Development Manager joins Texas Historical Foundation

Mary Yearwood, of San Antonio, has been named the new director of development for the Texas Historical Foundation. In that role, she will be responsible for the advancement of the THF mission, leading the organization’s fundraising programs, and creating community partnerships. Prior to joining THF, Yearwood provided consulting services to a diverse group of businesses, political candidates, and nonprofits, including Prevent Blindness Texas, MTR Charities, and Impact SA.

Discovery of Oil Transforms Houston

Oil was discovered at Spindletop, near Beaumont, on January 10, 1901, with more than 100,000 barrels spilled every 24 hours until the well was controlled. That event marked the beginning of an industry that would revolutionize the state and set up Houston to become the Energy Capital of the World.

Though there have historically been ups and downs in the petroleum field, it still is one of the main drivers of Houston's economy, with more than 5,000 energy firms doing business in the region today. Learn about the energy empire makers who launched the industry in the next issue of THF’s award-winning Texas HERITAGE magazine when you join THF today. Every membership comes with a subscription to the quarterly publication.

Applications Being Accepted For Austin Heritage Grant Opportunity

The City of Austin’s Heritage Tourism Division is accepting applications for grants that honor and preserve the city as a place of personal heritage. Deadline for online applications is on July 10. Maximum amount for capital projects is $250,000. Guidelines, requirements, and an online application link are at www.austintexas.gov/heritage-grants.

Raising Women’s Voices – The Covid Chronicles

The Ruthe Winegarten Foundation for Texas Women’s History, which has received grant funding in the past from the Texas Historical Foundation, invites Texas women to keep a diary or journal during this unprecedented time. The personal reflections of women are rare in the historical record, particularly by those not among the elite. Visit this link to learn more…and start writing.

Grants Deadlines Announced

Since 1990, more than 300 historic preservation projects have received funding from the Texas Historical Foundation. Proposals are reviewed quarterly; upcoming deadlines for THF grant consideration are:

- June 1
- September 1
- December 1
- March 1

Thanks New and Renewing Members!

Ann and Craig McDonald, Lubbock
Killis Almond, San Antonio; Frances and James McAllen, Linn; Lias Steen, Houston
James Carroll, Sequin; Sally and Albert McNeel, San Antonio
James Bourne, Houston; Shannon Cagnina, Dallas; John Percifield, Alvarado; Don Speck, Porter
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