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### THF Celebrates 65 Years of Preserving the Icons of the Lone Star Past

#### What Kind of Texan Will You Be? Celebrate Texas Independence Day, March 2!

Check out THF's newly refreshed website with updated Texas HERITAGE magazine information, including this message from President Bruce Elsom, ["What kind of Texan will you be?"](#)

The question is especially meaningful in advance of Texas Independence Day, March 2. To learn more about this very special event and celebration, visit this link, [Eight Things Every Texas Should Know on Texas Independence Day](#).



#### New THF Arts Endowment Established

In January 2019, THF Director Bill Sibley, a writer and playwright, established the William Jack Sibley Arts Endowment through a generous donation to THF. Funds will be used to identify, support, preserve, promote, nurture, and celebrate a wide range of projects. Those include, but are not limited to, theater, dance, music, film, literature, and research projects, as well as petroglyphs, art, and mural conservation.

The first gift from that endowment was made to Montopolis Productions, to fund a multimedia concert that features historical and ecological points of interest in the state.



#### Small Town Texas Takes Front and Center

The first quarter 2019 issue of [THF's award-winning Texas HERITAGE magazine](#) is expected to be in the mail this next week. The publication focuses on the challenges and successes of small towns throughout the state as they revitalize their downtowns to offer new services to residents—and bring in tourist dollars to boost the local economy.

[Become a THF member today](#) and start receiving the quarterly right away!



#### Learn about Texas Art and Artists

THF partner, the Center for the Advancement and Study of Early Texas Artists, will hold its annual symposium and art fair March 29-31 in Austin. Some of the most respected state art collectors, curators, dealers, and artists will participate. Register today at [www.casetta.org](#).



Credit: *April in DeWitt County*, by E. M. "Buck" Schiwetz, mixed media on board, 20" x 35," 1969. From Volume 1 2019 Texas HERITAGE magazine. Image courtesy of the private collection of Lias J. "Jeff" Steen.

#### Grant Deadlines Announced

To date, nearly 300 historic preservation projects have received funding from the Texas Historical Foundation. [Proposals are reviewed quarterly](#); upcoming deadlines for THF grant consideration are:

**MARCH 1**

ANNOUNCED MID-APRIL

**JUNE 1**

ANNOUNCED MID-JULY

**SEPTEMBER 1**

ANNOUNCED MID-OCTOBER

**DECEMBER 1**

ANNOUNCED MID-JANUARY

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GIVEN SINCE 1990

**292 Projects**  
RECEIVED FUNDING

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Janet Thompson, Norfolk, VA

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