



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL PRESERVATION SUMMIT

September 21, 2023 | San Marcos | Dunbar Recreation Center

09:15 a.m. | WELCOME & CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Kate Johnson, Board of Directors, Preservation Texas

Samantha Hunick, Central Texas Regional Program Officer, Preservation Texas

09:30 a.m. | ENDANGERED PLACES IN BLANCO, CALDWELL AND HAYS COUNTIES: CENTRAL TEXAS SUMMER INTERNSHIP REPORT

Jared Van Auken, Graduate Student, Public History, Texas State University

Andrew Ward, Graduate Student, Public History, Texas State University

Texas State University Public History graduate students will present their work documenting endangered Central Texas historic sites in collaboration with Preservation Texas.

10:00 a.m. | PRESERVATION AS A TOOL FOR NEIGHBORHOODS EXPERIENCING CHANGE

Cory Edwards, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, City of San Antonio

This presentation will cover the ways that preservation policy and incentives can support existing, diverse neighborhoods facing development pressures and property value increase. The session will feature the work of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation to demonstrate the importance of preserving existing, historic housing stock and the supportive programs administered by the department.

10:45 a.m. | BREAK

11:00 a.m. | LOCAL PRESERVATION INCENTIVES IN DOWNTOWN TAYLOR

Jan Harris, Main Street Manager, City of Taylor

Whether the city you work in is a Main Street, has a designated historic district, or is somewhere in between, everyone can benefit from one beloved tool in every Main Street Manager's tool belt: R&D....Rip Off and Duplicate. It is the highest form of flattery and not only welcomed but encouraged. The second tool is that of a grant program. This session will highlight Taylor's Main Street Façade Grant program as a powerful tool for appropriate building improvements in the downtown district.

11:30 a.m. | SAY THEIR NAMES: RECLAIMING A SENSE OF PLACE IN AN EVOLVING COMMUNITY

Dr. Elvin Holt, Archivist, Calaboose African American History Museum

Many survivors of the catastrophic assault on traditionally black communities live with the trauma of displacement, a diminished sense of belonging, and the loss of a sense of place. Some former and current residents of the San Marcos

Dunbar Community (included on Preservation Texas's 2021 Most Endangered Places List) feel the loss of a sense of place due to the changing demographics and the impact of gentrification. By invoking the healing power of names and stories about the people who created and sustained the neighborhood, affected individuals can begin to reclaim their heritage as members of this unique community.

12:00 p.m. | LUNCH & 2023 PRESERVATION TEXAS HONOR AWARDS PRESENTATION

01:15 p.m. | DIVERSIFYING COUNTY PRESERVATION EFFORTS: GONZALES COUNTY & THE TEXAS FREEDOM COLONIES PROJECT

Glenda Gordon, Chair, Gonzales County Historical Commission
David Tucs, President, Edwards Association

The mission of the Texas Freedom Colonies Project is to prevent the erasure, destruction, and decay of cultural properties within Black settlements in partnership with descendant communities. This session will feature the work of a group of Gonzales County Historical Commission appointees and volunteers to systematically research and document historic African American properties, landscapes, and cultural heritage sites in collaboration with the Texas Freedom Colonies Project.

02:00 p.m. | PRESERVING THE WIMBERLEY WAY

Irene Allender, Associate, Post Oak Preservation Solutions
Ellis Mumford-Russell, Founding Partner, Post Oak Preservation Solutions

Faced with development pressures threatening the charms of downtown Wimberley, the City sought to enact regulations to preserve it. This session will discuss the creation of a preservation program in Wimberley through a historic resource survey, National Register historic district, preservation ordinance, local historic district, and design guidelines. Gain valuable insights from the experiences, considerations, and lessons learned in this endeavor, and discover the delicate balance between preservation and growth for a lasting cultural legacy.

02:45 p.m. | BREAK

03:00 p.m. | THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM: CENTRAL TEXAS FOCUS

Ericca Espindola, Local Government Preservation Specialist, Texas Historical Commission
Kelly Little, Certified Local Government Program Coordinator, Texas Historical Commission
Katie Totman, Historic Preservation Officer, City of New Braunfels

Certified Local Government Program representatives will discuss the merits of the program with a focus on Central Texas communities. This session will provide an opportunity for preservation advocates from non-Certified Local Government municipalities from across the region to learn more about the program and its benefits.

4:00 p.m. | CLOSING REMARKS