2024 MICHAEL C. DUDA PRESERVATION AWARDS



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

George W. Bush Presidential Center, Southern Methodist University

The inaugural Texas Historical Foundation Michael C. Duda Preservation Awards will honor the memory of Architect and Former Texas Historical Foundation Board Member, Michael C. Duda, who passed away in 2019.

Focusing on impactful Texas heritage architectural and archaeological preservation projects, the Texas Historical Foundation (THF) will recognize the best of the best in preservation efforts for our State, awarding three projects with prizes of \$100,000, \$30,000, and \$20,000. Funding will be applied toward the project's completion.

Michael had a great love for Texas, even after traveling across much of the world, and living in several states and countries. He always considered Texas, and specifically Dallas, his home, and honestly felt there was nowhere else he would rather live. In his application to join the THF Board of Directors, he stated "Everything I love is here, be it the music, food, or atmosphere. I hope I will never

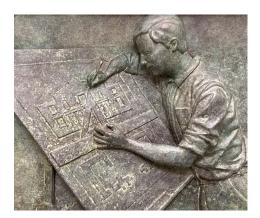


Image is of Michael Christopher Duda drawing the Alamo from a bronze relief sculpture for the Michael Christopher Duda Center for Preservation, Resilience, and Sustainability by Andrew Wilson Smith located at the Walsh Family Hall of Architecture. University of Notre Dame. 2022.

take for granted the variety of experiences Texas offers, and if given the opportunity I would be glad to help preserve everything that has made this state the best in the nation."

Born in Dallas in 1981, Michael found a passion, and wonder, for Texas history at an early age. Characterized by family and friends as "a man for others," Michael was also a young man unafraid to forge his own path. As a high school student, he founded the now nationally-competitive Jesuit Rugby Club before departing the State to pursue a degree in Architecture at the University of Notre Dame. After college graduation, he moved to California, but quickly returned to Texas to attend Southern Methodist University where he earned an MBA in Marketing and Real Estate. From there, he went to work for his family's company, specializing in Real Estate Development and Investments. He applied his passion for historic architecture to his work in real estate and as a beloved member of the THF Board, after joining in 2011.

THF is honored to offer these awards in the same spirit of service and enthusiasm for Texas heritage preservation that characterized Michael's life and legacy. *Proceeds from the Michael C. Duda Historic Preservation Awards event will benefit the work of THF to preserve the rich and diverse history of Texas.*

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- Table for 12 Premier seating
- Full-page congratulatory message in the program
- Full-page business ad in the program
- Prominent signage on presentation screen, during the event
- Prominent recognition on event sponsor signage
- Recognition from the podium
- One-year Texas Historical Foundation Texian-level membership

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- Quarter-page congratulatory message in the program
- Name, or logo, on presentation screen during the event
- Recognition on event sponsor signage
- One-year Texas Historical Foundation Ranger-level membership

\$800 - TICKETS FOR TWO

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\$1,000 - CONGRATULATORY FULL-PAGE MESSAGE

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UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE DO



The mission of the Texas Historical Foundation is to provide funds for historic preservation projects and promote Lone Star history education.

Through millions of dollars in private funding, the Texas Historical Foundation (THF) has helped save irreplaceable relics of Texas history—buildings, artifacts, documents, and archeology, that otherwise would have been lost forever. The Foundation's funding is not tied to government budgets, so its work continues even during economic downturns. THF operations are supported and funded by the THF Director's personal contributions.

The Texas Historical Foundation focuses on two initiatives:

EDUCATION THF gives educational grants for documentaries, books, and projects which help teach schoolchildren the fundamentals of our Lone Star history. Historical research, publishing, video productions, and exhibits, all supported by THF, help educate and inform the public about historic preservation, Texas culture, archeology, and local history.

GRANTS The THF's Board administers nine endowments which provide funding to help small communities and organizations save their own piece of Texas history.

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE THF is one of only a few organizations in Texas that awards grants across the State for historic projects. We assist in helping Texans preserve Texas – including 15,000-year-old archaeological sites, historic architecture, rural preservation, artifact and document preservation, and support museums, history education, and oral history.

FEATURED GRANTS The backbone of THF's mission is its grants program. Supporting projects from Orange to El Paso, and Edinburg to Amarillo, THF's grants have touched all areas of the State by supporting diverse projects in wide-ranging cultures and areas of interest.

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE THF gave more than \$225,000 to the **Armstrong County Museum**, in the Texas Panhandle, for restoration of the 1887 residence of cattleman Charles Goodnight. Funds also assisted with landscaping and rehabilitation of several outbuildings at the site.

RURAL PRESERVATION Small towns benefit from a THF preservation fund established to assist communities with populations of fewer than 30,000. Funds were presented to the **Shumla Archeological Research & Education Center**, in Val Verde, for the purchase of high-tech equipment to assist with a high school scholars program. In addition, several grants have helped the **Twin Sisters Dance Hall**, in Blanco, purchase construction materials and make needed repairs to the 1870s dance hall, an important gathering place for the community.

ARCHIVES/MUSEUMS A grant to the **El Paso Museum of History** enhanced an exhibit on American Indian Boarding Schools by including locally-specific content. This included oral histories, artifacts, and panel discussions that added the voices of the West Texas city's native community. In the Panhandle, the **Tales 'n Trails Museum,** in Nocona, used a THF grant to install a new security system to safeguard its collection.

HISTORY EDUCATION/RESEARCH A large THF grant to Houston Arts and Media helped complete **"The Birth of Texas,"** an eight-part documentary series. This series covers Texas history from the Spanish settlement to Statehood.

ARCHEOLOGY A grant to the **Pine and Prairies Land Trust,** in Central Texas, helped expand an archeological survey of the Yegua Knobbs Preserve. This is the site of kilns from the 1850s which produced earthenware and glazed bricks used for construction.

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