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March

- 1 Daniel in Texarkana, TX
- 2-3 Daniel in Osceola, AR
- 1-3 Denise in Mescalero & Santa Fe, NM
- 6 Daniel in Tulsa, OK
- 10-17 Daniel in Washington, DC
- 13 Denise in Austin, TX
- 29-30 Daniel in Houston, TX

April

- 3 Daniel in Bartlesville, OK
- 6-9 Daniel in San Antonio, TX
- 20-22 Denise in Galveston, TX
- 21-23 Daniel in San Antonio
- 26-30 Daniel, Denise & Wendy in Little Rock, AR

May

- 24-27 Denise in Gallup, NM
- 31 - Daniel in Oklahoma

June

- 3 Daniel in Oklahoma
- 5-11 Daniel in New Orleans, LA
- 19-23 Daniel, Denise & Wendy in Washington, DC

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Main Street

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Texas Main Street

Working to Rebuild *by: Denise Alexander*

From my first trip down Bourbon Street when I was sixteen I have always loved New Orleans. New Orleans had voodoo dolls, great buildings, an exciting atmosphere filled with music, drinks and laughter. It was gritty and alive.

When the Trust started running Homeowner Assessment Teams in the area, I wanted to come. I wanted to help one of my favorite places. Words and photographs can't truly showcase how block after block and business after business the community to me is grasping for air. You can literally drive for hours from one side of the city to the other and not see anything but flood lines on buildings, piles of debris, abandoned cars and in essence people's lives thrown out on the curb.

The first week of December I joined five other preservation professionals and Mary Ruffin Hanbury and Joe McGill from our Southern Office in the "Preservation 'Real World' House" in Bywater. Throughout the weeks the assessment teams have been "canvassing" National Register neighborhoods; passing out information on the Preservation Resource Center and their programs, NTHP, City information (permitting process, updated phone numbers) and mold remediation information.

Our team focused on the New Marigny neighborhood. The water levels ranged from 6 feet to 2 feet, so there was a great need to get the information about mold remediation to this neighborhood. We walked up and down each street putting information in mailboxes and talking to returning residents about their needs and the needs of their homes. As the week

progressed our team handed out over 80 buckets filled with cleaning supplies and hundreds of pieces of literature. We were asked to go into several homes to look at the damage and provide advice.

I have tried to put the damage in New Orleans in perspective to some of the people I have talked to since my leaving the City. Imagine, not just your house, or your belongings, but the schools you went to, the Church you attended, the streets you learned to drive on...the list you can go on and on, most of

what is familiar to you about your "home" is no longer there. People aren't on the streets, you can't call up a friend or family member to visit or watch a Saturday ballgame with.

No matter what the situation of any of the people in New Orleans, rich or poor, black or white, this is a story about human loss and their "home." Think of what would happen if this was you, think of what you can do to help. No matter alive or gasping for air, I still love New Orleans.



New Marigny Assessment Team



Lower 9th Ward

February Preservation Fund Grants Announced

ARKANSAS

\$500 (Hughes Fund) to **Argenta Community Development Corp.** for the production of a plain-language, easy to use reference guide to provide downtown North Little Rock homeowners and investors with useful information on neighborhood zoning, code regulations, Historic District guidelines, incentives, services and resources for historic preservation and investment.



\$4,400 (Fondren Fund) to the **HIS Covenant Children, Inc.** for a Preservation Plan for the First Methodist Church will make recommendations for ways in which the restored historic building can better contribute to and be more available to the local community, but do so in a manner compatible to the historic use. (c.1913)



OKLAHOMA

\$2,000 (Hughes Fund) to **Main Street Cordell, Inc.** for consultant fees to assess the viability of projects, conduct a market survey, feasibility study, and provide advice on a variety of arts development-related issues, including the renovation of historic buildings into artist live/work housing units in downtown. (c.1902-1929, NR)



\$2,000 (Fondren Fund) to the **Friends of Historic Comanche, Inc.** for architectural and landscape consulting of the Comanche Depot for the purpose of creating a cost estimate for the adaptive use as a new Chamber of Commerce office and Railroad Museum. (c.1912)



TEXAS

\$2,000 (Fondren Fund) to the **Nacogdoches County Historical Foundation** for a structural analysis of the Zion Hill Baptist Church. (c.1914, NR)



\$2,000 (Fondren Fund) to the **City of Nacogdoches** for the research and documentation of the lives, economics, and family activities upon the Durst-Taylor House site that is an important asset to the interpretative exhibits planned for the property. (c.1835, NR)



National Trust Preservation Fund Grants

Deadline **06/01/06** for Grant Applications. For information, contact SWO at 817-332-4398 or swro@nthp.org

Thank You from the SWO

Fresh from Lobby Day and a Regional Directors retreat at our headquarters in Washington, I am energized to get back to the day-to-day work of preservation in the Southwest region. On the return flight, I reminded myself how fortunate we are to have people like you to help us make this all happen. Not only do you work hard on behalf of preservation, but you also give important financial support to the Southwest Office. So, from all of us here at the SWO, thank you! Lest you think that your support does not make a difference, let me give you an example of how, in fact, it does.

Thanks to quick thinking on the part of our Program Officer, Denise Alexander, we were able to help save an endangered historic school in Huntsville, Texas. Denise traveled to Huntsville, met with local officials and preservationists, and helped broker a deal to retain this important local landmark. The SWO retained the services of a structural engineer to do a visual inspection of the Old High School. With a positive structural report and show of support from local preservationist, the school board decided to sell the building instead of demolishing this local icon. It is this responsiveness and can-do spirit that affirms for me how the National Trust is making a difference in saving historic resources. Without the field services support we receive from you...Denise can't make that trip, we can't pay the engineer, and who knows what happens to that historic school building in Huntsville.

We may not say 'thank you' enough, so let me remedy that right now. You are the reason we exist—both in terms of the help you give us in the field and the financial support you give our office through membership and donations. Thank you for helping us work side-by-side with you as we fight to protect our irreplaceable heritage.

Sincerely,
Daniel Carey, SWO Director

Latest Intervention Funding

The City of Santa Rosa, NM was awarded a \$2,500 grant for emergency repairs to the roof of the Route 66 icon, the Pecos Theatre (c.1919, State and Local Designation). Richard Delgado with the City of Santa Rosa stated "This grant helps in a very important stage for historic preservation downtown revitalization." This project has also received a \$5,000 grant the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program for an in-depth preservation plan.

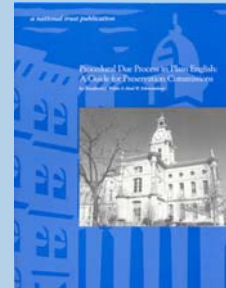


The St. Joseph Apache Mission in Mescalero, NM (1920-1943, National and State Register) is undergoing a \$1.8 million dollar restoration. An important step in the restoration of this building is repairing the large stained glass windows above the entrance to the Mission. A \$2,500 grant was given for repairs to these windows. Mary Serna, of the Mission Restoration Project said "This \$2,500 will help us complete an important step in our restoration process."



Book Spotlight

Procedural Due Process in Plain English: A Guide for Preservation Commissions



An explanation of procedural due process and provides guidance on topics that commonly arise in the context of local ordinance granting regulatory powers to historic preservation commissions. Includes an annotated list of related case law.

Item # :

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Non-member Price :

\$10.00

NTHP Member Discount Price :

\$9.00

Forum Member Discount Price :

\$7.50

Contact:

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What's going on in the Southwest?

ARKANSAS

The "Sandwiching In History" program is a series of tours that seeks to familiarize people who live and work in central Arkansas with the historic structures and sites around us. The tours themselves typically occur at noon of the first Friday of each month, last less than an hour, and participants are encouraged to bring their lunches so that they can eat while listening to a brief lecture about the property and its history before proceeding on a short tour.

<http://www.arkansaspreservation.org/tours-events-workshops/sandwiching-schedule/>

NEW MEXICO

Lecture: "Pottery Mound: A Pueblo IV Village in Central New Mexico."

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 pm free

David Phillips, Curator of Archeology at the Maxwell Museum will describe the Pottery Mound site and current attempts to build on original research. For many years the late Frank Hibben worked at Pottery Mound, uncovering a late prehistoric village with a stunning variety of kiva murals.

Part of the People of the Southwest Lecture Series.

<http://www.unm.edu/~maxwell/>

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's 18th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

May 31-June 2, 2006

Wilburton & Robbers Cave State Park, Oklahoma

Details Available April 2006

<http://www.okhistory.mus.ok.us/shpo/conference.htm>

TEXAS

GRAPEVINE HISTORIC HOUSE SPECIALIST SEMINAR

Become an authority on historic Grapevine and North Texas neighborhoods by taking the Preservation Dallas Historic House Specialist Seminar.

Cost is \$185 for the full workshop + lunch, or \$205 for the workshop, lunch + 8 MCE credits.

For additional course information, phone Preservation Dallas at 214.821.3290. To register, contact the MetroTex Education Office at 214-637-6660.

Thursday April 06 through Friday April 07, 2006

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

http://preservationdallas.org/new_site/events/

Identify this Historic Structure...

The first to reply will Win a NTHP Totem Bag



Keep up with the Southwest Office!

Sign up to receive our e-letter send an email to swro@nthp.org OR Visit our website: www.nationaltrust.org/about_the_trust/regional/southwest.html

National Trust for Historic Preservation announces Preservation Leadership Training 2006

June 10-17, 2006

Nebraska City, Nebraska

Application deadline: March 31, 2006

In partnership with the Nebraska Lied Main Street program

Preservation Leadership Training (PLT) is an intensive one-week program that provides participatory learning experiences in leadership and organizational development; stimulating education sessions; and up-to-the-minute information on current preservation practices, issues, and action strategies.

PLT is for board members and staff of preservation organizations and agencies, Main Street communities, and others who are in a position to influence preservation efforts in their communities.

The tuition for the program is \$450; National Trust Forum members are eligible for a discounted tuition of \$350. An additional meal assessment fee is charged for group catering. Participants are responsible for lodging costs, most meals and transportation to and from the PLT site. A limited number of scholarships are available to ensure the cultural diversity of participants.

For more information call 202.588.6067, e-mail plt@nthp.org, or visit <http://www.nationaltrust.org/plt>.



PLT Participants from San Antonio 2005

National Preservation Awards

Each year the National Trust celebrates the best of preservation by presenting **National Preservation Awards** to individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate outstanding achievements in historic preservation. The 2006 National Preservation Award winners will be announced on November 2, 2006, at the National Preservation Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The deadline to submit nominations for Trustees' Awards, National Trust/HUD Secretary's Award or National Trust/ACHP Award is March 1, 2006. The deadline to submit National Preservation Honor Award nominations is **May 1, 2006**.

National Preservation Awards nomination forms will be available at www.nationaltrust.org/preservation_awards. Please note that this year the nomination form will be available online only and no printed copy will be mailed to you.

Save America's Treasures

Save America's Treasures at the National Trust is pleased to join its public partners, the National Park Service, the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, and the country's other major cultural agencies, in announcing the 2006 Federal Save America's Treasures Guidelines and Application:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/index.htm>. The due date for applications has been extended this year to **Tuesday April 18, 2006** at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. Please also note that this is NOT a postmark deadline – the application must be received by that time.

For more information: <http://www.saveameericastreasures.org/>

Funding Opportunities...

The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program provides funding assistance in the form of cost-share grants.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 cost-share grant cycle. The deadline for application submissions is **Friday, April 28, 2006**. Complete details can be found in the [2006 Cost-Share Grant Application Guidelines and Forms \(Word\) \(pdf\)](#).

The **Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office** is offering a matching grant for preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations. The deadline is **April 1, 2006**. Each grant is limited to \$900, and the applicant must provide a cash match of at least \$600.

For more information and application: <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm>

The **Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP)**, has grant programs that preserve the state's historic resources.

For more information:

<http://www.arkansaspreservation.org/preservation-services/grant-programs/>

Heritage Tourism Grants

Government and nonprofit organizations within active Texas Heritage Trails Program regions can apply for matching grants when funds are available. For more information:

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/grantsincent/>

Donate to the National Trust Southwest Office

As the only private, national organization dedicated to historic preservation, the National Trust relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations. When you donate to the National Trust, you'll be joining thousands of preservationists who enable our staff to save historic places and revitalize communities.

Gifts to the National Trust are tax-deductible in accordance with the law.

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