REAL PLACES
2018 CONFERENCE
PRESERVING HISTORIC TEXAS
PROGRAMMING GUIDE
WELCOME TO REAL PLACES 2018!

We’re excited to kick off the year with so many people celebrating the vibrant heritage travel industry in Texas. From business owners to preservationists and tourism professionals across the country, everyone at Real Places 2018 can look forward to sharing the dynamic stories and places that draw millions of travelers to the Lone Star State.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Texas Travel Trails, which spawned the Texas Historical Commission’s successful Texas Heritage Trails Program. I hope you’ll join me in discussing this milestone and its commemoration on Friday during the 50 Years of Travel Trails panel.

While celebrating these accomplishments, we must also keep in mind the challenges still facing our Texas Gulf Coast communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Throughout the conference, I anticipate we’ll have many discussions about natural disasters like this and how they pose a threat to our history and can have a significant impact on the regional economy.

With this in mind, heritage travel is critical to Texas’ economic success. Heritage travelers spend $7 billion annually visiting the real places of Texas, and more than 10.5 percent of travel throughout the state is heritage-related—including historic sites, courthouses, local museums, and more.

At Real Places 2018, we look forward to sharing these success stories and hearing from industry professionals about best practices and how our communities can benefit from positive experiences throughout Texas.

I want to thank our sponsors, Texas Land Title Association and Phoenix I Restoration and Construction, and our partners, the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation, for their support.

We’re looking forward to solidifying our partnerships and strengthening our economy and history as we celebrate the real places and stories of Texas.

JOHN L. NAU, III
Chairman, Texas Historical Commission

GREETINGS,

Welcome to Real Places 2018. The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (FTHC) is thrilled to co-present this event—where supporters of Texas history and historic preservation gather from across the state to network and learn from one another and leading experts. As chair of the FTHC, I see firsthand the role that passionate individuals play in protecting our state’s cultural heritage, and I want to thank you for being here.

The FTHC was formed in 1996 to raise funds in support of projects and programs that allow us to experience real stories in the real places they happened. Now in our 21st year, the FTHC has raised more than $12 million for projects that range from the new museum at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site—slated to open this spring—to the Preservation Scholars Program, focused on increasing the diversity of professionals working in historic preservation and acknowledging the variety of cultures that enrich Texas’ heritage. Some projects arise unexpectedly, such as the need for emergency funds to repair damage caused by Hurricane Harvey to Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.

Preservation is an ever-evolving and expanding field of study, which is why education is such an important part of the work we do. Whether discussing the digital presence of a historic site or understanding the economic impacts of historic preservation, we’re excited to cover a wide range of topics at this year’s conference. We’re confident you’ll take some of what you learn back to your community, ensuring Texas’ rich and diverse history lives on.

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**Elements of Successful Philanthropy**

Building a Comprehensive and Sustainable Development Program

*Time: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  |  Location: Barton Room, 4th Floor*

*Speakers: Anjali Kaul Zutshi, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, and Angela Reed, Texas Historical Commission*

Part of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission’s Development Seminar Series, this workshop is suited for large and small organizations from any discipline with limited development staff. It highlights best practices and facilitates dynamic group interactions to help attendees build and strengthen their fundraising tool kits so they can more effectively and sustainably achieve their organizational missions.

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**Wood Window Workshop**

*Time: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.  |  Location: Capitol View Terrace South, 3rd Floor*

*Speaker: John Hindman, Red River Restorations*

Preservationists understand the importance of saving historic windows, but many others do not. This workshop will empower you to make the argument for restoration the next time you are faced with the decision to restore or replace. The Wood Window Workshop will begin with a presentation and discussion led by John Hindman of Red River Restorations, whose projects have ranged from private homes to historic courthouses, the Alamo, and LBJ’s Texas White House. The workshop will include a tour of the Red River Restorations workshop and an up-close demonstration of basic restoration techniques.

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**Certified Local Government Workshop**

*Time: 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  |  Location: Capitol View Terrace South, 3rd Floor*

*Speakers: Madeline Clites, Laura Camayd, and Sarah Blankenship, Texas Historical Commission*

Preservation is most effective at the local level, so the Texas Historical Commission’s Certified Local Government (CLG) Program gives communities the tools and resources they need to be successful. This training will address common challenges among CLGs, such as window restoration versus replacement, evaluating mid-century resources, and developing a local incentive program to encourage preservation and rehabilitation.

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**Tour of Austin’s German Heritage**

*Time: 1–3 p.m.  |  Location: Begins at Capitol Ballroom C, 3rd Floor*

*Speaker: Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Commission*

Hosted by the German Texan Heritage Society, as well as Scholz Garten and Saengerrunde Hall, home of a historic and still-active singing society. Transportation will be provided, but some walking at the sites will be required.

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**Secrets of the Governor’s Mansion and Neill-Cochran House Museum**

*Time: 1–4:15 p.m. | Location: Meet in Hotel Lobby*

Join us for an in-depth look at two similar Greek Revival landmarks designed and constructed in the 1850s by master builder Abner Cook. Located just over a mile apart, the Texas Governor’s Mansion and Neill-Cochran House share remarkable similarities—but their history and unique features reveal contrasting aspects of mid-19th-century life in Texas. Transportation will be provided.

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**Round Robin Sessions**

*Time: 3–5:15 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballrooms A, B, C, F, G, and H, 3rd Floor*

*Speakers: THC and TXDot*

Very short sessions provided by Texas Historical Commission and Texas Department of Transportation staff will acquaint you with the agencies’ programs and activities. Jump into any session to hear updates about programs from the people who staff them. Watch a brief presentation and Q&A, and then move on to catch another program session.

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**Exhibit Hall**

*Time: 3–5:15 p.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace North, 3rd Floor*

Stop by the exhibit hall to see the latest in historic preservation resources and products. Visit with restoration craftspeople, architects, suppliers, and firms that develop communication tools and interpretation for historic preservation and heritage tourism. Refreshment breaks will take place here.
Music transcends differences and defines place, and nowhere is that more apparent than in the Lone Star State. Boasting a diverse musical heritage, Texas has hundreds of existing pilgrimage sites that are destinations for a growing and affluent audience—as well as plenty of untapped destinations that are waiting to be developed and discovered. Texas writer and director Joe Nick Patoski will take us on a musical tour across the state, while encouraging towns and cities to roll out the red carpet for heritage travelers and polish and preserve the places they’re seeking.

Following the opening keynote speech, enjoy electrifying musical performances by Texas music icon Ray Benson (front man of the legendary Western swing band, Asleep at the Wheel) and rising stars from Bastrop, the Peterson Brothers, who blend blues, soul, and funk. You won’t want to miss the amazing finale when Benson and the Peterson Brothers come

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EXHIBIT HALL
Time: 8 a.m.–4:15 p.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace North, 3rd Floor

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ECONOMIC LESSONS FROM 30 YEARS OF PRESERVATION
BREAKFAST AND GENERAL SESSION
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. | Presentation: 8:15–9:15 a.m.
Location: Capitol Ballroom DE, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Donovan Rypkema, PlaceEconomics

Donovan Rypkema, principal of PlaceEconomics, is well-known for his work in studying the economic impacts of historic preservation. Rypkema and his PlaceEconomics team conduct studies and surveys focusing on the revitalization of historic neighborhoods and communities through reuse of historic buildings and other preservation efforts. His opening breakfast session will give an overview of the economics of historic preservation, the importance of preservation to community vitality, and lessons learned throughout his career.

1A-BREAKOUT: ARCHEOLOGICAL INTERSECTIONS
TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY’S CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY HERITAGE AND PRESERVATION
Time: 9:30–10:45 a.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom FGH, 3rd Floor
Speakers: Bradford Jones, Texas Historical Commission; Jason Barrett, Ph.D., Texas Department of Transportation; Jon Lohse, Ph.D., Coastal Environments; and Linda Gorski and Louis Aulbach, Houston Archeological Society

In the shadow of the built environment, archeology is often underutilized as a resource for local governments and preservation organizations to foster personal connections to communities. Yet archeological projects are happening every day across the state—presenting a variety of opportunities to engage with the archeological side of history while creating a wealth of information far greater than artifacts. This session will explore the context of archeology in Texas. Speakers will provide case studies on how archeology can be used as a community resource to engage and educate the public and to promote the preservation of our past, both buried and built.

1B-BREAKOUT: WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE ONLINE
TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR DIGITAL PRESENCE
Time: 9:30–10:45 a.m.
Location: Capitol Ballroom ABC, 3rd Floor
Speakers: Diann Bayes, San Angelo Convention and Visitors Bureau and Sheila Scarborough, Tourism Currents

What makes a great visitor experience? Increasingly, people use digital tools for everything from planning travel to making dinner reservations. This session explores lessons learned, from a traveler’s perspective, on the value of an organization’s online public image and how it can enhance or detract from an in-person visit. Learn how to manage your digital presence and reputation, including online reviews, and make sure people can find you on the web.

1C-BREAKOUT: OUNCE OF PREVENTION
Time: 9:30–10:45 a.m. | Location: Creekside I and II, 2nd Floor
Speaker: Nancy McCoy, FAIA, FAPT, Quimby McCoy Preservation Architecture

This session will examine the value and process for establishing a maintenance program for your historic building, starting with a visual assessment by the property owner, and then creating a simple plan of regular tasks that will ensure major problems are avoided and, finally, documenting the work accomplished. The presentation will include materials from a maintenance handbook being developed by Nancy McCoy’s firm. It includes simple checklists and illustrations of typical conditions and maintenance tasks applicable to any historic building.

1D-BREAKOUT: DESIGN GUIDELINES THAT WORK
Time: 9:30–10:45 a.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace South, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Steph McDougal, Preservation Consultant

Design guidelines are only effective if property owners can find the information they need quickly and easily, and if they correctly understand what you intend the guidelines to convey. Whether your city is developing design guidelines or already has them, there is an easy way to find out if they are user-friendly. Steph McDougal, founder of McDougal Preservation, will explain a simple method for evaluating usability and describe how she used it while developing design guidelines for the city of Houston. She will provide instructions and materials to help you test your own design guidelines and take steps to make them more user-friendly. NOTE: While this session focuses on design guidelines, the concepts can be applied to any sort of instructional or informational materials.
INSIDER TOUR OF THE FRENCH LEGATION STATE HISTORIC SITE
Time: 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  |  Location: Sheraton Lobby and French Legation
Speakers: H. Glenn Reed and Ellen Busch, Texas Historical Commission

NOTE: Participants in this tour will miss the Thursday morning breakout sessions. Pre-registration is required to attend. Transportation will be provided.

Changes are in the works for Austin’s historic French Legation, which is currently closed to the public for much-needed stabilization and restoration work. Join the Texas Historical Commission’s Historic Sites Division staff for an insider’s tour of the house and grounds, and a discussion of the site’s past, present, and future evolution as a symbol of Texas’ heritage and refuge for the Austin community. Constructed during the Republic of Texas era for the French charge d’affaires, the French Legation stands today as one of the oldest buildings in the city and witness to generations of growth and change in Texas. It was recently transferred to the THC, becoming the agency’s 22nd state historic site.

REFRESHMENT BREAK
Time: 10:45–11:15 a.m.  |  Location: Capitol View Terrace North, 3rd Floor

2A-BREAKOUT: UNDERSTANDING ECONOMIC STUDIES
Time: 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  |  Location: Capitol Ballroom ABC, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Donovan Rypkema, PlaceEconomics

Preservation and economics expert Donovan Rypkema will follow up his breakfast session by explaining how economic studies are conducted and, most importantly, how they should be used to maximize community revitalization.

2B-BREAKOUT: BIG AS TEXAS
THE ARTS LEGACY OF THE LONE STAR STATE
Time: 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Location: Capitol Ballroom FGH, 3rd Floor
Speaker: B. Byron Price, Charles M. Russell Center for the Study of Art of the American West at the University of Oklahoma and Adair Margo, Tom Lea Institute

Art reflects the activities, attitudes, and aspirations that have shaped the Lone Star State—from 19th-century landscapes and cityscapes to 1936 Texas Centennial works and New Deal installations. B. Byron Price will guide us through Texas’ significant visual arts heritage, while highlighting the potential of historical public and private artwork to boost tourism and expand the story of place. Adair Margo will introduce the work of the Tom Lea Institute, which encourages the exploration of regional art, history, and culture through the art of Tom Lea. She will also describe the developing Tom Lea Trail, which includes 11 Texas cities.

2C-BREAKOUT: CALL THE PROS
Time: 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  |  Location: Creekside I and II, 2nd Floor
Speakers: Jack Pyburn, FAIA, Lord Aeck Sargent and Susan Allen Kline, preservation consultant

This session will focus on professional services for surveys and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, preservation master plans, historic structure reports, plans and specification for construction, permit applications, grant and tax credit applications, and completion reports. It will look at considerations by the owners of historic properties, including scopes of work, procurement constraints, project delivery methods, schedule, and budget. The session will also highlight the value of other disciplines and individuals to preservation projects, such as the owner’s representatives, engineers, material conservators, qualified craftsmen, and archeologists.

2D-BREAKOUT: CULTURAL MAPPING OF SAN ANTONIO
Time: 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  |  Location: Capitol View Terrace South, 2nd Floor
Speakers: Claudia Guerra, San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation, Carolyn Peterson, FAIA, and Rachel Wright, Ford Powell & Carson

Cultural historian Claudia Guerra and restoration architects Carolyn Peterson and Rachel Wright will discuss their roles in preserving the San Antonio Missions as living historic sites with current connections to their community. Guerra refers to her work as “cultural mapping,” conducting oral histories of residents who have a connection to the missions to involve the community in the preservation process and record both intangible and tangible heritage. Peterson and Wright will discuss how community and stakeholders are included in the preservation of these World Heritage Sites.
HACKING HERITAGE
LESSONS LEARNED FROM GRASSROOTS PRESERVATIONISTS
LUNCH AND GENERAL SESSION
Time: 12:30–2 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom DE, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Andrea Roberts, Texas A&M University, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning

This presentation showcases how grassroots preservationists, or heritage hackers, have both challenged and claimed a right to the benefits of “authorized heritage.” By spotlighting several Texas preservation projects developed on various scales, Andrea Roberts will bring attention to the ways official heritage organizations and public agencies can learn from and better serve minority and low-income communities served by grassroots preservationists. Cases referenced will include homestead preservation projects, annual celebrations and rituals, and cemetery preservation. The presentation will also help mainstream preservationists recognize and partner with the often-invisible innovators living at the intersection of various oppressions, identities, and abilities.

3A-BREAKOUT: TAX CREDITS ON MAIN STREET
REAL WORLD DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN SMALL TOWNS
Time: 2:15–3:30 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom ABC, 3rd Floor
Speakers: Amy Miller, City of Elgin; Fran McCarthy, Central City Properties; and Caroline Wright, Texas Historical Commission

Successful projects of all sizes have taken advantage of preservation tax incentives. Both the federal and state tax credits programs can add up to big savings for small development projects. Learn from recent examples and become familiar with the process as you hear from the experts.

3B-BREAKOUT: TEXAS FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY TRAINING
Time: 2:15–3:30 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom FGH, 3rd Floor
Speakers: Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region and Margaret Hoogstra, Texas Forts Trail Region

Texas Friendly Hospitality Training is a statewide certification program offered by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. It is designed to teach front-line employees and managers alike the fundamental skills and management concepts needed for achieving satisfied and repeat customers, visitors, and guests. Program participants learn tips for managing guests’ experiences; information on hospitality habits and how to improve them; and useful background information about their communities and regional attractions. This session will provide an overview of the training and its newest features in order to help you learn how to schedule training and put the program to work in your organization.

3C-BREAKOUT: MOISTURE IN BUILDINGS
Time: 2:15–3:30 p.m. | Location: Creekside I and II, 2nd Floor
Speaker: Ron Anthony, Association of Preservation Technology, Anthony & Associates

This session focuses on the effects of moisture on wood in buildings. Beginning with a review of the relationship between wood and water, the presentation addresses how wood is affected by various forms of moisture and how to determine if you have a moisture problem. With an understanding of how to assess wood and environmental conditions, the means to determine and prioritize moisture issues can be implemented. Using best practices can provide protection of wood from moisture, with the goal of achieving long-term durability of the historic fabric.

3D-BREAKOUT: GOOD PARTNER, BAD PARTNER
WHICH ROLE DO YOU PLAY?
Time: 2:15–3:30 p.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace South, 3rd Floor
Speakers: Amy Hammons, Texas Historical Commission, County Historical Commission (CHC) Outreach Program Coordinator and Candice McClendon, CHC Outreach Program Specialist

Discuss experiences and share lessons learned as we identify individual contributions that cultivate enduring partnerships and meaningful support systems for organizations in your area.

SPACE FOR PLACE WORKSHOP
Time: 2:15–5:15 p.m. | Location: Barton Room, 4th Floor
Speaker: Ted Lee Eubanks, Fermata Inc.

NOTE: Participants in this workshop will miss the Thursday afternoon breakout sessions. Pre-registration is required to attend.

This workshop will introduce participants to narrative-based planning, and help attendees better understand how historical narrative can shape planning within their agencies, organizations, and communities. The workshop will lead participants through a 12-step process for developing narrative-based strategies for their own communities. It will provide participants with both the concepts and the tools necessary to shape their communities and planning efforts through historical narrative.

REFRESHMENT BREAK
Time: 3:30–4 p.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace North, 3rd Floor
4A-BREAKOUT: WHEN THE ARCHIVE IS “WOKE!”
ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODOLOGIES THAT BRING COLLECTIONS AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES TO LIFE.
Time: 4–5:15 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom FGH, 3rd Floor
Panel: Dr. Andrea Roberts, Texas A&M University, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning; Warner Cook and Kathleen Conti, Ph.D students, University of Texas at Austin

This roundtable session introduces the concept of the “woke” archivist, preservationist, or scholar. This concept emerges from a spring 2017 course on “cultural landscapes of demolition,” urban or rural landscapes in the crosshairs of gentrification, cultural erasure, and displacement. Two students’ presentations and lessons learned will be featured. Warner Cook’s paper questions how archives support or hinder cultural landscape scholars’ reading of racial integration amongst gentrifying neighborhoods in Austin. Through research in local historical archives, development of StoryMap and hashtagged Instagram stories, and field observations, Cook documented the ways a white family traversed racialized neighborhood boundaries at the turn of the 20th century. Kathleen Conti’s research on Rust State Hospital, a state-run prison turned psychiatric hospital, reveals the ways relics and cast-off furniture, imbued with the memories of the convict leasing system, make visible a landscape the state actively tried to forget.

4B-BREAKOUT: TANKS, TOWERS, AND TRAILS
Time: 4–5:15 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom ABC, 3rd Floor
Speakers: Rebekah Dobrasko, Texas Department of Transportation; Brian Bristow, City of Allen; and Joanna Wolaver, Shoal Creek Conservancy

The development of cities and rural areas in Texas was guided by infrastructure such as railroads, highways, windmills, trails, and dams. This session highlights the reuse of historic infrastructure in cities across the state. Attendees will learn ways to preserve this infrastructure and honor its place in Texas’ past.

4C-BREAKOUT: HISTORIC METALS
CONSERVATION AND REPPLICATION
Time: 4–5:15 p.m. | Location: Creekside I and II, 2nd Floor
Speakers: Michael Van Enter, Van Enter Studio, Ltd. and Gary Behm, St. Louis Antique Lighting

This session will begin with a historical background on the use of metals in architecture and a discussion on the care and conservation of major building components such as metal roofs, doors and windows, hardware, and architectural objects. Then, presenters will focus on procuring new replica historic lighting when the original is missing, with approaches to research, period-appropriate designs, quality, and costs.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION & THC AWARDS BANQUET

TIME: 6:30–9 P.M. | CAPITOL BALLROOM

Following a cocktail reception from 6:30–7 p.m., the Texas Historical Commission Awards Banquet will feature Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush as the keynote speaker. The THC Awards Banquet will honor recipients of the 2017 THC Preservation Awards. These awards, fully restored after a six-year absence, recognize worthy accomplishments and exemplary leadership in the preservation of Texas’ heritage.

- RUTH LESTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- JOHN BEN SHEPPERD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION LEADERSHIP AWARD
- GEORGE CHRISTIAN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- JOHN L. NAU, III AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN MUSEUMS
- CURTIS D. TUNNELL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ARCHEOLOGY
- ANICE B. READ AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT
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ORIGINAL SESSION

DowntownTX.org is a new online building inventory featuring historic property listings. It is changing how people connect with historic buildings, serving both as a matchmaking tool with a real estate interface that showcases the community and its unique characteristics, as well as an inventory tool for local program managers. This session will tell the DowntownTX.org story from invention to implementation, featuring an interactive demo, highlights from the public launch, including the successful Imagine the Possibilities community tours, and an audience discussion.

Panel: Emily Koller, Texas Historical Commission and Sarah O’Brien, Bastrop Main Street Program

Time: 9:45–11 a.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace North, 3rd Floor

CONNECTING INVESTORS WITH OPPORTUNITIES

5C-BREAKOUT:

DOWNTOWN, TX

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Panel: Terry Tex Toler, Llano Main Street; Jennifer Eckermann, Brenham Main Street; and Barbara Brannon, Texas Historical Commission, Texas Department of Transportation

Time: 9:45–11 a.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom FGH, 3rd Floor

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RUNNING WITH SCISSORS
BREAKFAST AND GENERAL SESSION

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. | Presentation: 8-8:45 a.m.
Location: Capitol Ballroom ABCD, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Franklin Vagnone, Twisted Preservation Cultural Consulting

Join Franklin Vagnone, co-author of Anarchist’s Guide to Historic House Museums and principal of Twisted Preservation Cultural Consulting, to learn the latest national and international museum and cultural site trends affecting community engagement efforts. Professionals from Main Streets, courthouse squares, historic districts, museums, and historic sites will be inspired to explore new approaches in their communities.

50 YEARS OF TRAVEL TRAILS
TEXAS HERITAGE TRAILS PROGRAM PANEL

Time: 8:45–9:30 a.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom ABCD, 3rd Floor
Panel: Chairman John L. Nau, III, Texas Historical Commission; Truett Latimer, former executive director of the Texas Historical Commission; Jerry L. Rogers, former National Park Service Associate Director for Cultural Resources and Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places; and Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region

It’s time to kick off the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Texas Heritage Trails Program! Explore the evolution of the award-winning heritage tourism initiative from its start as the Texas Travel Trails, a series of 10 driving trails developed in 1968 for HemisFair, to today’s program that drives economic development in 10 regions across all 254 counties. Join Texas Historical Commission Chairman John Nau and a panel of other leaders who have been instrumental in creating and sustaining the program.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

Time: 9:30–9:45 a.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom Foyer, 3rd Floor

COURTHOUSE STEWARDS SESSION

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:
TROUBLESHOOTING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Time: 8:45–11 a.m. | Location: Creekside I and II, 2nd Floor
Speakers: James Malanaphy, Texas Historical Commission

NOTE: Participants in this workshop will miss the Friday morning sessions. Pre-registration is required to attend.

The always-popular courthouse stewardship round table discussions bring Texas Historical Commission staff and experts together with workshop attendees to discuss common problems experienced in historic county courthouses. After exchanging ideas in small teams, each topic is presented to the entire group.

5A-BREAKOUT:
SHOW’S ON AT HISTORIC THEATERS

Time: 9:45–11 a.m.
Location: Capitol Ballroom FGH, 3rd Floor
Panel: Ken Stein, League of Historic American Theatres; Jennifer Eckermann, Brenham Main Street; and Terry Tex Toler, Llano Main Street

Historic theaters have significant cultural and architectural value, but they can also be economic engines that drive tourism and serve the local population. In this session, Ken Stein, president and CEO of the League of Historic American Theatres, will inspire you with information about the importance of theaters in our communities. The panel will also include representatives of several historic theaters in Texas, who will talk about the relevancy of their local theaters.

5B-BREAKOUT:
LIVING ON THE EDGE

Time: 9:45–11 a.m. | Location: Capitol View Terrace South, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Franklin Vagnone, Twisted Preservation Cultural Consulting

Learn how to make preservation matter, especially for those who don’t care about it. Franklin Vagnone, co-author of Anarchist’s Guide to Historic House Museums, will concentrate on community engagement and relevancy for heritage and cultural sites.

5C-BREAKOUT:
DOWNTOWN, TX

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CRAFTSMANSHIP OF TRADITIONAL BUILDINGS

LUNCH AND GENERAL SESSION

Time: 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | Location: Capitol Ballroom ABCD, 3rd Floor
Speaker: Peter Miller, Active Interest Media

With more than 30 years of experience covering historic preservation in the national media, Peter Miller has acquired a unique perspective on the design and construction profession. He is the publisher of Traditional Building and Period Homes magazines and producer of the annual Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference and the Traditional Building Conference Series. Miller consults extensively with leading U.S. preservation architects, craftspeople, and providers of traditional building products. He is an enthusiastic speaker and outspoken advocate for urbanism, the revitalization of historic neighborhoods, and sustainability, including the adaptive reuse of historic buildings.
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