



## THF Staff Attends September Preservation Texas Summits in San Marcos and Tyler



*Northeast Texas Regional Preservation Summit*

This past month, Preservation Texas held its second and third regional preservation summits of the year in Tyler and San Marcos, respectively, and THF staff attended both. The well-attended events highlighted preservation work in the northeastern and central parts of the state.

The Northeast Texas Regional Preservation Summit was held at the Tyler Rose Garden Center & Rose Museum. Topics of the summit included a fascinating discussion about documenting and preserving

abandoned historic cemeteries and working with the public to ensure that the historic materials and contexts found within these sites are not lost forever to time or misguided cleaning efforts. Other topics included listing historic downtowns on the National Register of Historic Places, grassroots preservation advocacy, and historic rehabilitation project management.

The Central Texas Preservation Summit was held at the Dunbar Recreation Center on the site of the former Dunbar School which was moved to the site in 1918. The school served the African American community of San Marcos until integration in the 1960s. All that remains is one small outbuilding; however, the design of the Dunbar Recreation Center was patterned after the school which sat on the site.

The day was full of interesting presentations on a variety of preservation topics and preservation work in the region. The first was a presentation on the origins of the Dunbar neighborhood and the school. The City of San Antonio followed and showcased their work in historic neighborhoods and how policies and incentives can help support diverse historic neighborhoods facing development pressure. Taylor's Main Street program highlighted the work they are doing to preserve their downtown, including their grant program which has transformed many of the downtown historic buildings. Two graduate students presented their Preservation Texas summer

internship work to document endangered historic places in Blanco, Caldwell, and Hays counties. The Texas Freedom Colonies Project work to prevent the erasure, decay, and destruction of culture properties related to Black settlements after the Civil War was highlighted. Wimberly's new preservation program was presented, and the tools used to get that started including a historic resource survey, National Register historic district, preservation ordinance, and historic district design guidelines.

Both days were packed with useful information and were a great way to network with people in northeastern and central Texas who are working on historic preservation efforts. The last summit of the year will be the Southeast Texas Regional Preservation Summit in Beaumont to be held on Thursday, November 16th. Summit topics will include disaster preparedness and response, vernacular architecture as environmental response, and coastal cultural landscapes. More details will be coming soon to the Preservation Texas [website](#).



## **Duda Forum on Historic Preservation and Sustainable Development**



The Texas Historical Foundation along with the Michael Christopher Duda Center for Preservation, Resilience, and Sustainability at the University of Notre Dame and the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University will be hosting the inaugural Duda Forum on Historic Preservation and Sustainable Development on October 12th in Dallas.

The Forum will feature Vincent Michael from The Conservation Society of San Antonio, and Shanon Miller with the City of San Antonio who will speak on the historic preservation efforts in

San Antonio. They will showcase the breadth of historic preservation work over the years in San Antonio and how that has benefited and preserved one of the most important historic cities in Texas.

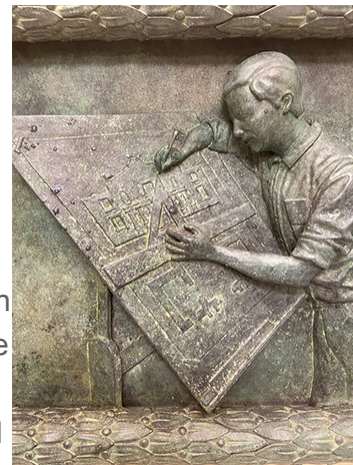
The event will be held in the Old Dallas High School (pictured above), which is an outstanding example of adaptive reuse of a historic building and one of Dallas' biggest preservation success stories. The event will be hosted by Perkins&Will in their office space inside the building in the former school auditorium, which is now a dynamic public meeting space for the architectural firm.

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## Duda Awards Internal Review Completed

Internal review of submissions for consideration in the 2024 Michael C. Duda Preservation Awards has concluded, and the Texas Historical Foundation is excited to advance ten finalists for next phase of jury review. All applicants will receive a response to their submission status by October 13, 2023.



The first-ever Duda Preservation Awards seek to honor Texas organizations pursuing excellence in their architectural preservation efforts. We have been honored to review the submissions of a wide range of excellent preservation projects across the state of Texas that address a variety of preservation needs. Importantly, each and every project submitted speaks to a community effort to safeguard historic resources.

The finalists will be recognized at a ceremony at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, April 20, 2024. The top three organizations will be awarded monetary prizes of \$100,000, \$30,000, and \$20,000 respectively towards the completion of their project.



## THF Presents Multiple Grants This September

THF board member Bernie Sargent presented a Summer 2023 grant to the **Lone Star Flight Museum** earlier this month. The grant will support a weekly "Hangar Talks" lecture series on topics of aviation and space exploration



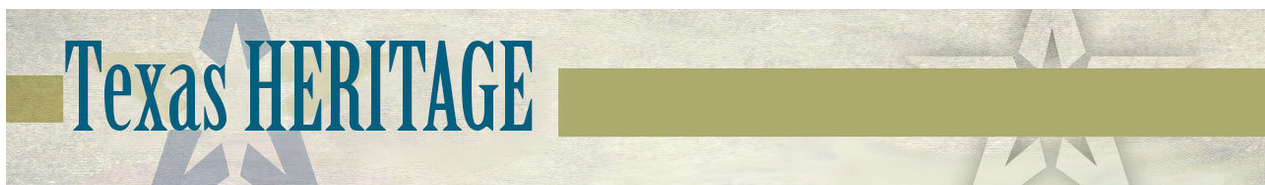
Lone Star Flight Museum

history in the state. You can find out more information [on their website](#).

Next, THF Executive Director David Preziosi and board members Liz Wahlquist and Shannon Callewart presented a grant to the **Braniff Airways Foundation** at the carrier's 95th anniversary event. The grant will support the foundation's efforts to digitize film, photos, and print media from the carrier's historic run, including materials created by some of the foremost proponents of advertising and visual design in the 20th century. Learn more about the Braniff Airways Foundation [here](#).

Staff members David Preziosi and Ryann Griffin presented a recent grant to **Texas Heritage Project of American Indians in Texas - Spanish Colonial Missions** along with board members Bill Sibley and Lewis Fisher. The grant supports the creation of four exhibits developed from AITSCM's expansive Digital Repository, an archive of materials on a wide array of subjects relating to regional American Indian histories. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Texas Heritage Project and to visit the Digital Repository.

Last but not least - David, Ryann, Bill and Lewis presented a THF 2023 grant to the **Mexican American Civil Rights Institute** at their new visitor center in downtown San Antonio. The grant supports MACRI's efforts to add the former Corpus Christi home of Jose Cisneros to the National Register of Historic Places. The Cisneros house is the last remaining structure associated with the landmark 1970 civil rights case Cisneros v. Corpus Christi Independent School District, which extended the rights afforded in Brown v. Board of Education to Mexican American students. You can find out more about MACRI [on their website](#).



## What's Inside Texas HERITAGE Volume Three?

The cover of Volume 3 of Texas HERITAGE magazine featured an imposing photograph of the Bolivar Point Lighthouse, along with details of the preservation of the 1872 structure. The publication, which arrived in

mailboxes recently, also included other Texas coastal-themed articles on George and Harriet Fulton, another about a Galveston County Museum artifact from the 1900 hurricane, and a historical investigation recounting the story of 11 sailors who trained at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and who were featured on a 3-cent postage stamp in 1945.

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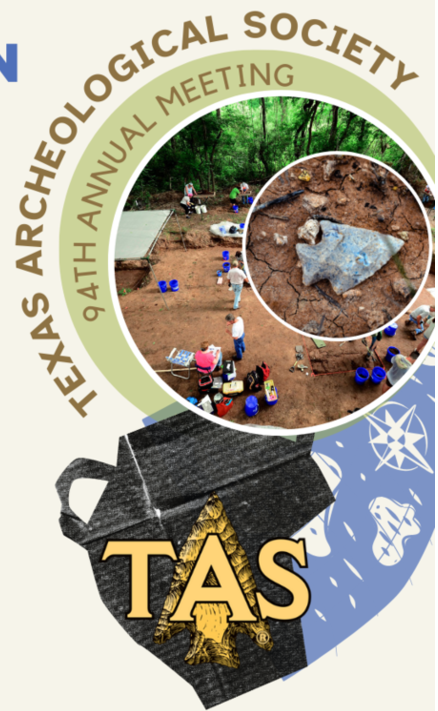
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