



Wishing You a Joyous Holiday Season

As we close out the year, we want to thank all our wonderful members who have supported us. We made great strides this year toward our mission to preserve Texas history. The bulk of our work centered on our grants. In total, we awarded \$119,230 to 37 organizations spanning 18 Texas cities. These grants support historic preservation projects large and small across the state. In March we held an incredibly successful [Star of Texas](#) event honoring the Cavender family at The Drover in Fort Worth. In October, we partnered 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 for the inaugural Duda Forum on Historic Preservation and Sustainability. We have also worked hard behind the scenes to initiate a new membership database, update our website, streamline our grants review process, and move grant submittals online.

Of course, our work is never done and we have much planned for 2024, including the upcoming inaugural Michael C. Duda Preservation Awards in April featuring monetary prizes for the top three preservation projects in Texas. We will continue our mission this next year by recognizing and supporting the best historic preservation projects in Texas with grant funding.

We hope that you will consider an end-of-the-year gift to the Texas Historical Foundation to support our work in the New Year. **THANK YOU** to all our donors and supporters. Without you, we could not carry out our mission to preserve the history of Texas. We wish you all a festive holiday filled with memories as timeless as the bricks and mortar of our cherished landmarks.

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SAVE THE DATE



MICHAEL C. DUDA PRESERVATION AWARDS

APRIL | 20TH | 2024



Save the date for the inaugural Texas Historical Foundation Michael C. Duda Preservation Awards! It will be held on April 20, 2024, at the George W. Bush Presidential Center on the SMU campus. The awards honor the memory of former Foundation board member Michael C. Duda by focusing on architectural and archaeological projects in Texas that will be the most impactful for heritage preservation. THF will recognize the best of the best preservation efforts at this event with three top prizes. We are honored to offer these awards in the same spirit of service and enthusiasm for Texas heritage preservation that characterized Michael's life and legacy. More information about the event and registration will be coming soon.

Grants Update

Dr Pepper Museum

THF presented a grant to the Dr Pepper Museum in historic downtown Waco on



December 18th. The grant supports their effort to update exhibition spaces, expand displays, and restore original architectural features throughout the historic bottling plant-turned-museum.

The resulting exhibit, *From Blueprint to Bubbles: The Home of Dr Pepper/ Del Plano a las Burbujas: El Hogar de Dr Pepper* features the story of the historic Artesian Manufacturing & Bottling Company (AMBC) building, including its architecture and the revitalization of the building from a bottling plant to the Museum we know today.

Visitors can view the restored architectural elements that were included

in the project, such as the façade windows that were restored to their original 1906 appearance, original wood flooring, and other original features. Also included is the story of how the building survived the catastrophic and deadly F5 tornado that hit Waco in 1953.

Blueprints and Baubles is now open to the public. View full [information and hours](#) on Dr Pepper's website, and be sure to visit THF's website for information on our [grant program](#).



Registration is now open for the Texas State Historical Association annual meeting and conference in College Station. The conference will take place on the A&M campus and will feature a gala at Kyle Field with a special live auction featuring a wide range of rare Texana collectibles and a performance by award-winning musician Clay Walker.

Please visit [TSHA's website](#) to view event information and to register.



The Texas Historical Commission's Real Places 2024 conference will take place both virtually and in person, in Austin, April 3–5. Presented by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission in partnership with Phoenix I Restoration and Construction, LLC, Real Places is the premier historic preservation and heritage tourism event in the Lone Star State, where anyone interested in protecting our past can work directly with industry-leading experts to learn practical, actionable solutions they can apply in their community.

[Sign up today](#) on the Real Places website.

A banner for a grant application deadline. On the left is the 'TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION EST. 1954' logo. In the center, a green box says 'MARCH 01' above the text 'GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE'. Below this is a red circular button with 'CLICK HERE' and a yellow megaphone icon.



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