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THE GRANT IMPACT

What do you do with a dilapidated 800 square-foot home in a forgotten historic neighborhood? Raze and redevelop it? Not buildingcommunityWORKSHOP. The Dallas nonprofit saw this home as opportunity to work with the community, redesign and restore the structure, then deliver it back to the residents as a place for the community to gather. The nonprofit community design center purchased the home,

which was slated for removal in Dallas' Tenth Street Historic District, Freedman's Town. The Tenth Street Historic District, created after the Civil War by freed slaves, is one of only 12 Freedman communities still inhabited in the United States. It has been designated as a historic district by the City of Dallas, as well as a National Register Historic District. After taking ownership of the property, buildingcommunityWORKSHOP Development Manager Kelsey

Menzel began searching for grants to help fund this historic home

renovation—and found the Texas Historical Foundation. The fit seemed perfect. buildingcommunity's mission is "to improve the liveability and viability of communities through the practice of thoughtful design and making. . .in communities where resources are most scarce." THF's Sarah Meadows and Charles E. Seay Preservation Trust, created to support the preservation and promotion of Texas history, aligned with the organization's needs. Coincidentally, the two named donors of this endowment, now deceased, were prominent Dallas citizens. Though COVID-19 has put the project on hold, the reincarnation of this gem-in-the-rough will result in a welcoming forum for residents

among other community opportunities. The Texas Historical Foundation grant is truly a part of the home's new foundation. For more information on how you can help support projects like this, please visit, click here

to hold dinners, find available resources, and host art exhibitions,



CONFERENCE

The Texas Historical Foundation was proud to be one of the

Texas Historical Commission's partners at the Real Places 2021: Preserving Texas History virtual conference, February 3-5. The agency's fifth-annual conference included 44 speakers from

across Texas and the U.S. and 28 sessions on a variety of historic preservation and heritage tourism topics. Participants also had the opportunity to learn from and network with county historical

commissioners, Main Street managers and board members,

historic preservation officers and design review boards, architects

and engineers, historians, archeologists, curators, interpreters, museum and historic site managers, as well as learning more about THF and Texans preserving Texas. Conference attendees were offered digital subscriptions to the Texas Historical Foundation's award-winning magazine, Texas HERITAGE. At the same time, THF conference attendees were able to learn from larger organizations how to focus this group's strengths in order to best help those in need and assist all who help preserve Texas history. THF looks forward to partnering with THC again next year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAY HINDES, THF SCHOLAR DIRECTOR



and research historian specializing in historical/archival research and Spanish Colonia archeology. Hindes is the co-discoverer of the Mission Santa Cruz de San Sabá in Menard County.

Hindes, a former archeologist for the City of San Antonio and now retired, was selected for the breadth of her work as an archeologist

That THC honor is given annually to outstanding archeology professionals who have worked for more than 35 years with universities, cultural resourcemanagement firms, government

agencies, and nonprofit organizations to help protect the state's

most irreplaceable cultural resources. "Texas Historical Foundation benefits greatly from the depth of knowledge that Kay Hindes brings. Kay serves on the THF Grants Committee and as a scholar director. Her input into the process ensures that grant recipients follow historical preservation guidelines and other preservation best practices," said Michael

Marchant, THF President.

WE'RE SO GRATEFUL! Thank you to all the donors who contributed to the recent Texas Historical Foundation End-of-Year Appeal! Because of your gifts, THF can offer more grants with more money to preservation groups across the state.

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Debbie & Frank Jones BE ON THE LOOKOUT The next issue of Texas HERITAGE magazine will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Here's a sample of what you can expect from THF's award-winning publication. When a Texas State University history professor

purchased two letters on eBay that were written by a San Antonio businessman and opera singer more than 100 years ago, he had no idea what they would reveal. After receiving the letters, historian Dan K. Utley asked students who were enrolled in his spring 2020 local and community graduate history class to uncover the stories imbedded within that correspondence. Their research introduced hidden histories, a cast of globe-trotting characters, and an international romance. It also resulted in an article, written by students Helen D. Johnson and

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THE JOINS AMPLIFY AUSTIN

Thursday, March 4th, the Texas Historical Foundation will join over 700 non nonprofits for a day of giving through Amplify Austin. Proceeds from this campaign will benefit the Austin and 26 surrounding community nonprofits "to give together, building a transformative, collective impact for more than 700 local nonprofits." Last year, over \$12.3 million was raised for 760 nonprofits and over \$69 million raised in eight years. You don't have to be an Austin-area resident to participate. Click here to donate or visit www.amplifyatx.org and enter "Texas



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Every member receives a subscription to Texas HERITAGE Magazine.

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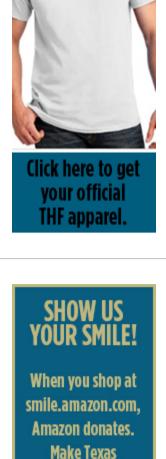
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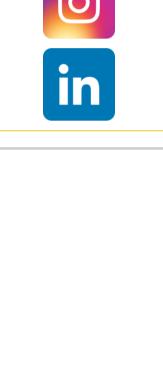
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chronicle the tales they uncovered.

Jake Dromgoole, that is included in the upcoming issue of Texas HERITAGE magazine. In the piece, the pair tell of their relentless detective work that spanned from North Texas to Italy and finally back to San Antonio—and

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