MUSEUM SERVICES PROGRAM

Texas is home to more than 1,000 history museums. Whether housed in a historic structure or a state-of-the-art new building, each one is dedicated to telling the story of its community's unique history. Collectively, they preserve the real places and the real artifacts that tell the whole story of Texas. By exploring how our past influences our present, they enrich all of our lives.

WHAT WE DO

The Museum Services Program enables small history museums to better carry out their missions by providing resources that enable them to meet professional standards. We do this by providing free consultations, training, electronic communications, and online resources.

RESOURCES

• We offer consultations, free support, and guidance via phone and email on all aspects of museum operation, including collection care, exhibit development, strategic planning, and more.

• We offer training, <u>free monthly webinars</u>, and regular discussion groups aimed at improving the skills of museum staff, volunteers, and trustees. We also travel the state offering in-person training opportunities.

• We regularly communicate, updating <u>thc.texas.gov/</u><u>museum-services</u> and sending emails about current trends, available resources, grant opportunities, webinars and workshops, and other helpful information.

• <u>Online resources</u> are regularly updated with information about professional development, grants, and fundraising links to helpful resources in the museum community. The Museum Services Program maintains an online database of history museums in Texas via the THC's <u>Texas Historic</u> <u>Sites Atlas</u>.



Museum staff participate in a workshop on understanding audiences.

HOW TO REACH US

Staff members are available to answer questions and provide preservation assistance: 512-463-6427.



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