artwalk Dallas," supported by the Business Council for the Arts, to "Monuments and Memory," supported by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council.



Blackland Neighborhood, featured on PA's new African American Austin app tour.

Otocast is unique in that it recommends points of interest based on the user's location – if someone in Austin opens the app, they'll see all tours based in Austin, followed by tours in Dallas, etc. PA is currently working with Otocast Founder and CEO Eric Feinstein to upload our Congress Avenue, East 6th Street, Old West Austin, Iconic Music Venues, and Tejano Trails tours to Otocast as well. These five tours will remain in their current app platforms so soon you'll be able to access them in both places. Otocast is free and can be downloaded through iTunes or Google Play. Enjoy! ★





Inherit Austin

Michelle Slattery, Chair of Inherit Austin

Inherit Austin's calendar year has been very active. We kicked off 2015 with a **Membership Happy Hour at The Market**, the only landmarked building in the Warehouse District. This was the perfect setting to learn about the devious characters and shocking history of Austin's former red-light district. Author Richard Zelade was our guest of honor for the evening, sharing with us his book *Guy Town by Gaslight: A History of Vice in Austin's First Ward*.

The Saturday before Easter, 250 adults and children joined in the fun at **Inherit Austin's 13th Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. This event is a wonderful way for Inherit Austin to reach out to the West Austin community. The Egg Hunt instills love for and creates memories around one of Austin's unique historic places, Laguna Gloria. We appreciate the community's sponsorship and support.

Most recently, Inherit Austin organized our third **Dillo Trolley Tour – Austin's Original Streetcar Line**. The event proved to be very popular and sold out in record time! Special thanks to our tour guides, Dr. Bruce Hunt and Kim McKnight. Bruce's knowledge of the electrification of Austin as it relates to the streetcar is unsurpassed. We are excited about the potential for this event in the future and are considering bringing it back more frequently so everyone has an opportunity to share in the fun experience.

We are excited about our upcoming events, including our **Summer Movie Night**, celebrating Paramount's 100th Anniversary, and mark your calendars for **Inherit Austin's 6th Annual Somewhere In Time** at Lions Municipal Golf Course the evening of Sunday, September 27, 2015! ★

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INHERIT AUSTIN, a membership level of Preservation Austin, hosts social, cultural & educational events to raise awareness among the next generation of preservationists. IA is committed to the same mission as Preservation Austin – preserving Austin's architectural and cultural past by protecting our important landmarks & historical fabric. We offer activities that appeal to singles, couples & families.

Inherit Austin membership dues are Individual \$65 /Couple \$90



Mayor Pro Tem and Preservation Austin member Kathie Tovo with her girls at the 13th Annual East Egg Hunt.



PA Board Member Ann Graham, IA Board Member Stacie Rychlik, and IA Member Bradley Wilson enjoy the Dillo Trolley Tour.



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Preservation Committee

Lin Team, Retiring Board Member and Co-Chair of the Preservation Committee

In the old days, the Heritage Society of Austin (Preservation Austin's predecessor organization) had income from a business enterprise that enabled it to offer grants and loans for restoration work. As that funding source ended, the mission of the organization shifted to becoming more of a catalyst for educating and engaging the community, as well as enlarging and improving preservation work being done by the city. This change was noted by the *Austin Chronicle*, which proclaimed that we were "not your Grandmother's Heritage Society," and later led to renaming the organization as Preservation Austin, proudly going about "Saving the Good Stuff."

Since 2000, I have been in a unique position to observe that transition as a member of the HSA/PA board. (I had two years off but continued to co-chair the Preservation Committee with John Donisi during that time.) I have seen the success of Preservation Austin's advocacy work over those years in countless ways.

Preservation Austin's all volunteer committees do much of the significant work of the organization and have achieved great success over the years. The Education Committee has developed cool practical workshops, does tours of historic homes, and sponsors lots of fun events for kids and adults. The board develops strategic plans and raises funds to implement them. Inherit Austin invites young professionals to learn about and be active in preservation. But much of

what the Preservation Committee does is less visible, because our primary activity is advocacy, and successful advocacy often requires discretion. When we are working to save a threatened property, supporting passage of local historic districts, or recommending changes to policies that affect historic preservation at the local or state level, we often seek to work behind the scenes to garner support and achieve agreements where possible.

Preservation Austin has achieved some dramatic success over these years, despite consistent efforts to undermine preservation policies and the increasing threat to historic character in neighborhoods threatened by the economic realities of our booming city. In recent issues of the PA newsletter, we have reported on some of these successes. Our success has largely been due to the responsible nature of our advocacy with public officials. We have studied programs in other cities and formed policy recommendations that make sense for Austin. We have become a trusted resource for decision makers because of the respect and care with which we present our recommendations. Recently we have worked to develop relationships with the new Mayor and Council Members and their staffs so that they will know they can have the benefit of our experience and expertise.

The Preservation Committee is made up of dedicated preservation advocates with a variety of strengths and a deep commitment to preserving Austin's historic assets. Our work is

time-consuming, requiring patience to sit through all sorts of hearings and city planning exercises. However, we have also developed and advocated successfully for preservation policies that have been adopted as ordinances. It can be discouraging, as we see buildings and neighborhoods disappearing because the process for designating local historic districts is cumbersome and slow. But this is something we can work to change by developing and advocating for "best practices" in designating local districts. I believe it is the heart and soul of what Preservation Austin is all about. As I "graduate" from the board this August, I invite - and urge - you to join this committee to share the challenge with other stalwart preservationists. ★

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JOURDAN-BACHMAN PIONEER FARMS

JUNE 2015 UPDATE ABOUT GOINGS-ON AT CENTRAL TEXAS' PREMIER LIVING HISTORY PARK

'OLD TEXAS DAYS' ON TAP FOR A BIG FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND JUNE 20-21.

HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES, OLD-TIME CRAFTS, PICNICS PART OF FUN DAYS.

Special to the Gazette.

Father's Day this year at Pioneer Farms will be an exciting Old Texas day not to be missed.

The historical activities will take place from 10-5 on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21.

Horse-drawn wagon rides will offered along with a variety of 1800s historical demonstrations and a special interpretive program, along with blacksmithing and other activities.

Bring Dad out for a day of Old Texas fun at Pioneer Farms. Regular admission will be charged. See more details at PioneerFarms.org.



Pioneer Farms

Our Longhorn herd will be available for petting and looking.

A FUN SUMMER: BLACKSMITHING, CAST-IRON COOKING, PYSANKY.

Special to the Gazette.

Classes in cooking on cast-iron cooking, Pysanky egg-dyeing, backyard farming, raising chickens and decorative metalwork are now enrolling for June and July.

We're also offering classes in blacksmithing, decorative metalwork, traditional hand-tool woodworking, flint knapping and other frontier skills, along with fun history lectures and Boy and Girl Scout badge sessions.

These classes are part of a special initiative at Pioneer Farms to keep alive crafts and skills that are part of Texas' colorful past.

Many of these classes are unique to the Austin area, and are taught in historic shops and at historic home sites so you get a full history immersion at one low price.

Check out the full schedule online at PioneerFarms.org and sign up to get a spot.



Independence Day will offer red-white-blue fun for all ages.

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HISTORIC FLAGS, LIVE MUSIC, WAGON RIDES AT OUR BIG JULY 3-4 FESTIVAL.

CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE, OLD TEXAS TO SHOWCASE BIG WEEKEND.

Special to the Gazette.

Our star-spangled Independence Day festival on July 4 will feature an array of family fun — historical reenactments, live music and a colorful display of independence flags.

The red-white-and-blue program will take place from 10-5 on Friday and Saturday, July 3-4. Regular admission will be charged.

In addition to other things, there will be red-white-and-blue historical shows, wagon rides and food — plus artisans and other Old Texas activities at our five historic sites.

The day will be Austin's version of a midsummer festival, a popular activity in the late 1800s.

See PioneerFarms.org for more details and tickets.



Pioneer Farms

Independence flags from U.S., Texas will be part of the show.

SUCCESS STORY AS FARMS RECEIVES TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FROM I.R.S.

SPINOFF FROM PRESERVATION AUSTIN WAS ENVISIONED WHEN CITY CUT BUDGET, PULLED OUT IN 2003.

Special to the Gazette.

The Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farms Foundation has been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service, allowing Central Texas' premier living-history center to become independent from Preservation Austin.

The designation, approved April 13, successfully completes a plan set in motion in 2003 when the City of Austin ended its management of the museum due to spiraling costs and operational issues.

A group of dedicated volunteers set their mind not to let the museum close, and have been working ever since to stabilize and grow the 100-acre site into a regional attraction.

The volunteers reopened Pioneer Farms to the public in November 2003, just over a month after the city departed. The museum this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

More than 48,000 people visited Pioneer Farms last year, among guests from 43 states and 47 foreign countries during its 12 years of operation as a semi-independent unit of Preservation Austin.

OUR SUMMER SCOUT ACTIVITIES OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF FUN.

Special to the Gazette.

Pioneer Farms has lots to offer your Summer Camp and Scout groups.

Our popular "Life on the Prairie" programs will be offered on Fridays for individuals and groups. Saturday and Sunday classes for Cub Scouts, by reservation, for seven different belt loops and pins: Heritages, Wildlife Conservation, Geography, Weather, Geology, Collecting, Map & Compass and Cultures. We also offer the Texas Badge.

We have classes for Brownies and Girl Scouts, including "Girls of Grit," a special program for moms and daughters. And we offer five Boy Scout Merit Badge classes, and Eagle Scout projects.

Campouts? We have sites for groups small and large. See PioneerFarms.org for booking information and other details.

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Greening Your Vintage Home

TreeHouse, 9-11am. Three-part workshop series on sustainably retrofitting historic and recent past homes. Series tickets are on sale NOW through our website. Individual tickets will be available at the door.

AUG
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Inherit Austin Movie Night – *Singin' in the Rain*:

Paramount Theatre (713 Congress Ave., 78701), 7pm. Additional details TBA.

AUG
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“Fredericksburg’s Family Ties: Tracking Architectural and Cultural Change through the Generations:”

Neill-Cochran House Museum (2310 San Gabriel St., 78705), 2-4pm. Lecture and book signing by Professor Kenneth Hafertepe of Baylor University. Free. Co-sponsored by Preservation Austin.

AUG
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PA Annual Meeting: Alamo Ritz Theatre (320 E. 6th St., 78701), 4-6pm. Light refreshments provided with cash bar. Free, RSVP required by Friday, August 7. Featured speaker TBA.

SEP
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Hyde Park History Hunt: Begins and ends at the Elizabet Ney Museum (304 East 44th St., 78751), 9am-noon. Architectural scavenger hunt (and games!) throughout the historic Hyde Park neighborhood for K-5 kids and their parents. Free. More details to come!

SEP
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Inherit Austin’s Sixth Annual Somewhere in Time Dinner: Lions Municipal Golf Course (2901 Enfield Rd., 78703). Additional details TBA.

NOV
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55th Annual Preservation Merit Awards Luncheon: Driskill Hotel (604 Brazos St., 78701). Featured speaker and additional details TBA.

FALL
TBA

Preservation Speaker Night: Paramount Theatre (713 Congress Ave., 78701). Featured speaker and additional details TBA.

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