

REAL PLACES

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DETAILS

February 1-3, 2023
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin
6505 Interstate 35, Austin, TX

DESCRIPTION

Real Places is the state's premier historic preservation conference, bringing together a diverse body of professionals to share, learn, and inspire innovative approaches to the preservation of Texas history. To craft this uniquely multi-disciplinary learning experience, we curate a wide range of conference sessions that:

- Demonstrate the power of historic preservation to revitalize communities
- Empower organizations to be inclusive of and engage local communities
- Create best practices and strategies to promote and increase visitation to community museums and historic places
- Emphasize the vital role of public spaces in heritage tourism and historic preservation
- Relay technical advice on design guidelines, historical surveys, narrative-based planning, building materials, museum practice, and other preservation-related topics

AUDIENCE

Each year, Real Places welcomes a wide variety of professionals and volunteers whose work involves the preservation, interpretation, and/or engagement of Texas heritage. We primarily serve the following: practitioners in the preservation, restoration, and museum fields; state, county, and city government employees who oversee local preservation efforts; tourism and Main Street professionals interested in developing their local heritage tourism; and engaged citizens, such as volunteer members of local historical societies or avocational public historians, who take an active part in the preservation of their community's history. Both introductory and advanced topics are part of the session offerings, ensuring that, from veterans in the field to emerging professionals, all attendees will find content that suits their level of experience and expands their body of knowledge.

SUBMISSION PERIOD

The submission period will open on Monday, May 2 and close on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Proposals will be accepted via online form, available May 2.