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Texas Historical Foundation Announces Twelve New Grant Recipients

AUSTIN, Texas—A dozen preservation groups in Texas are winners of the latest round of grants from the Texas Historical Foundation.

- **The Hutcherson Flying Queens Foundation, Plainview**, will use its grant to digitize game films from the 1950s to the mid 1980s. The Flying Queens, Wayland Baptist University's women's basketball team, organized in the 1940s, still stands today as the winningest team in women's college basketball.

- **The Doss Heritage and Culture Center of Parker County, Weatherford** will use grant funds to help restore the 1850 Strain Cabin. That structure, expected to be finished this year, sits with four other 19th-century cabins on the property, each telling a part of the story of the settlement of the North Central Texas area.

- **The American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions, San Antonio**, received an allocation to purchase archival storage for artifacts, documents, and photographs for its Texas Heritage Project. AITSCM collects, preserves, and exhibits cultural archives, artifacts, and photographs relevant to the Indigenous/Latino populations that contributed to the South-Central Texas region.

- **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Foundation, Edinburg**, secured grant funds to help produce the publication *Exploring Ancient Landscapes of South Texas*, expected to be published late in 2022. The book will be part of a package of other educational materials to benefit students in the Rio Grande Valley.

- **The Tom Lea Institute, El Paso**, will use its grant to fund the mobile website for the Texas portion of the Tom Lea Trail, to be housed on the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Time Travel web page. The path connects the regional histories of 19 communities in Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico through the El Paso artist's writings and murals.

- **The San Augustine Legacy Group Inc., San Augustine**, won approval for a grant to assist with labor and construction materials to refinish the downstairs floors at the Lewis Railroad Hotel. The William Lewis family opened the doors of their family home in the early 1900s to Black travelers who, because of segregation, had no other lodging available.

- **Friends of Cibolo Wilderness, Boerne**, secured assistance for a project to paint, repair the historic rainwater system, and fix the heating and air conditioning at the Herff-Roselle homestead. The Herff Farm, now on the

National Register of Historic Places, was built by Dr. Ferdinand Ludwig van Herff, a prominent San Antonio physician, who immigrated from Germany in the mid 1800s.

- **Starr County Historical Foundation, Rio Grande City**, will repair and upgrade the fire sprinkler system and gutters at the 1899 La Borde House with its grant. The structure, now used as a hotel, was built by French immigrant Francois LaBorde in a Parisian style that is unexpected for a Texas border town.

- **Night Heron Media, Fayetteville**, will use funding to create six Texas history videos for 7th graders. Those include films about Caddo lifestyles, the Alamo defenders, sharecropping, and the Apollo 11 moon landing, among others. This is the second THF grant Night Heron Media has received for this ongoing project.

- **Rutherford B. H. Yates Museum, Inc., Houston**, received a grant from the Joseph Ballard Archeology Endowment to purchase ultraviolet filtration units and hire lab staff for an archeology project in Freedman's Town. This is the third gift the museum has been awarded for this specific work.

- **Vision Historic Preservation Foundation, Rockdale**, secured a grant to assist with Phase I of a project to restore the 1895 City Hall. Funds will assist with construction materials for the bell tower, the roofline, rebuilding the back stairs, removing stucco, and preserving the structure's original brick.

- **The Bryan Museum, Galveston**, won a THF grant, the organization's fifth one, to support the creation, printing, and promotion of three new interactive student discovery guides to be used during field trips.

Since 1954, the Texas Historical Foundation has funded preservation and education projects around the state and helped promote the cultural legacy of Texas. Among the group's efforts is its award-winning Texas HERITAGE magazine and an active grants program. For more information, see texashistoricalfoundation.org.

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