

Calendar:

July

4-5 SWO closed for Independence Day

11 Daniel in Dallas for VIP

15-17 Wendy at HQ for training

27 Atomic Dance-O-Rama to support the Gold Dome in Oklahoma City

(www.savethedome.net)

August

1-4 Megan in San Antonio for NAPC Forum

SWO welcomes Wendy Ossoinig

Wendy A. Ossoinig joined the SWO this month as

our new Program Assistant.

Wendy will wear several hats:

providing general administrative support to the SWO and its staff,

tracking the SWO budget and databases, managing financial accounting, and overseeing the organization of the office.

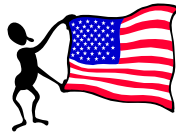
She will also assist Megan with the management of the Emerging Preservation Leaders Scholarship Program, PSF grants, Honor Award, and the *11 Most Endangered* programs.

Prior to her job at the National Trust, Wendy worked for the Dallas Museum of Art, assisting in the Visual Resource Library and Archives. She also worked for the National Archives and Records Administration on a contract basis.

PSF Grants – June round awarded

The SWO is proud to announce the following projects received **Preservation Services Fund** grants. Our next PSF deadline is **October 1, 2002**.

- **City of Santa Fe**, Symposium on the cultural landscape of Santa Fe, NM, \$2495;
- **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions**, Conference support for the NAPC Forum 2002 in San Antonio, TX, \$3000;
- **Los Caminos del Rio**, Cultural landscape overview and assessment of Fort Brown (NHL), Brownsville, TX, \$5000;
- **Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**, Renovation plan for the Church (NR),



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Houston, TX, \$3000;

- **City of Marlin**, Renovation plan for the historic Fire Station, Marlin, TX, \$3100;
- **Abilene Preservation League**, Restoration plan for the Swenson Houston, Abilene, TX, \$3750;
- **Preserve Pawhuska, Inc.**, Feasibility study for the Triangle Building in Pawhuska, OK, \$2000.

What has the SWO been up to lately?

- **Preservation Week** kept us busy in May with Daniel attending and speaking at the Oklahoma Statewide Preservation Conference in Durant. Megan was the featured speaker at the Wichita Falls Heritage Society's annual award ceremony.
- In May, Megan attended a meeting at HQ that brought together interested parties to **save historic schools**. They included the PTA, School Board Association, NEA, etc. This sharing of ideas helped us to update and develop our strategic plan for the next several years.
- Daniel has been heavily involved in serving on the selection committee for the **Fort Worth historic preservation master plan** for the city. The consultants have been chosen and work begins in August. Daniel will continue to serve on the steering committee and work with the consultants. The final plan should be complete by July 2003.
- Daniel attended a **transportation summit** in Lexington, Kentucky that brought together interested parties from across the country to discuss the fate of Section 4f. This was a first-time meeting of its kind between preservationists and transportation officials.
- The National Trust's **statewide and local partners** attended their annual meeting in Annapolis, Maryland in June. Our statewides from TX and NM were represented as well as our local partners: Historic Fort Worth and the Galveston Historical Foundation.
- Both Daniel and Megan, with the help of Dwayne Jones from Preservation Dallas,

have been teaching a historic preservation seminar class at UT Arlington once a week. It has been invigorating to share the world of preservation with a great group of graduate students pursuing architecture and planning.

Local Initiative Grant Available

The National Trust announces the 2002-03 round of the **Local Initiative and Collaborative Pilots Technical Assistance Grants**. The purpose of these programs is twofold: to build organizational capacity for nonprofit preservation groups and strengthen collaborations between national, state, and local partners related to strategic preservation outcomes. The **Local Initiative** supports the hiring of the first full-time staff for local nonprofit preservation organizations or supports a Statewide organization's local capacity building program. The **Collaborative Pilot** looks for creative partnership projects that advance the preservation mission and build the preservation movement at the local level. Initial funding includes a technical assistance grant of up to \$2,500 for strategic development. Organizations accepted for this phase of the program will be invited to apply for a Challenge Grant of up to \$35,000.

These programs are open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit preservation organizations. The Application deadline is **October 31, 2002**. Program guidelines and applications are available on *forum* Online (<http://www.forum.nthp.org>), in the .pdf file cabinet. Applicants should contact their Regional Office and Statewide Organization. Questions or need an application? Contact Lisa Burcham (lisa_burcham@nthp.org) or Kimberly Fairall (kimberly_fairall@nthp.org).

Fondren Foundation grant to SWO

The SWO is pleased to announce the gift of \$90,000 over three years from the **Fondren Foundation** in Texas. This funding will be used to add real estate expertise to the SWO and enable us to become more involved in development projects and tax credit deals.