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## Calendar :

### **November**

4-6 Daniel in Santa Fe, NM  
7 Lee in Santa Fe, NM  
8 Daniel in Austin, TX  
19-20 Daniel in Tyler, TX

### **December**

5 Daniel in Little Rock, AR  
15-17 Denise in Washington, DC

## National Trust Announcements

The National Trust is pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Arts will be funding four *Your Town: Designing Its Future* workshops for 2003-2004. We are seeking your interest in producing a workshop between now and August 31, 2004. \$22,000 will be available from the Endowment for each workshop. Send your proposals **for receipt by December 8<sup>th</sup>** by e-mail or mail to:

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## Arkansas and the Japanese-American Story Conference in Little Rock, September 23–26, 2004

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, wartime hysteria swept the United States—prompting the federal government to incarcerate over 100,000 innocent Japanese-Americans living on the west coast and in Hawaii. Over 16,000 of those citizens ended up at internment camps in **two remote south Arkansas towns – Rowher and Jerome**. The Japanese-American National Museum in Los Angeles, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the National Trust are collaborating on an effort to preserve the memory and extant Japanese-American cultural resources. *Life Interrupted* is a program dedicated to helping Americans learn more about this dark chapter in America's history. By bringing scholarly and public attention to these historic sites, lessons on prejudice, hasty interpretations of the Constitution and the creativity of the human spirit (even in captivity) are celebrated. UALR invites you to learn more about these experiences

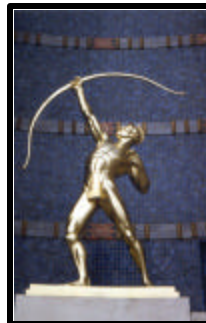


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## The 2003 Honor Award Winners from the Southwest Region

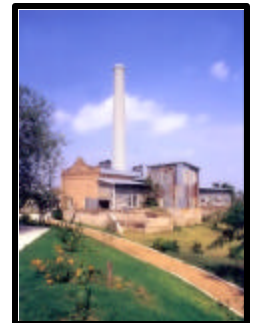
### Fair Park in Dallas, TX

In a "back from the brink" story, Fair Park received a National Preservation Honor Award this fall in Denver. Once listed on America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places (1994), Fair Park received one of only 22 honor awards at the 2003 National Preservation Conference. Fair Park served as the centerpiece of the Texas Centennial celebration in 1936; it is America's largest collection of Art Deco exposition architecture. Thanks to private and public funding, the City of Dallas, the State Fair Board of Texas, and the Friends of Fair Park have collaborated on the restoration of ten buildings and the conservation of numerous monumental sculptures and murals.



### Hidalgo Pumphouse in Hidalgo, TX

The steam-operated Hidalgo Pumphouse, located on the Rio Grande River, was once a rusting eyesore along Los Caminos del Rio (11 Most in 2001). But thanks to home-grown ingenuity and resilience, the result is a point of pride and a new heritage tourism attraction—proof that preservation can revive a community. Closed for obsolescence in 1983, local preservationists dreamed of restoring the early 20th-century irrigation project. Seventeen years later...asbestos removal, reinforcement of the signature smokestack, reconstructed machinery, and the installation of new walkways and a climate controlled interpretive center, have given it, and Hidalgo, new life.



# October Preservation Services Fund Grants Announced

## TEXAS

### Fondren Endowed Fund

- \$2,500 to **Historic Houston** to fund a rehabilitation and adaptive use plan for the c. 1903 Fire Station #6, a contributing building in a National Register district in downtown Houston.



- \$3,000 to the **Milam County Historical Museum** to fund a preservation analysis and master plan for the Milam County Jail Museum (c. 1895) in Cameron.

- \$2,000 to the **Historic Missions Restoration, Inc.** to fund an educational brochure for the Socorro Mission restoration project outside of El Paso.



- \$2,500 to the **Norwegian Society of Texas** to fund a preservation plan for the Jens Ringness House in Cranfield Gap.

## OKLAHOMA

### Oklahoma Endowed Fund

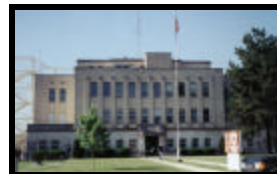
- \$1,500 to **Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.** to fund the development of a rehabilitation plan for the Gold Dome (11 Most Endangered List in 2002) in Oklahoma City.



- \$1,000 to **Cherokee Main Street, Inc.** to fund a feasibility study for The Friends Church/Cherokee Civic Center (c. 1917).

## Recent Interventions

- \$600 to assist the Oklahoma Historical Society in their efforts to save Garvin Rock Church **ate Historic Preservation Office** by funding a structural assessment for the Garvin Rock Church (c. 1910).



- \$400 to the **Miami Main Street, Inc.** to fund a National Register nomination for the Ottawa County Courthouse (c. 1915) in Oklahoma.

# Strategic Planning Services Available from the SWO

Making the transition from a crisis-driven coalition of concerned citizens to a stable local or statewide preservation organization is never easy. Likewise, the perpetuation or growth of a stable organization presents many challenges. All non-profits, whether green or seasoned, face financial and leadership issues.

To assist with these challenges, the National Trust offers a variety of strategic planning services. Since the late 1980s, we have offered the following services: board development, meeting facilitation, goal setting, etc. to local and statewide preservation organizations. These services are tailored to address an organization's specific needs and challenges. Typically, the services are divided into three phases (1) information gathering; (2) assessment; (3) facilitation and goals setting; and (4) follow-up assistance—which can be technical, financial or both.

If your preservation organization is in need of outside, objective input or advice on establishing a plan or setting a course of action, contact the SWO. Trained and experienced staff is available to discuss your strategic planning needs.



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