Heading in the Right Direction: THF Endowments Grow During Last Year

Fittingly, as THF celebrates its 65th anniversary, the organization also has reached a funding milestone. Approximately a quarter million dollars of new monies were added to the THF endowments during the last year. These endowments provide funding for grants awarded by the Texas Historical Foundation to other nonprofits in the state working to save the artifacts, buildings, and culture of the Lone Star State. Larger endowments mean that more gifts can be given to more organizations. Grant highlights include:

1. THF increased grant monies awarded annually to $80,000 - a 188 percent increase from the previous year.
2. Established the William Jack Sibley Arts Endowment to support, preserve, and celebrate Lone Star art.
3. Secured initial funding for the Historic Architecture Endowment that will be used to preserve and/or celebrate Texas architecture.

Today, THF administers nine endowments that cover areas ranging from archeology, to rural preservation, legal history, and operations. The need is great, however, and continues to grow. Please examine the purposes of THF endowments that are already in place, and make a donation to augment the funds that support projects of interest to you or your family. Or consider a new endowment that would assist with other projects, such as history education or student internships. Call the THF office, 512-453-2154, to find out more.

Texas Rangers Will Be Focus of Upcoming Magazine

“In 1823, only two years after Anglo-American colonization formally began in Texas, empresario Stephen F. Austin hired ten experienced frontiersmen as ‘Rangers’ for a punitive expedition against a band of Indians. But not until November 24, 1835, did Texas lawmakers institute a specific force known as the Texas Rangers.”

—The Handbook of Texas

The next issue of THF’s Texas HERITAGE magazine will highlight the history of this elite law enforcement group. It will include an article on John Coffee Hays, pictured above, and another on the year-and-a-half-long cleanup of organized crime in San Augustine County in 1935.

Readers will also get a chance to go behind-the-scenes to learn more about the making of the Netflix movie, The Highwaymen, which tells the story of the capture of Bonnie and Clyde by former Texas Rangers Frank Hamer and Maney Gault.

Becoming a member today and getting a subscription to the award-winning history quarterly.

Grants 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:

- SEPTEMBER 1
- DECEMBER 1
- MARCH 1
- JUNE 1

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