



Fall 2024 Grantees Announced



*Archer County Museum & Arts Center in
Archer City*

Eight Texas preservation groups received grant support in the Texas Historical Foundation's Fall 2024 grant cycle, with funds aiding in archaeological research, architectural restoration, and history education initiatives across the state. Congratulations to the following grantees.

[Dr Pepper Museum](#), Waco, was awarded grant funding to upgrade management and facilities for their sprawling artifact collection telling the story of the iconic Texas soft drink. The grant carried them over the fundraising finish line to complete an expansive museum-wide update they hope will secure American Alliance of Museums accreditation.

[Archer County Museum & Arts Center](#),

Archer City, is one step closer to completing restorations at the 1901 Jail Building, which will serve as the museum's new home. Their THF grant will be used to restore this local landmark's emblematic clay barrel tile roof to its period of historic significance prior to its opening as a museum of local history and art.

[Texas Folsom Fluted Point Survey](#), sponsored by the Gault School of Archaeological Research, will use granted funds to expand their pivotal explorations into the lives and pathways of some of Texas' earliest residents into Northern Mexico and West Texas, providing datasets that allow future researchers to compare and contrast Folsom and Clovis period peoples.

[Museum of the West Texas Frontier](#), Stamford, won grant support to expand their "History Alive" program, bringing Texas history to life in rural classrooms. Since pivoting efforts to center educational outreach, MWTF has brought interactive education modules to thousands of West Texas students.

[Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center](#), Comstock, received funding to establish a public archive of documents, photographs, and maps of the ancient cave paintings of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands. The archive will be located at Shumla's San

Marcos outpost, and include items and ephemera collected over the course of the group's decades of pioneering research.

[Texas Heritage Project of AITSCM](#), San Antonio, will use grant funds to continue building interactive digital maps illuminating the cumulative history of First Peoples from the 1600s onward in present-day South Texas and Northern Mexico.

[Rancho Alegre](#), Austin, was awarded a grant to prepare hundreds of hours of oral histories with Tejano and Conjunto musicians for public release. Since their founding in 2008, Rancho Alegre has brought national notice to these beloved but overlooked music movements with distinctly Texan roots.

[Dallas Historical Society](#), Dallas, was awarded funding to pilot their Republic of Texas Card Game, which will see 500 decks of the educational tool distributed to Texas classrooms at no cost.

For more information on THF grants, visit texashistoricalfoundation.org.



Left: Museum of the West Texas Frontier staff speaks to students; Middle: Dallas Historical Society's Republic of Texas Card Game; Right: Rancho Alegre volunteer recording an oral history.



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THF News

2024 Duda Forum Held in San Antonio

The second annual Duda Forum for Historic Preservation and Sustainable Development was a success! Over 70 people attended the Forum which focused on new construction in historic settings and additions to historic buildings.



The Forum began with an evening reception at the office of Ford, Powell, & Carson in the former San Antonio Light building. Attendees learned about the history of the former newspaper office and went on a tour to view the creative reuse of the space for an architecture office.

Sara Bronin, Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, kicked off the next day with a discussion on preservation at the federal level. David Trayte from the National Park Service presented examples of historic tax credit projects and their review at the Federal level. Steven Semes from Notre Dame explained the four approaches to the design of infill and additions. Panel sessions focused on projects in San Antonio with architects and developers discussing the variety of ways new architecture could complement historic areas. The day wrapped up with a presentation on the efforts to save historic buildings as part of the Alamo Plaza project.

The next Duda Forum will be held in the fall of 2025. The date, location, and topic will be announced next spring.



THF Director Bernie Sargent Appointed HPO of Montgomery County

THF director Bernie Sargent was appointed as the Historic Preservation Officer of Montgomery County, a newly approved certified local government (CLG). Montgomery is the 16th county in Texas with CLG designation, which helps communities better protect

their historic resources by identifying local priorities while also providing access to financial and technical services for the identification, designation, and protection of historic buildings and sites. We congratulate Bernie on his new role and look forward to the continued progress of Montgomery County's preservation program.

THF Director Sam Coats Honored for His Civil

Service in Dallas

Dallas Historical Society recognized THF director Sam Coats with the Jubilee History Maker award this month. The honor recognizes Coats' long commitment to the City of Dallas through his volunteer efforts with City Boards and Commissions, non-profits, and civic organizations. Coats, a former airline executive, began his public service as a Texas House Representative in his 20s. He then went on to hold positions on numerous public, private, and civic boards throughout his career, including the DFW International Airport Board, the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, the DFW Area Salvation Army, and the Boy Scouts of America's Circle Ten Council. THF is proud to have Sam on its Board of Directors, and we extend our warmest congratulations for his recognition.



Introducing Our Institutional Partners Directory

Our institution-level members include some of the finest organizations in Texas that are focused on protecting and preserving the history of our state. They are passionate about preserving the stories of their cities, regions, buildings, and founders, and their work ensures that future generations can access and learn

from this history. Over the years, we've supported their work through our annual and quarterly grant programs.

This month we rolled out a directory of our Institutional partners so our website visitors can learn about these organizations and their work. You may even find a fun pit stop for your next road trip! It is truly inspiring to see the work going on throughout our state to preserve the rich heritage and culture of our beloved Texas.

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Grants Update

Friends of the Bristol Schoolhouse



THF visited Friends of the Bristol Schoolhouse in Bristol to view the new ADA-complaint ramp in front of the building, a project supported by a THF grant earlier this year. The Bristol Schoolhouse was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and completed in 1940. According to the historical marker, the school held 130 students, nine grade levels, and six

teachers in its first year. The school served the community until 1955 when the building and grounds were deeded to the Bristol Cemetery Association.

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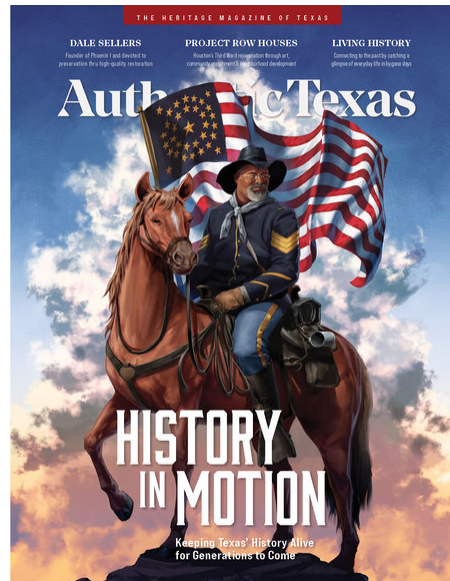
Winter 2024 Authentic Texas Magazine Released

The next issue of Authentic Texas magazine is arriving in mailboxes this week, and it features two articles by THF President and CEO David Preziosi.

The first focuses on Dale Sellers and Phoenix 1 Restoration and Construction Ltd., the premiere historic preservation construction company in Texas with over 500 preservation projects in the state. Dale Sellers started the company in 1999 and has built a highly specialized team of craftspeople to work on the most complex preservation projects and buildings of all types, sizes, and ages. Featured are some of the extraordinary projects they have done in Texas from a one-room 1847 log cabin to the state capitol.

The second article features Castroville, one of the most unique cities in Texas, with its distinctive architecture dating from the 1840s and its connection to the Alsace region of France. It remains such an important historic community because of the concerted efforts of many groups and citizens over the years to preserve the character that is uniquely theirs.

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