

What is Emergency Archeology?



THF's October blog celebrated Texas Archeology Month by taking a look at the little-known field of emergency archeology—when trained professionals race to save cultural resources from natural disaster, such as hurricanes and wildfires.

Lone Star archeologist Cristin Embree has worked emergency assignments across the country, including the Calf Canyon Fire in northern New Mexico, and the Mosquito Fire in California's Tahoe and Eldorado national forests. Read about that "exhausting and fulfilling" work [here](#).

Grants Spotlight

THF Grant Recognizes Long-Forgotten Texas Legation Diplomats



The Texas Historical Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Inc., Elisabet Ney Chapter DC, VA, and MD, to help fund a commemorative marker that will be placed on federal land at or near one of the sites of the Republic of Texas Legation in Washington, D. C.

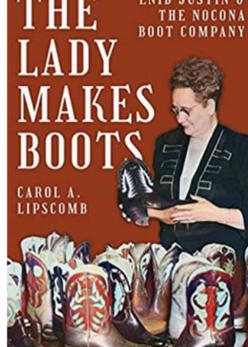
The grant will be used for design concept development and building of the commemorative piece. Once approved, the marker will be positioned near a cluster of the five sites in Washington, D. C., where diplomatic ministers from the Republic of Texas lived and worked from 1836 to 1845.

Learn more about the THF grants program [here](#).

THF News

THF Director's Book Receives Award Nomination

Congratulations to Texas Historical Foundation Director Carol Lipscomb, Ph. D., whose new book *The Lady Makes Boots, Enid Justin and the Nocona Boot Company* is a finalist for the Will Rogers Medallion Award. That prize recognizes excellence in Western literature and media. Lipscomb's book is the first biography of Enid Justin, female bootmaker and the founder of a small-town company that became a multi-million-dollar corporation.



Lipscomb, whose late husband Richard was from the tiny town near the Oklahoma border, used archival material, newspaper articles, and personal interviews with family members and company employees to tell the story of Enid Justin.

THF Executive Director Leads Braniff Airways Foundation Program



THF Executive Director and Braniff Airways Foundation Board Member David Preziosi will share the story of one of the most groundbreaking airlines in history—Dallas' Braniff International—during an upcoming program. The event, sponsored by Braniff Airways Foundation and the Dallas Historical Society, will also include a discussion by Betty Green Bateman Atkinson whose historic 1965 landmark court case paved the way for flight attendants to continue flying after marriage.

The program is set for 6:00 p.m. on November 15, 2022, at the Hall of State Auditorium, 3939 East Grand Ave., Dallas. While the limited-seating event is free, registration is required.

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THF Events

Star of Texas Gala to Honor Cavender Family and Their Company



Cavender's Boots and the family behind the iconic business will receive the [2023 Texas Historical Foundation Star of Texas Award](#) on March 24 at the Hotel Drover in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

The family opened its first western wear store in 1965 in the small East Texas community of Pittsburg. Their entrepreneurial spirit and love of all things Texas helped the business grow to 92 stores in six states.

Previous recipients of the award, which recognizes individuals or businesses for their exceptional contributions towards preserving the Texas history and inspiring its future, are Charline and Red McCombs, J. P. Bryan, and Frost Bank. Find more information below.

[2023 Star of Texas](#)

Texas HERITAGE

Texas Artist and Author Subject of Upcoming Magazine Article

Tom Lea, a Lone Star Renaissance man who was born and died in El Paso, will be featured in the upcoming *East Texas/West Texas* issue of THF's award-winning magazine.



Photograph courtesy of the Tom Lea Institute, El Paso

Though Lea's life would bring him to multiple cities in the United States, Europe, and across the battlefields of World War II, it was a mural showcasing his beloved West Texas hometown that was said to have brought him the most pleasure. *Pass of the North*, a portion of which is shown above, took Lea 18 months of working 16-hour days to draw and then paint 13 archetypes of the city's history. It now hangs in the El Paso Federal Courthouse.

Another article on the Big Thicket of East Texas will also be included in this upcoming final 2022 volume of Texas HERITAGE. [Join as a THF member today](#), to receive the publication, which will celebrate 40 years of publishing excellence next year.

TEXAS Preservation

Upcoming Historic Preservation Conference Planned for February



The Texas Historical Commission's Real Places 2023 conference will take place both virtually and in person, in Austin, February 1–3. Once again, the Texas Historical Foundation is joining the state agency as an event partner. Follow this link to learn more, download a program, and register.

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