



## GET READY TO CELEBRATE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY IN OCTOBER



October is Texas Archeology Month, and in recognition, there will be many planned activities designed to bring awareness to the need to save the state's cultural resources. [See this link](#) on the Texas Historical Commission website, which includes a calendar, so that educators, parents, and those with an interest in learning more can find nearby events.

## Grants Spotlight

THF has long advocated for saving Lone Star cultural resources, specifically through its Joseph Ballard Archeology Fund, used to provide grants supporting archeology work. [Recent gifts](#) in that field were made to:

- **The Pines and Prairies Land Trust**, Lexington, to expand a survey of the Yegua Knobbs Preserve, home to the Yegua Knobbs Pottery Kiln and brickmaking site;
- **The Rutherford B. H. Yates Museum, Inc.**, Houston, to purchase lab equipment and hire an interim archeology curator; and

— **The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas**, Presidio, to help preserve and enhance the Cementerio del Barrio de los Lipanes.

Also, on October 28, the Texas Historical Foundation will be celebrating TAM and honoring archeologist Michael Collins, Ph. D., at a tribute luncheon highlighting his groundbreaking work at the Central Texas Gault site, where research he spearheaded has changed theories about the settling of the Americas.

## Grants Update

### BLACKWELL SCHOOLS REACHES HISTORIC MILESTONE



A Texas Historical Foundation grant-supported project—the restoration of the Blackwell School in Marfa—will gain new status when the tiny Mexican American schoolhouse gets a new name: the **Blackwell School National Historic Site**. That will happen after an act passed by the U. S. House of Representatives is signed by the President.

The legislation, which is expected to bring additional heritage tourism and economic benefits to the West Texas community, will create a place for saving and sharing the stories and history of the segregated school, where children of Mexican descent were educated from 1909 to 1965.

[THF presented a \\$5,000 grant to the Blackwell School in 2022](#), using funds from the Jeanne R. Blocker Memorial Endowment for rural preservation. That award helped study the structure's construction methods and assisted with the installation of a historically accurate belfry.

In the photograph above, THF Director Sue Ann Pemberton, FAIA, a professor at The University of Texas at San Antonio, is shown presenting a ceremonial check to Blackwell School Alliance President Gretel Enck. Pemberton and her architecture students carried out field work and published a structural report on the Blackwell School that will help guide the restoration work.

## THF Events

### SAVE THE DATE:

### MARCH 24, 2023, STAR OF TEXAS GALA EVENT PLANNED



The Texas Historical Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2023 Star of Texas Award will be presented to the Cavender family, founders of Cavender's Boot Store, on March 24 at the Hotel Drover in the Fort Worth Stockyards. The iconic Texas company has made an important contribution to preserving and promoting Lone Star culture across the state and nation through its retail endeavors.

This prestigious THF award honors individuals or businesses for their exceptional contributions towards preserving Texas history and inspiring its future. Past winners of the award include Charline and Red McCombs, J. P. Bryan, and Frost Bank.

## Texas HERITAGE

### HERITAGE COMMUNITIES FOCUS ON IMMIGRANT HISTORY

Texas is a melting pot of traditions, and across the state, there are communities established by immigrants that still celebrate the native culture of those early settlers. The stories—and impact—of these newcomers will be highlighted in the next issue of [Texas HERITAGE magazine](#), THF's award-winning quarterly.



Photograph courtesy of the Danish Heritage Museum of Danevang

**Danevang**, 25 miles southwest of Houston, for example, was founded in 1896 by Danish immigrants. Until the early 1970s, Danish was the language spoken in church and social gatherings. In an effort to preserve the town's unique culture, the Danish Heritage Preservation Society currently operates a museum showcasing the community's history and cultural legacy.

**Clifton**, in Bosque County, was settled by Norwegian immigrants beginning in 1854. Today, Clifton's Norse Historic District includes 46 homesteads, two churches, and a cemetery. The community is known as the "Norwegian Capital of Texas" since more than 30 percent of the population can trace their roots back to the Scandinavian country.

Learn more about immigrant populations in the state as a [Texas Historical Foundation member](#) and have the magazine delivered right to your mailbox.

## TEXAS Preservation

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAKES CENTER STAGE AT UPCOMING CONFERENCE



Once again, the Texas Historical Foundation will partner with the Texas Historical Commission to help bring preservationists from across the state together at the Real Places Conference set for February 1-3, 2023, in Austin.

Sign up now for the chance to network with and learn from historic preservation officers, design review boards, architects, engineers, historians, archeologists, curators, and educators. Follow the link below to learn more, download a program, and register.

[Sign up for the Real Places Conference](#)

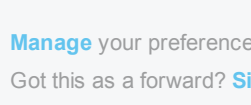


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