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THF Celebrates 65 Years of Preserving the Icons of the Lone Star Past



Alamo Grant Highlights THF Legacy of Giving

As the Texas Historical Foundation celebrates 65 years of funding preservation projects in 2019, a gift of \$21,000 to the Alamo Trust, Inc., presented by several Foundation directors, highlighted that accomplishment. The grant was used to assist with the conservation of seven original cannons from the historic 1836 battle.

The restoration project is now complete, and the cannons have been returned to the Alamo. Displayed vertically, in order to prevent debris from accumulating in the bore, the cannons are located in the arches of the arcade away from direct sunlight.

THF President Bruce Elsom said, "Even though it's been 183 years since these cannons fired their last shots, they are precious artifacts that help tell the story of Texas independence. Our Foundation is especially proud to be part of the work that helped preserve and protect these relics so that generations of visitors can see them and understand their role in Lone Star history."

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New Endowment for the Arts Already Making an Impact

As a long-time THF director, Bill Sibley, of San Antonio, had listened to many grant proposals during the years. He noticed that because of funding issues, applications for arts-related projects were often turned down in favor of more traditional bricks-and-mortar work.

An author and playwright, Sibley found himself in a position to help broaden the Foundation's giving by creating an endowment through THF to support art-related projects. He established the William Jack Sibley Arts Endowment in January 2019, and the first recipient of a gift from that fund was Montopolis Productions, an Austin multi-media company.

This weekend, Montopolis premiered "Big Bend," a full-length concert inspired by the remote land in Far West Texas, and Sibley was in the audience. He sent a photograph acknowledging THF's contribution that was made possible by his generosity.

The Foundation's goal is to support all worthwhile grant proposals, but funding gaps exist. If you would like to help, [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 projects in other areas, such as history education or student internships.

What better way to honor an individual or family than by establishing an endowment that will ensure their name is linked forever to the preservation of Texas history? Call the THF office, 512-453-2154, to find out more.

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Paleontology Repository Benefits From THF Grant

The Texas Vertebrate Paleontology Collections, The University of Texas at Austin, was the recipient of a THF grant presented last week. Foundation funds will help the group hire a professional conservator to work alongside staff to label and arrange collection specimens.

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:

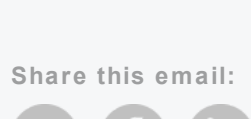
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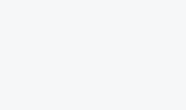
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