



Calendar:

September

23-25 Daniel in El Paso, TX

October

2-4 Daniel in Galveston for meeting of the

Conference of Southwest Foundations

6-13 Daniel & Megan in Cleveland for National

Preservation Conference

23-24 Daniel in Woodward, OK

November

8 Daniel & Megan in Oklahoma City

**** Preservation Week: May 5-11****

Preservation Conference Preview

Many of you will be attending the National Preservation Conference in Cleveland next month. There are several educational sessions that are directly related to issues that are affecting the Southwest. You will want to look for:

- Encore! Theaters Light Up Downtown
- Rosenwald Schools, Past, Present, Future
- Lowdown on Teardowns
- Saving Historic Schools
- Historic Schools: Roundtable Discussion
- Insuring Historic Property
- Transportation & Preservation
- Corporate Good Neighbor Initiative
- Creative Solutions for Preserving Small Town Character
- Deconstructing the Feasibility Study
- Combating Big-Box Sprawl
- Saving our Cities, Suburbs & Countryside

We also hope to see you at the Regional Reception on Thursday evening. If you have any questions about the conference please let us know. It has been recently announced if you use the conference web site and register online for the conference, you only pay the advance registration fees until September 30! That's a savings of \$115.00 over the on-site registration fee. So hurry and register on line at www.nthpconference.org.

Dates of Preservation Week changed!

In discussion with our statewide and local partners, the National Trust has moved **National Preservation Week to May 5-11**. The theme will be "Cities, Suburbs & Countryside." This is a week earlier than usual so please mark your calendars so we can celebrate appropriately!

Hemphill Treasure Moved to Safety



The Southwest Office is pleased to report that the **Pratt House** (1908, NR eligible) of Hemphill, TX, was moved to a new and safe location last month. Our contact first began with calls for help from the **Sabine County Historical Foundation (SCHF)** in November 2001. They were faced with trying to save the Pratt House from demolition by the First Baptist Church for a new sanctuary and family life center. The church was willing to give the Foundation the house but on the condition that the



structure be removed by January 1, 2002. Despite

their efforts, the Foundation was \$49,000 short of the \$122,000



necessary for the move. The SWO worked with them over the course of the next several months. First they applied for and received a \$3100 Preservation Services Fund grant to produce a rehabilitation plan for the Pratt House. With this commitment of support from the National Trust and a \$25,000 grant from the Summerlee Foundation, the volunteer leaders of SCHF worked diligently to prepare and submit a loan application to the National Trust's Community Partners.

SCHF also nominated the structure to the National Register of Historic Places and worked with the Texas Historical

Commission to ensure that the house would remain eligible even after it was moved from its original site. In late March, **SWO and Community Partners** staff made a site visit to Hemphill to see the building and meet with the parties involved. It was that visit that helped assure the church of our commitment to the project and encouraged them to extend the deadline to August 2002. SCHF secured a \$50,000 **loan from the National Trust** to complete the necessary funding, and on August 23, the house was relocated to its new, safe location within the City Park. The move, by H.D. Snow of Fort Worth, took from 9:00 to 5:30, and the house arrived completely intact, not even a crack in a window. The SCHF is hopeful that this effort will be a turning point for preservation in the Hemphill community and they are already focused on preserving a second structure downtown.

Funding Sources and Information:

Deadline for **the next PSF round** is next month. All applications must be postmarked by **October 1, 2002**. If you have questions, please contact Megan at SWO.

The Main Street Center's catalogue of seminars and public trainings is at: <http://www.mainstreet.org/Conferences/Institute/index.htm>.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has announced a new online guide to funding geared toward the preservation community and the general public. "**Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects,**" is available at <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>.

The Texas Historical Commission has launched the **Nifty from the Last Fifty** survey to encourage awareness of architecture from the last 50 years. Survey forms are available at www.thc.state.tx.us and require a photo. For more information call 512-463-6094.

Applications for the **Local Initiative and Collaborative Pilots Technical Assistance Grants** are currently being accepted by the National Trust. Deadline is **October 31, 2002**. Applicants must contact the SWO and their statewide organization. Contact Lisa Burcham (lisa_burcham@nthp.org) or Kimberly Fairall (kimberly_fairall@nthp.org) for more information.