

Plan Now for Preservation Month

Celebrate CHCs with Fun Family Events in May

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When planning activities for 2014, be sure to celebrate Preservation Month in May. Use this opportunity to join your CHC's voice with other preservation advocates to demonstrate the importance of saving real places that tell real stories.

Preservation Month acknowledges the mission we share with communities across the country to cultivate a love of historic places. Together, we help others understand the importance of saving history.

Construct an event or activity that enables all ages to learn about the historic resources in your county. This celebration should demonstrate how preservation efforts are not only educational but also fun and engaging.

For those who have already scheduled events for May, consider taking a few moments during your event to recognize Preservation Month, and mention this celebration in your publicity efforts to show your connection to a nationwide network of preservation-related organizations. Also, take some time to visit historic sites, museums, and courthouses. Stroll down main streets and support businesses that invest in the historic



Suzanne Young, Kendall County Historical Commission

Consider holding CHC programs during Preservation Month in May. Above: Bill Sultenfuss welcomes visitors to a Kendall County "Heritage Passport" event, inviting them to walk along the historic Pinta Trail. This activity demonstrates preservation fun for all ages.

fabric of their town. Take your friends and family along, and show them why preservation matters to you.

Preservation Month is a good time to join forces with other preservation organizations in your area and co-host an event. Regardless of the degree of involvement, be sure to include local, regional, and statewide

partners in your promotional efforts and event announcements.

THC staff have suggestions for those looking for a Preservation Month project, or who just want to expand their current scope of work. Visit www.thc.state.tx.us and search "Preservation Month Ideas" to see recommended projects. ★

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