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Texas Historical Foundation Grant Provides Aid for Archeological Excavations

During the THF board meeting this month in San Antonio, directors presented a check to El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Landmark Association. Funds will be used for archeological excavations of the Lt. Col. Ignazio Perez Rancho.



The THF board presents a grant to El Camino Real de los Tejas at the San Juan Mission in San Antonio.

Texas HERITAGE Magazine Celebrates San Antonio's Tricentennial

The final 2018 quarterly issue of THF's magazine will take a look at San Antonio's storied history. As the city celebrates 300 years since its founding, exciting details of the past are still being uncovered.

Results from a recent archeological dig at the Alamo yielded some surprising finds, which chief investigator Nesta Anderson discusses in one of the Texas HERITAGE main articles. Here's an excerpt of her contribution, detailing excavation done along the west wall:

...Areas of lighter-colored soil, identified as adobe, began to appear below the mixed deposits. In one location, this adobe was clearly recognizable as bricks, with three noticeably grouped into a square. The dark soil visible between the bricks indicated where mortar would have bonded them to form a pillar. According to Jake Ivey, a special consultant for the project, the formation likely would have supported an arcade, a series of brick columns connected by arches, lining the plaza. This support feature closely resembled those Ivey had discovered in 1979, confirming that archeologists again had located part of the west wall complex.

Another recent project in San Antonio helped confirm the location of the Powder House, a munitions depot built between 1808 and 1809, but now gone. The work was part of a city effort to archeologically verify significant lost sites in San Antonio. Archeologist Matthew Elverson led the effort and wrote about the project in the THF magazine.

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In addition to Spanish Colonial artifacts, archeologists uncovered these stacked rocks that were footings for the Alamo's outer defensive barricade. Courtesy of Pape-Dawson Engineers, Raba Kistner, and UTSA Center for Archaeological (sic) Research.



To celebrate San Antonio's important historic milestone, THF held its 2018 fall board meeting in the Alamo City. Directors visited the Spanish Colonial missions, collectively designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and were treated to a demonstration of the operation of a mission *acequia*, a gravity-fed irrigation canal. Photo by Bill Sibley.

Driving Tour Touts Historic Hill Country Schools

The Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, a THF supporter, has developed a self-guided tour of 17 historic one-room schools built between 1847 and 1936. The 120-mile driving trail takes visitors through the scenic countryside surrounding Fredericksburg.

These schools are important in the state's history because rural students living in that part of Texas received their formal education in these simple structures. All schools are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.historicschools.org for a tour map and additional information.



The Williams Creek School in Albert was built in 1897. Image from Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools website.

Grant 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:

DECEMBER 1
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JUNE 1
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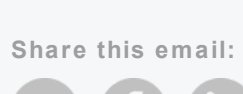


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