The Texas Story of a House in Find Barton

Our directors thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Rockport and learning about its history and historic structures.

The next stop was the Fulton Schoolhouse Museum, which was a fascinating look at what it was like to receive an education in this rural area. In the early 20th century, schools like this were common across the country, providing education to generations of children. The Fulton Schoolhouse Museum is a great example of how these buildings were constructed and the importance they held in the community.

The Fulton Mansion, completed in 1877, is a fine example of Victorian architecture. It was designed by architect Joseph C. Keene and built by Rowena Dasch and her staff have been working on the restoration since 2022. The house is now open to the public and serves as a museum to the Lamar family. The mansion is located on the grounds of the Fulton Historic District.

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**TWF Board of Directors Winter 2023 Meeting in Austin**

The TWF Board of Directors Meeting in Austin was a great success. The meeting included a round of presentations from various organizations on their Winter 2023 round of grants. We will be telling you more about their projects in the weeks to come, and be sure to keep an eye out for grant presentation announcements.

The recipients are: The African American Heritage Project in San Antonio; the Bryan Museum in Galveston; the Flower Hill Museum in San Antonio; the Hemisfair Conservancy in San Antonio; the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio; and the Texas State Historical Association in Austin.

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