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Calendar:

February

19-20 Daniel in Tulsa, Pawhuska
18-19 Daniel & Denise in Austin
23 Daniel in Linden, TX

March

2 Denise in Lampasas, TX
4 Daniel in Bonham, TX
3-5 Denise in Washington DC
8 Daniel in Guthrie, OK
29-31 Daniel in Washington DC

April

1-2 Daniel in Washington DC
16-17 Daniel & Lee in Las Cruces, NM
8-Daniel in Oklahoma City, OK

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Statewide Partners

Historic Preservation Alliance Arkansas
New Mexico Heritage Pres. Alliance
Preservation Oklahoma
Preservation Texas

Main Street

Main Street Arkansas
New Mexico Main Street
Oklahoma Main Street
Texas Main Street

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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NM, OK and TX Announce Endangered Historic Places

Since 1988, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has issued the list of America's *11 Most Endangered Historic Places*. Many local and state-wide organizations have also created lists to promote endangered places in their communities. The use of "most endangered" status can be used to attract grants, study the condition of the building, fund potential rehabilitation or restoration, gain attention from a developer, city officials and donors.

Three states (**NM, OK, TX**) in the Southwest Region have leveraged the success of the *11 Most List* for their use, with Preservation Texas announcing its inaugural List of Endangered Places in February.

The **New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance** announced its 2004 Endangered List in Santa Fe in February. Past lists have included saving the New Mexico Sky, which resulted in the Nigh Sky Protection Act. The list this year includes sites ranging from rich archeological sites to the 1930's Motel Boulevard in Lordsburg.

A complete list can be found at www.nmheritage.org



Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. announced its "14 to Save in 2004" at the Noble Museum in Norman. Heather Seifert, Executive Director of POK stated "the designation has been a powerful advocacy tool for raising awareness of these endangered places."

Statewide nominations included: Post Offices, Courthouses and Downtown Movie Theatres. Individual sites including the Saline District Courthouse, Rosenwald Hall in Lima and the Triangle building in Pawhuska.

On the steps of the Capitol in Austin is where **Preservation Texas** announced their inaugural List. Thirteen structures were included from across the State of Texas. Elizabeth Grindstaff, president of Preservation Texas noted "These places represent a unique diversity that reflects the cultural heritage, geography, history and architecture of Texas."

www.preservationtexas.org



SWO Adds New Team Member

The SWO is back at full strength thanks to the addition of Denise Alexander. Denise joined the Southwest Office in December 2003 as the new Program Officer. She holds a B.A. in English from the University of Mississippi and a M.S. in Historic Preservation from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Previously, Denise completed a nine month internship with the Midwest Office of the Trust. Denise will manage a number of programs for the SWO: PSF grants, Diversity scholarships, Honor Awards, 11 Most, and a variety of initiatives including Rosenwald Schools.



February Grants Announced

ARKANSAS: Hughes Endowed Fund

- \$1000 to the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas for a structural assessment of the c. 1870 Nathan Combs House. (Fayetteville)



NEW MEXICO: Hughes Endowed Fund

- \$500 to the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance to support an educational session (in nearby El Paso) "Border Communities Working Together" at the NMHPA conference in Las Cruces.

OKLAHOMA: Oklahoma Endowed Fund



- \$1300 to the City of Vinita to develop a rehabilitation plan for the Craig County Courthouse (1920, NR).

TEXAS : Fondren Endowed Fund

- \$4,000 to Historic Waxahachie, Inc., for the Waxahachie Cotton Mills (1901) feasibility study.

- \$2,500 to the Abilene Preservation League for the East Downtown Historic Warehouse District Master Plan.



- \$3,000 to the City of Marshall for an architectural study of Memorial City Hall (1927).

- 3,000 to Emanuel Lutheran Church of Dallas for a Master Plan for the church complex (1900, 1931, NR). (Dallas)



- \$4,000 to St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church for a preservation plan of the church (1924 ,NR). (Fort Worth)

- \$4,000 to St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica (1847, NR) for consultant fees and measured drawing costs. (Galveston)



Common Ground Reached On Section 4(f)

The National Trust and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials reached an agreement to amend section 4(f) to streamline historic preservation reviews of transportation projects and, at the same time, maintain section 4(f)'s strong standards of protection for historic places.

This agreement would allow for the satisfaction of section 4(f) requirements in cases where there was a properly developed finding under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act that a transportation project would have no adverse effect on historic sites, even though the project would use a small portion of the historic site. The agreement includes numerous safeguards like the written concurrence of state historic preservation officers and public involvement through consulting parties.

By developing a streamlined approach to projects with negligible impacts on historic places, we can concentrate our attentions on the larger highway projects with much greater potential to harm historic sites.

*Thanks to key advocates and supports for this effort, including the **Great Houston Preservation Alliance**.*

Preservation Scholarships

The Trust offers financial assistance each year to enable community leaders and college students from diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds to attend the conference through the **Diversity Scholarship Program**. Last year the Southwest Region had 10 scholarship recipients, we would like to see that number and more attend the conference in Louisville from **Sept. 28 - Oct. 3, 2004**

Check out the conference website for more information. And an application form. **Deadline June 1,2004**
www.nthpconference.org

NEW Insurance Solutions for the Preservation World

The National Trust has partnered with Maury, Donnelly and Parr to develop **National Trust Insurance Services (NTIS)**. Preservation organizations, historic sites, historic hotels, Main Street businesses, historic home owners can all benefit from the policies offered by NTIS. **Specialty niches include: Directors & Officers liability, vacant buildings, special events, historic theatres, volunteers, historic homes, health benefits and more.**

The firm of Maury, Donnelly and Parr (MDP), which has been protecting their clients' assets since 1875, now can help National Trust members evaluate their insurance needs and obtain the coverage necessary for their home or organization, whether it's a farm house from the 1700s, a turn-of-the-century Victorian, or a one person preservation group. MDP can also work with owners of newer structures

For more information: 1-866-269-0944 or bphoebus@mdpins.com

SWO Intervention Funds to Help Lake Fannin

The Lake Fannin Organizational Camp, built between 1936 and 1938, was the first Resettlement Administration (RA) project of its size in the United States and the only one of its kind in Texas. Drought, soil depletion, erosion and a stagnant economy had a grip on rural North Texas at this time, and Fannin County was a perfect candidate to receive a dose of President Roosevelt's "alphabet soup." Congressman Sam Rayburn (Bonham) used his influence and helped deliver New Deal programs in the areas of rural relief, land utilization, rural resettlement and suburban resettlement to the area. The result was an outstanding rustic camp of CCC-style cabins, lodge, bathhouse, etc. that used native timber, stone and earth. After years of neglect, however, the Lake Fannin Organizational Camp is melting in the elements. So, in response to a call for help from the Lake Fannin Wilderness Park, Inc. (a volunteer group concerned about the disposition of historic resources at Lake Fannin), SWO staff made a site visit and met with officials from the volunteer group, Fannin County, and the US Forest Service (owner).



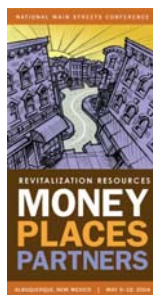
The National Trust committed Intervention Fund dollars and a conditions assessment and temporary stabilization recommendations report was produced for the 15 extant buildings. The report is intended as a guide for the US Forest Service and the volunteers to implement with respect to protecting this National Register-listed site. The SWO expects to provide on-going counsel and assistance as a long-term management plan for the site is undertaken.

National Main Streets Conference in New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM
May 9-12, 2004

This year's theme, **Revitalization Resources: Money, Places, Partners** focuses not only on financial resources for commercial district revitalization, but other resources a community may have, such as its sense of place and dynamic local partnerships. The conference is geared to any professional or volunteer interested in revitalizing their commercial district, not just those working within Main Street programs.

www.conference.mainstreet.org



Nominations for Honor Awards Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now open for the **2004 National Preservation Awards**. Individuals who have been involved in an outstanding preservation project completed in the past three years - or those who know of a company, organization or individual who has helped save a part of America's local or national heritage - are encouraged to submit a nomination.

This past year the Southwest Region had two winners: **Fair Park in Dallas and Hidalgo Pumphouse in Hidalgo, TX**. The nomination deadline is **May 1, 2004**.

http://www.nationaltrust.org/preservation_awards/index.html

Calendar

March 7-9 **Preservation Lobby Days** in Washington, DC. For more information contact mail@preservationaction.org

March 31 Deadline for applications for the **National Trust's Internship Program**. The 10-week program will begin June 7th and will run through August 13th. To find out more information go to www.nationaltrust.org/about_the_trust/jobs/internships.html

April 2 **Preservation Leadership Training** application deadline, for more information, go to www.nationaltrust.org/plt/about.html

Preservation Leadership Training (PLT) is an intensive one-week experience tailored to respond to the needs of state and local preservation organizations and agencies. The next PLT session is scheduled for June 5-12, in Astoria, OR. Spaces are limited!

April 17-17 **New Mexico Historic Preservation Agency Conference** in Las Cruces, NM

May 3-9 **Preservation Week -Theme "New Frontiers in Preservation"**

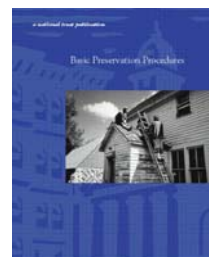
May 6-9 **Texas Historical Commission Annual Conference** in Fort Worth

May 19-21 **Oklahoma Statewide Preservation Conference** in Shawnee, OK

May 21-22 **Rosenwald Schools Conference** in Nashville, www.rosenwaldschools.com

Book Spotlight.. Basic Preservation Procedures

An introduction to the field of historic preservation that outlines key steps to building a successful preservation program. **Only \$6.00!** Contact Wendy Ossoining at wendy_ossoinig@nthp.org for ordering information and discounted member and forum member prices.



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