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Calendar:

May

6-9 Daniel in Cottonwood Falls, KS
8 Denise at THC Conf. FTW, TX
9-12 Daniel in Albuquerque, NM
13-14 Wendy in Washington, DC
19-21 Daniel in Shawnee, OK
19-22 Denise in Nashville, TN
24 Daniel Brownsville, TX

June

9 Daniel, Denise, Wendy in Grapevine, TX
11 Denise in New Braunfels, TX
15 Daniel in Washington, DC
18 Lee & Daniel in Galveston, TX
21-22 Daniel in Tulsa, OK

July

7-8 Daniel in Houston, TX
15-17 Daniel at Better Boards in MO
23-24 Daniel in Little Rock, AR
26-27 SWO Staff in Charleston, SC

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Statewide Partners

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[New Mexico Heritage Pres. Alliance](#)
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Main Street

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Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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Arkansas Delta Initiative

In 2003, five Main Street programs (Blytheville, Dumas, Helena, Osceola and West Memphis) approached the state's Main Street program in Little Rock for special assistance with their common issues and problems in the Delta: declining downtowns.

In turn, Main Street Arkansas contacted the National Trust and our National Main Street Center and, together, we are developing a new program called *The Delta Initiative*. This program provides expertise in three areas: small business development, heritage tourism, and neighborhoods/housing to develop a customized approach for saving Arkansas's Delta Main Street cities.

For our part, the National Trust brings extensive professional experience and funding. We are counseling each local Main Street program and assisting with building board capacity; we are applying heritage tourism principles to help protect and promote historic sites of interest, and we are making planning grants available to help save endangered historic sites. The National Trust will remain involved with this Delta Initiative for the foreseeable future, and assistance from the Southwest Office will come in the form of grants and outside technical assistance. SWO staff made site visits to West Memphis and Dumas earlier this spring, and we expect to make more return visits this fall. Possible prospects include an old gin lot in Dumas and the cemetery at Rowher (Japanese Internment Camp during WWII).



Rosenwald School Conference A Success!

Over 160 people attended the *Reclaiming Rosenwald Schools* conference this May at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Even though the conference has past, there are still ways to support the preservation of Rosenwald Schools, including contributing directly to the Rosenwald School Initiative. Announced at the conference, the National Trust has been given a \$100,000 challenge grant from the William Rosenwald Family Foundation to carry on our work. For each new contribution we receive, they will match it dollar for dollar. To contribute directly to the initiative, please contact the Southern Office 843-722-8552, or download a pledge form from the website and mail it in. Donations are tax deductible.



<http://rosenwaldschools.com/documents/PLEDGECARDtest.pdf>

June Grants Announced

ARKANSAS

- \$1,092 (Hughes Endowed Fund) to Argenta Historic District for the development of an exhibit



marketing homes within the historic district in North Little Rock.

TEXAS

- \$4,999 (Fondren/Meadows Funds) to Cass County Conservancy in Linden, to aid the temporary relocation of court functions during the Courthouse's rehabilitation.



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- \$5,000 to the Cat Spring Agricultural Society (Fondren Fund)



for a feasibility study of their historic agricultural building in Austin County (1902)

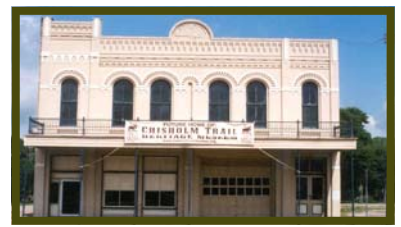
- \$3,000 (Fondren Fund) to the Green Valley School Historical Society for a master plan of their historic school in Aubrey (1919).



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- \$4,750 (Fondren Fund) to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, Inc. to develop rehabilitation plans for the Knights of Pythias Hall in Cuero (1903).



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- \$6,250 (Meadows Fund) to San Augustine Garden Club for a Master Plan for their historic county courthouse (NR, 1927).

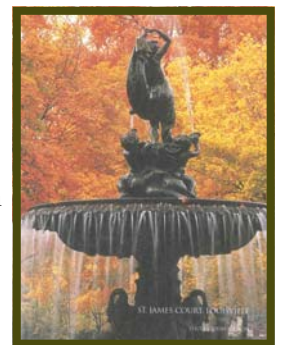


Master Plan for their historic county courthouse (NR, 1927).

National Preservation Conference September 28 - October 3, 2004 Louisville, Kentucky

The National Preservation Conference provides all-important know-how, innovative ideas, and inspiration for persons saving America's historic places and revitalizing communities. The Conference is the premier educational and networking event for community leaders, volunteers, and staff of the historic preservation movement. Louisville, a city known for its diverse historic neighborhoods, beautiful landscapes, and vital commercial areas, is a perfect location to explore the theme, *Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads*.

- Highlight preservation endeavors specific to the South, such as Rosenwald Schools and landscape conservation.
- Share cutting-edge ideas and tactics for financial incentives, neighborhood revival, downtown revitalization, affordable housing, transportation, and organizational development.
- Engage your peers in roundtable discussions to seize opportunities in heritage tourism, historic sites, rural conservation, and preservation advocacy.



The conference offers a rich educational experience that can be tailored by each participant to his/her own interests, an unparalleled opportunity to share issues and tactics with colleagues from across the country, and a chance to bring back to one's own community new knowledge, tools, contacts and inspiration.

To register - <https://www.nthpconference.org/>

LATEST INTERVENTION FUNDING



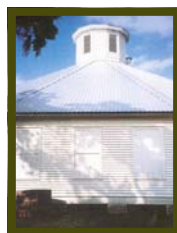
- \$1,500 to the Wheeler Independent School District for a structural engineering consultation for Post No. 138 American Legion Building in Wheeler, TX to determine if the building can be rehabilitated for other community purposes (1953).

- \$1,332 to Historic Wellington to secure a consultant to perform a structural survey to support the US 83 Truss Bridge “Bonnie & Clyde Bridge” continued use as a pedestrian bridge in Texas (NR, 1939).



- \$460 to the City of Elgin for the purpose of securing a consultant to complete a structural assessment and provide cost estimates for its stabilization and renovation of the Elgin Grain Elevator in Bastrop County, TX. (1950).

- \$2,100 to the Cat Spring Agricultural Society for a feasibility study for electrical engineering services for the Cat Spring Agricultural Hall in Austin County, Texas (1902).



Bittersweet Day for Meadow Gold

After more than 60 years as a Route 66 landmark, Tulsa's famous Meadow Gold neon sign came down in pieces, bringing tears to the eyes of some "Mother Road" enthusiasts who came to watch. The bitterness comes because Route 66 fans had hoped to prevent the need to relocate the sign in order to save it from demolition. The event was sweet because they have plans to restore the sign to its former glory and resurrect it in a new location along Route 66 in Tulsa. The City of Tulsa's Vision 2025 funds provided \$30,000 to disassemble, label, and store the sign.



"The Tulsa Foundation for Architecture will continue to work with the City of Tulsa and the Oklahoma Route 66 Association to raise an estimated \$60,000 to restore the sign and the two missing clocks," Lee Anne Zeigler of TFA said. *To donate contact:* www.tulsaarchitecture.com

Guthrie, OK

2004 Dozen Distinctive Destination

Trolley or horse-drawn carriage rides offer a great way to explore the large historic district, enlivened by galleries, shops and museums including the Oklahoma Territorial Museum, the Oklahoma Frontier Drugstore Museum, the State Capital Publishing Museum and the Oklahoma Sports Museum. Visitors might want to take in a rodeo at the Lazy E Arena (the country's largest indoor rodeo arena), a movie at the restored Beacon Drive-In, a play at the Pollard Theatre, or a toe-tapping concert at the Double Stop Fiddle Shop and Music Hall. www.guthrieok.com

Funding Opportunities

National Trust PSF Grants: 10/01/04
Deadline for PSF Grant Applications. For more information, contact SWO at 817-332-4398 or swro@nthp.org

The **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation** has created a new online guide: "Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects." Available at www.achp.gov/funding.html

As the federal government improves its electronic grants procedures, the www.grants.gov site gets more useful. Check out the links, and consider signing up for the "Receive Grant Opportunity Notification" option.

Community Partners News

Bank of America's Community Development Corporation was recently awarded a \$150 million New Markets Tax Credit allocation in the second round of CDFI Fund awards. Learn more about the Bank and the Trust's [New Markets Tax Credit Initiative](#).

For more information on Community Partners, call Lee Alexander in the SWO at 817-332-4398 or lee_alexander@nthp.org

Book Spotlight..

Using Professional Consultants In Preservation

Learn how to get the best results from the services of a consultant. Includes sample contracts, letter agreements, and requests for proposals.



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