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24th Annual Historic Homes Tour

Saturday, April 30, 2016

10am to 4pm

Allandale, Brentwood, and Crestview
(including two homes in Allandale's
experimental Air Conditioned Village!)

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During the late 1940s, sleepy little Austin was marveling at its skyrocketing population, the changing face of downtown, loss of beloved landmarks, increasing traffic congestion, and – a uniquely Austin concern – overcrowding at public swimming pools. Sound familiar?

World War II transformed Texas and, in turn, Austin. More Texans served than those from any other state, and more than a million soldiers trained at our military bases and airfields. Postwar urbanization turned Texas from a majority rural state to a majority urban state for the first time and flooded its cities with new residents. Austin's own population rose by more than 100,000 from 1940 to 1960, with thousands coming first for Camp Mabry and Bergstrom Air Force Base during the war, and then for education and employment after it. A massive housing boom struggled to keep up and forever changed the city's landscape.

Allandale, Brentwood, and Crestview were at the heart of of these changes. Marketed to veterans, and often built by veterans, they offered young families the chance to own their own piece of the American Dream. Often from rural Texas, these residents thrived in vibrant neighborhoods rich with midcentury hallmarks such as drive-in theaters and roller rinks as well as legendary music venues and watering holes.

Join us April 30 for “Austin’s Postwar Boom,” our 24th Annual Historic Homes Tour, to learn about this history and more!



Top Notch Hamburgers, originally Burkharths, on Burnet Road.
(Image: Top Notch Hamburgers, www.facebook.com).



Chief Drive In at Lamar and Koenig (cinematreaasures.org).

Eight featured homes will show how today's families are energizing postwar neighborhoods once again, and how thoughtful updates can expand these historic homes without destroying them. We'll have neighborhood histories, community highlights, and more, so whether you're pining for the days of pink bathrooms or looking for ideas for your own home, you won't be disappointed.

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★ 1212 Romeria Drive – Brentwood, 1949

Travis Cooke and J. W. Gregg, owners of Austin Building Materials remodeling and repairs, built this \$7,500 cottage in Violet Crown Heights in 1949. The tiny two bedroom, one bath home was typical of the low-cost, small-scale construction dominating Austin's housing market at the time. In contrast, a second-story addition to an upscale Tarrytown home cost a whopping \$17,800 that same year.

The Matula family lived here from 1954 through the early 1970s. Laddie Matula (1929-2000) was born in the Czech Moravian community of Granger, Texas. He worked on his family's farm until entering the Army on November 6, 1941, just one month before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He married Helen Knowlton (1930-1999) of Oil City, Pennsylvania and the two settled in Austin after the war. Helen was a secretary while Laddie worked for the United States Post Office and Internal Revenue Service. He served as Army Reserves Sergeant with the 90th Infantry Division into the late 1960s. Originally comprised of soldiers from Texas and Oklahoma, its T-O patch led to the nicknames "Texas' Own" or "Tough 'Ombres" in World War II, during which the division fought in the Battle of Normandy in 1944. The Matulas raised five children here and added a bedroom, bath, and covered porch to the home's rear in 1962. Newspapers from the time are full of dazzling accounts of sons Larry and Laddie Jr.'s baseball exploits playing for North Austin teams. Laddie later served as president of the Czech fraternal society Katolická Jednotá Texaská (KJT), or Catholic Union of Texas.

The current owners purchased the home in 2012. A previous owner's smoking habit required gutting the interior, though hardwood floors and an original bathtub have been restored. A first round of renovations by architect Carrie Dodson reduced the layout by one bedroom to create a new master suite and overhauled the kitchen and living room. A new studio for homeowner and landscape architect B. Jane, owner of B. Jane Gardens, was added as well. Architect Edward Frierson designed a new dual office/guest house, garage, carport, and pool cabana in 2015. B. Jane Gardens designed and built all of the home's stunning landscaping and exterior spaces, including the pool, private master patio with spa and outdoor shower, and grill area.

★ 1704 Morrow Street – Crestview, 1954

Carpenter-contractor R. L. Haynes built this 1,200 square foot cottage with two bedrooms and one bath for \$10,500. Completed in 1954, its first owners were Colonel James T. and Doris Lou Harris. Doris (nee Hendricks, 1925-2010) was raised in San Saba County but moved to Elgin with her family in 1942. She worked at nearby Camp Swift during the war and afterwards in the Adjutant General's Office at Camp Mabry, where she met returning soldier James T. Harris (1918-2016). Harris, born and raised in Central Texas, fought with the legendary Army National Guard's 36th Infantry Division during the war. Known as the "Texas Division," these were the first American combat troops to invade Europe. Harris fought in the 1943 Allied invasion of Italy, in the Southern France and Rhineland Campaigns, and was in Austria on V-E Day.



1212 Romeria Drive Landscape



1704 Morrow Street

The two married in 1947 and settled in Austin in 1952.

Colonel Harris' highly-decorated 36-year career included service as State Maintenance Officer with the Adjutant General's Office and the co-founding of the Texas National Guard State Officer Candidate School at Camp Mabry in 1959. The Harrises lived on Morrow Street for more than 25 years and raised two daughters here. They were longtime members of Crestview United Methodist Church, which opened just a block away on Woodrow in 1953. One can imagine they were among the many postwar families flocking towards Woodrow's Church Row dressed in their Sunday best every week.

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The home's current owners lived here for eleven years before hiring architect Nick Deaver, AIA to design a transformative addition and remodel for their young family, completed in 2016.

A new master bedroom suite was tucked along the

home's west façade. The back of the house was expanded by a depth of 16 feet and reconfigured into open kitchen-living-dining space and a new corner porch. A bank of full-height windows now overlooks the backyard, and sliding wooden panels conceal the family's media wall and storage over an inset steel-plate hearth. New skylights further brighten the formerly dark interior. Original red oak floors and historic 2/2 wooden windows and screens have been preserved. In all, the house was expanded by just 630 square feet, illustrating how dramatic results can be achieved through such minimal interventions.

★ 7508 Hardy Drive – Crestview, 1954

Howard and Wiley Pringle built this frame, brick-veneered house for \$9,000 in 1954. Raised in the small town of Cameron, Texas, the brothers' house painter father relocated the family to Austin during the Depression. Both Pringles served in the Army during World War II, with Howard (b. 1922) in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands and Wiley (1923-2000) in the South Pacific. Both spent what personal time they had making plans to start their own construction firm at the war's end. They succeeded in 1946, with Howard working as contractor and Wiley as carpenter. The Pringles prided themselves on craftsmanship and built



7508 Hardy Drive

Photo by Kate Singleton



2502 Twin Oaks Drive

Photo by Claire Hogan, Cultivate PR.

homes throughout Crestview and across the city. They launched a real estate arm in 1960 with Wiley's wife Peggy serving as interior designer. As Wiley later said, "We've come a long way since we were a couple of kids in the Pacific. The reality of our company has far exceeded the wildest dreams we might have had then."

Architect Christy Seals, AIA purchased the house in 2002 and has designed three rounds of renovations to date. A 2007 project remodeled the bathroom and converted a bedroom closet into a linen closet. A 2009 renovation vaulted the ceiling and opened the floor plan of the kitchen, living, and dining areas. It reduced the number of bedrooms from three to two, and added a period-appropriate 225-square-foot screened porch to the building's rear. Most recent is the addition of a backyard rainwater collection system with a fence aqueduct transporting water from the roof to a 2,000 gallon cistern. Steel casement windows, hardwood floors, and three-step wood door casings have been preserved. Materials have been kept in place or repurposed where possible; linoleum kitchen tiles remain beneath new cork flooring and a new metal roof was installed over existing shingles. Original joists became roof rafters where ceilings were vaulted and Douglas Fir studs re-used in the new framing system. Wood paneling from the kitchen lines a

new 40-square-foot carport storage closet. This 1,000 square foot home has evolved organically with the architect's growing family, incorporating impactful changes within its compact footprint.

★ 2502 Twin Oaks Drive – Air Conditioned Village, 1954

Designed by residential draftsman Harvey D. Powers, this is one of two Air Conditioned Village homes by builder R. L. Struhall, Jr. (the other stands at 2600 Twins Oaks). "The Climatized" featured Two Ton Day and Night central air and was touted for providing the ultimate privacy. Living spaces were oriented towards the house's rear, while three bedrooms tucked along the main and east façades were protected by high windows and special blinds which allowed residents to see out, but no one to see in.

L. M. "Jiggs" (1916-2001) and Margaret "E" Kincannon (1914-2003) purchased the house in the early 1960s. Both were from small towns outside of Temple, and their 1943 marriage in Waco took place during Army Sergeant Jiggs Kincannon's 60-day leave. His more than twenty years of military service included time spent as Prisoner of War in Germany. The family was later stationed throughout the United States, including a brief stint in Austin, and settled here permanently in 1961. For her part,

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6602 Daugherty Street

“E” Kincannon (nee Wilder) put herself through college during the Great Depression and enjoyed a lauded, 32-year teaching career. The couple saved every letter they wrote to one another and were regular volunteers at the Texas Military Museum. They raised two children and remained here until Jiggs’ death.

The current owners purchased in the house in 2006. They were told that, prior to 2001, the entire interior was painted pink and the living room’s original indoor planter had remained intact! Christy Seals, AIA of Loop Design oversaw a 2014 remodel which added 450 square feet to the 1,215 square foot home. A gabled rear addition contains a new family room and period-appropriate covered porch. A breakfast bar replaced a wall between the living room and kitchen. The carport was partially enclosed for storage; this is wrapped in wood paneling which extends through the kitchen and living room to wrap the addition’s exterior corner. The bathrooms’ gorgeous brown and turquoise tile has been preserved, and original flooring repurposed as counter and tabletops in the kitchen and expanded study. The living room’s yellow wall-hung display case was repurposed from an original kitchen built-in.

Photo by Lindsey Derrington



1305 Richcreek Road

★ 6602 Daugherty Street – Air Conditioned Village, 1954

W. H. Bullard dubbed this showcase for Drayer-Hanson Air-Conditioning “The Catalina – A Vacation at Home.” Bullard, head of First Austin Investment Corporation, was a major midcentury developer working throughout Highland Village, Allandale West, and Violet Crown Heights. “The Catalina” is one of two Air-Conditioned Village homes he built with contractor Alford J. Davis (the other is 2503 Twin Oaks Drive). The three-bedroom, two-bathroom house was praised for its “tasteful” design. An accordion-style Modernfold Door – marketed as the solution to saving space and conserving energy – could be opened to combine bedroom and the living room. Koolshade screens protected windows throughout.

“The Catalina” was home to a range of Austinites over the years. Marine Corps veteran Joseph Olsen lived here in the late 1950s followed by Jason and Mary Germany of Colorpress Inc. Printers. They were followed by the family of Miss Peggy Sue Harrell, finalist in the second annual Miss Austin Aqua Beauty Contest, one of Aqua Fest’s many events along with parades, canoe races, and a most special Aquacade and Water Follies at Barton Springs. Scientist and Navy veteran James Cunningham, later of the Texas Commission

on Environmental Quality, resided here while earning his masters in engineering from the University of Texas. Judge Charles R. Webb, Army veteran and University of Texas School of Law graduate, lived here during the 1970s while serving two

terms as Travis County Judge.

The current owner moved in in late 2004. Loop Design’s Christy Seals, AIA and Jennifer Ott served as architect and interior designer for a 2013 renovation. The removal of Austin stone from the main façade and a new entry updated the home’s look while maintaining its original profile and midcentury feel. Efficient storage solutions and a new, open kitchen-living space meet the needs of a young family. Hardwood floors were restored throughout the original 1,210 square foot home. A rear, 500-square-foot bed and “Space Invader” bath addition has pecan and walnut flooring repurposed from the owner’s childhood home in West Texas. A new back porch features richly-toned Ipe decking. The renovation received a 5-Star Rating from Austin Energy Green Building upon its completion.

★ 1305 Richcreek Road – Crestview, 1955

The current owners of 1305 Richcreek Road moved here in 2003 and are just the third family to call it home. Carl Einar Stried (a first-generation Swede born in 1909) and wife Halcy Bagby Stried (born in 1906) built this brick veneer house for \$10,000 in 1955. Crestview developer Ray Yates, who lived two doors down at 1313 Richcreek, served as contractor. Stried himself likely played a role

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in its construction since he served as foreman for Yates' Crestview Builders Supply Company at the time. It is a classic showcase of the firm's wares, with gorgeous wood paneling in the den; a bathroom replete with pink and gray tile, pink toilet, and

pink bathtub; and original steel casement and jalousie windows throughout. Both Strieds were raised on farms in Williamson County. They married in the early 1930s and had relocated to Austin by 1940. College-educated Halcy enjoyed a 46-year teaching career before retiring in 1972. Einar, who slogged through 60-hour weeks as a service station attendant during their first years in Austin, transitioned to carpentry work after World War II and joined Crestview Builders Supply in 1954. The company, opened two years earlier at 7501 Burnet Road, sold a full range of building materials from trim, to floor tiles, to wall paneling to fit-out Austin's burgeoning postwar neighborhoods. Einar went on to serve as its Secretary-Treasurer then Vice President before his death in 1973. Neighbor and business partner Ray Yates, as well as Burkhart's (later Top Notch) Drive-In founder Howard Burkhart, were among his pallbearers.

Halcy lived here until her own death in 1995. The home's second owners added a two-bed and bath rear wing in 2000 as well as native landscaping. The current owners have beautifully preserved its key historic features while making updates. A 2011 remodel by architect Diane Kett reconfigured a large formal living room and galley kitchen into a new dining room, kitchen, and laundry room. A new pass-through window enhances



1911 Brentwood Street



2912 Stoneway Drive

Photo by Lindsey Derrington

Photo by Amy Rogers

natural light throughout. The kitchen's midcentury casework, by this time worse for wear, was relocated to the garage to provide additional storage. Custom cabinetry was stained to match the original and rounded end-shelves were replicated and incorporated into the new design.

★ 1911 Brentwood Street – Brentwood, 1956

Thomas Brothers Lumber Company, one of Brentwood Terrace's primary developers, built this classic ranch in 1956. Complete with three bedrooms, hardwood floors, central heat, washer connections, and a pink and brown-tiled bath, it was perfectly suited to the middle class postwar family. "Your home dreams will never come true until you have seen [it]," cooed advertisements marketing the property to veterans.

The Mullinix family purchased the house in 1959. Pauline "Polly" Mullinix (nee Dove, 1919-1994) grew up on farms in rural Texas before enlisting in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at San Antonio in February 1943. Led by Texan Oveta Culp Hobby, the WAAC was established in 1942 to give women performing crucial noncombat roles the same food and board, pay, and legal rights as male soldiers. It became the Women's Army Corps, a full branch of the military, in May 1943. Over 150,000 WACs served their country as switchboard

operators, mechanics, and clerks during the war. General MacArthur declared them "my best soldiers" and stated that they worked harder and complained less than most men. Pauline graduated from the WAC administrative school in Daytona and was one of roughly 150 WACs serving here in Austin.

After the war she attended Durham Business College and became bookkeeper, and later department manager, for the First Austin Investment Company (builder of 6602 Daugherty). She married Leroy "Chick" Mullinix (1917-1976) in 1954. Mullinix hailed from the coal mining town of Harrisburg, Illinois. He entered the Army in early 1945 and was briefly stationed at Texas' Camp Wolters before returning home. They settled in Austin where Leroy worked as a driver for Texas Quarries before his 1976 death. They raised one son, and Pauline resided here until at least 1980.

The home's current owner purchased it in 2006, and her growing family necessitated a remodel by Studio Momentum in 2013. The original 1,072 square foot home was expanded by 675 square feet to include a spacious kitchen-living-dining room opening onto a large covered porch. The original entrance was seamlessly shifted to the right to make room for a new kitchen pantry and

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What's Next for Historic Preservation in the CodeNEXT Process?

Preservation Austin has a long history of engaging with city leaders and civic processes to craft public policy to protect, preserve, revitalize and celebrate our city's architectural history. This role is at the core of our mission to preserve historic buildings and places of Austin. In 2004, we successfully advocated for code revisions to allow the creation of Local Historic Districts. In 2010, we worked with many interested parties to integrate the values of historic preservation throughout the Downtown Austin Plan. Several members regularly participated in the ImagineAustin process, whereby the community created a master plan for the future of Austin. Soon afterward, several members of our board contributed many hours to crafting extensive policy recommendations for the city as the preservation program was under scrutiny once again. Many of these recommendations were adopted. One of our most recent efforts is to see that the city update its historic resources survey, a project that was many years overdue, and is finally under way with a new survey of East Austin. Many thanks are owed to the Preservation Austin members who have devoted hundreds of volunteer hours to this advocacy work.

A new need and opportunity for positive engagement exists in the CodeNEXT process. CodeNEXT is the city's initiative to revise the Land Development Code (LDC), which determines how land can be used throughout the city. The LDC regulates, among other things, zoning,

what can be built where, how dense it can be, and what features it must have in order to be safe and habitable. It includes the prescribed process and criteria for Austin Landmark designation as well as Local Historic Districts, and it defines special requirements for work proposed to affect historic structures, ranging from restoration to rehabilitation to demolition.

The city determined, rightly so, that the LDC has become unwieldy in some ways. Further, they would like to better align the vision and principles of the Imagine Austin plan with the governing development code. Through public meetings, workshops, working groups, and focused presentations, the CodeNEXT team began soliciting input from the community. The process started with a "Listening to the Community" document that requested input from stakeholders and the general public. Preservation Austin crafted a thoughtful 4-page paper on the issues we felt needed attention within the realm of historic preservation policy. That document, along with others created with similar intent, can be found on the CodeNEXT website (<https://austintexas.gov/departments/issue-papers>).

Members of our Preservation Committee have continued to attend and participate in these meetings, and we hosted a presentation by the CodeNEXT staff last September. Considering the broad appeal and important subject matter, we invited other people from within the preservation community to join us, resulting in a very good discussion of the issues facing historic preservation today in Austin.

In a related issue, many in Central Austin neighborhoods have expressed deep concern about the role of Neighborhood Plans as the LDC undergoes revision. Most of these plans, crafted by the people most directly affected, identify preservation and conservation of their older and historic building stock as a high priority. Many people who have worked so hard on their neighborhood plans question how the revisions to the LDC will affect the important and generally effective neighborhood planning process.

This brings us to March, 2016, when CodeNEXT issued their first 'prescription' paper: "The Next Austin: Manage our growth, keep our character Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription". The 44-page beautifully illustrated document identifies needs and calls out prescriptive remedies for our lakes and creeks, natural landscape and tree preservation, parks and open space, greenfield development, transportation and mobility, compatibility standards for new construction, and other redevelopment needs. Each chapter is fairly extensive and well-written, including a particularly detailed identification of the issues that need to be addressed as the city grows.

What is painfully lacking in this document is any reference whatsoever to historic preservation.

Of course, our immediate question was... why?

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My first thought was to call Dave Sullivan, vice chair of the CodeNEXT Citizens Advisory Group, and Paul DiGiuseppe, principal planner with the CodeNEXT team. Jennifer Todd of the CodeNEXT staff, and principal author of the prescriptive document, went to great lengths to reach out to me in response to Preservation Austin's concerns. It sounds, from all accounts, that the omission was an honest oversight. Sullivan and Todd agreed that it was a missed opportunity to articulate ways to identify and preserve our built heritage as a character-defining feature that makes Austin "Austin" – a primary goal of the CodeNEXT effort. The fact that historic preservation was not addressed in the document, they assured me, does not mean that it won't be addressed as the process continues.

This experience illustrates that we have to be more diligent, have a stronger presence at public meetings, communicate regularly, and reach out not only our constituency, but to those who don't necessarily think about the values of heritage and historic preservation on a daily basis.

To that end, Preservation Austin encourages you to participate in one or more of the following ways:

- Attend the next public input session scheduled for 6:00pm on Monday, April 4, 2016, at the Waller Creek Center, 625 E. 10th Street, Room 104.
- Participate in the CodeNEXT Community Walk at Once Over Coffee, 2009 S. First Street, April 9th at 9am.

- Preservation Austin will host a CodeNEXT "Road Show" focused on historic preservation. We encourage everyone to come to this, and bring your friends and neighbors. Stay tuned for the date and time for this event.
- Encourage neighborhood associations to request their own presentations from CodeNEXT to ask questions, express concerns, and reinforce the importance of their historic neighborhood character.

Help save the good stuff through your support of progressive public policy to preserve our community history and built environment.



Preservation Austin identified these issues in our position paper for CodeNEXT in April, 2014:

- ✧ Refine and reinforce public policies that support local historic districts, landmarks, and National Register historic districts.
- ✧ Change the designation criteria to be in line with national standards for recognition of cultural value.
- ✧ Update the Historic Resources Survey every 20 years, and the Preservation Plan for the City every 10 years.
- ✧ Integrate historic preservation more intentionally into the city planning and development process by identifying concentrated areas of resources and creating context-based design standards for rehabilitation and new construction.
- ✧ Eliminate incentives for demolition of contributing older properties, and provide new incentives and support for reuse of existing buildings.
- ✧ Change the city code and inspections process to enable the maintenance of existing building materials in lieu of replacement. Consider adopting a Rehabilitation Subcode similar to the one adopted by the state of New Jersey in 1998, and coordinating the requirements of technical and energy codes to protect historic character. ★



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The Education Committee is in planning mode for 2016

We started the year off with a successful “Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop” on January 29th. Special thanks to presenters Valerie Magolan of the Texas Historic Commission and Ben Dupuy of Enhanced Capital in New Orleans, and to the Center for Creative Action for hosting the event. With the passage of HB 3230 during the 84th Legislative Session, the Texas Preservation Tax Credit is now extended to nonprofit organizations. Over 30 attendees listened and learned about how to put it to work for their historic buildings.

We’re gearing up for our second family-friendly “History Hunt” which is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016 in Austin’s Clarksville neighborhood. Mark your calendar for all budding young preservations! We are partnering with the Clarksville Community Development Corporation and have already been scouting out the (secret) special sites for this year’s “History Hunt!”



We continue to brainstorm around our next installment of the “Greening Your Vintage Home” series and will be hosting another workshop this summer with a continued focus on sustainability, economic and principled reasons for saving and preserving ‘vintage’ structures.

In addition to these programs, the Education Committee will begin brainstorming on ways to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, and will be developing an activity for and by Mathews Elementary School students in recognition of Mathews’ 100th Birthday to be celebrated in September 2016.

We truly appreciate all of the time, energy, creativity and enthusiasm members of the Education Committee share. If you are inspired by our work – join us! There is always room. If you have ideas and time to share, please reach out to Lindsey Derrington at programs@preservationaustin.org or Education Committee Chair and PA Board member, Ann S. Graham at annsgraham@gmail.com

Welcome and thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Ann S. Graham, Chair ★

Our Social Media Subcommittee continues to meet and brainstorm about ways to get YOU more engaged with Preservation Austin! Take action now - all of these will help spread the word about Preservation Austin and how others can help us “Save the Good Stuff”!

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Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop held January 29, 2016.



President's Message

★ Alyson McGee



Well, Spring has certainly sprung in Central Texas and the familiar colors of Texas wildflowers have appeared in our gardens and roadsides!

I recently made an annual Spring trip to Washington D.C. to join preservationists from across the country at Preservation Action Coalition's Preservation Advocacy Days. Also there from Texas were representatives from the Texas Historical Commission, the City of San Antonio's Preservation Office, Preservation Dallas and the San Antonio Conservation Society. Over the course of a couple of days we discussed issues related to Federal legislation impacting preservation activities and met with staff from Texas House and Senate offices. Our mission was to educate them on our activities and ask for support for a \$50 million appropriation for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), permanent authorization for the HPF, and improvements to the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program. This yearly trip is one of the ways I work to further Preservation Austin's mission to "Save the Good Stuff", and help support the preservation of Texas and Austin's important heritage. However, traveling as far away to DC isn't required to participate in preservation efforts - there are many others ways that you can help us carry out our mission.

One way to help is participating in public meetings. An article in this issue of the newsletter, written by our Preservation

Committee co-chair and former President of the Board Tere O'Connell, is about the City's project to amend the Land Development Code - known as CodeNEXT. In her article Tere discusses the process taking place for public input, and Preservation Austin's concern that historic preservation issues are not being adequately addressed in published documents. Attending and speaking up at CodeNEXT meetings, and participating in the various public input forums, are a great way to let the CodeNEXT Advisory Group and City staff know that preservation of our historic resources and neighborhoods is important to citizens and needs to be included in the revised code.

Another preservation project being conducted by the City's Planning Department is the East Austin cultural resource survey. The City's Historic Preservation Office hired consulting firm Hardy, Heck and Moore (HHM) to conduct an inventory of historic properties in East Austin and document those resources to help the City, neighborhoods and individuals properly plan for and protect the richly diverse resources in that part of town. As part of the project the consultants and City staff have held public meetings with Eastside residents, and are gathering information such as oral histories, photos and documents to help capture the history of East Austin. Providing information to the consultants and commenting on the findings can help

ensure a broad spectrum of experiences and interests are reflected in that project.

Attendance at Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) meetings to sign in and speak on individual cases is another way to be part of the public decision-making process. Cases being presented to the HLC must be noticed to the public, and their agenda with back-up materials, is posted the Friday before each meeting (typically held the 4th Monday of each month). If attending and speaking at public meetings isn't your thing, but you want to be part of the public process, write to the HLC expressing your concern about a building being lost, or support for a project being done well. Letters to other City officials such as the Planning Commission and City Council about preservation issues - both to show concern and to say thank you - is an important part of making sure preservation remains a top priority in Austin.

As many of you know, Preservation Austin is an organization that relies heavily on volunteer efforts to carry out many of our activities - our two full-time staff, Kate Singleton and Lindsey Derrington, do an amazing job, but with more than a dozen events held every year, and the outreach, educational, and advocacy activities they carry out, they can't do it alone. Many of our committees, such as the Education, Homes and Preservation committees,

★ LINKS

CodeNEXT - <http://austintexas.gov/department/codenext>
Historic Landmark Commission - <http://www.austintexas.gov/hlc>
Planning Commission - <http://austintexas.gov/planningcommission>
City Council - <http://austintexas.gov/government>

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Inherit Austin

Michelle Slattery, Chair of Inherit Austin

Inherit Austin, a membership level of Preservation Austin, hosts social, cultural & educational events to raise awareness among the next generation of preservationists. IA is committed to the same mission as Preservation Austin – to promote Austin’s diverse cultural heritage through the preservation of historic places. We offer activities that appeal to singles, couples and families.

We are excited to be expanding our Inherit Austin Board by welcoming the following new Inherit Austin Board Members: Katie Bullard, Tori Haltom, Ellis Mumford-Russell, Emily Thompson Payne, Mike Smith, Matthew Welch, Sarah Wheat, & Haley Wilcox. Welcome Aboard!

Inherit Austin kicked off 2016 with a **Membership Happy Hour at Dart Bowl**, one of the iconic businesses in the Brentwood Neighborhood. This was the perfect opportunity to mingle with the new IA Board Members and to learn more about this area of town in advance of the Historic Homes Tour coming up in April. Charles Page shared with us some of his recent research and documentation of the Brentwood Neighborhood.

Saturday March 26th, 2016, 300 adults and children joined in the fun at **Inherit Austin’s 14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. This event is a wonderful way for Inherit Austin to connect with future Austin generations. Jennifer Ransom Rice, Committee Chair, was instrumental in the events success, and the Bunny Committee did a fabulous job staying organized! Special thanks to our Host Families, your support made the event possible and we hope to see you at some of our other events throughout the year. We’ve been honored to hold this event first at Pioneer Farms,

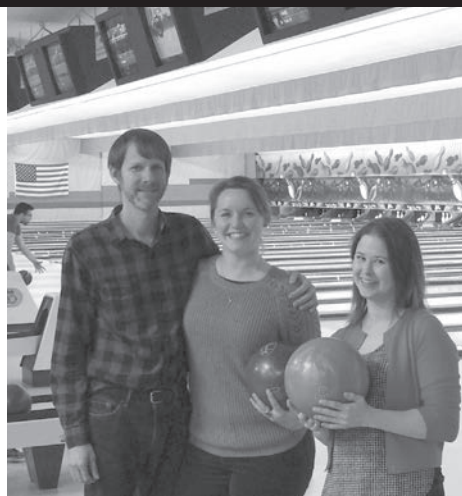


Photo by Nanette Labastida


Charles Page, IA Chair
Michelle Slattery, and
IA Board Member
Kelley Russell.



Jennifer Ransom Rice, Event Chair, congratulates Jack for finding the Golden Egg in the under 3 age group.

and then at Laguna Gloria, for the past fourteen years. Inherit Austin looks forward to exploring new locations and programming for next year’s Spring Fundraiser, and to creating memories at more unique historic places throughout Austin.

Keep an eye out for Inherit Austin’s Summer & Fall events, including our **Summer Member Benefit Event**, and **7th Annual Somewhere In Time**, location TBA! ★

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History Hunt in Clarksville

Saturday, May 21 • 9am-Noon

Pauline Brown Clarksville
Neighborhood Center
(1807 West 11th Street)

Free to attend!



Calling all K-5 preservationists for Preservation Austin's 2nd Annual History Hunt! Presented in partnership with the Clarksville Community Development Corporation, this architectural scavenger hunt will focus on Clarksville, one of Austin's original Freedmen's Settlements established by former slaves after the Civil War. Families will follow clues to five (top secret) stops throughout the neighborhood, learning about architectural elements and Clarksville's important history along the way. Sack races, hula hoops, and other activities will abound. Refreshments will be provided at the finish line, where prizes will be awarded to the race champions. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with Austin's heritage in a fun and healthy way!

All teams must have an adult chaperone. RSVP by Friday, May 13 to programs@preservationaustin.org.

Presented in partnership with the Clarksville Community Development Corporation. ★



Snapshots from our 2015 History Hunt in Hyde Park – a blast from start to finish!



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are made up of volunteers who put in many hours every month furthering the initiatives of those bodies. We also love having volunteers help at events, like the Homes Tour, History Hunt, and our various cocktail and happy hour parties.

Finally, providing Preservation Austin with financial support provides us have the resources to carry out our mission. Becoming a member, sponsoring special events like the Annual Preservation Merit

Awards Luncheon and Historic Homes Tour, buying tickets to events, and making donations means we can maintain our staff and operations and continue to advocate, educate and work every day to "Save the Good Stuff" for future generations of Austinites.

If you care about Austin's historic and architectural character and want it protected, please join me by participating in public meetings, writing elected and appointed officials, volunteering, and

financially supporting Preservation Austin as we work toward furthering those goals.

Sincerely,

Alyson McGee





Preservation Austin presents our Facebook Heritage Quiz the first Friday of every month. The first respondent to correctly identify a local landmark receives a \$5 gift card to Cenote courtesy of your favorite preservation organization, so keep a lookout for upcoming quizzes this summer!

Congratulations to our recent winners for correctly spotting the following properties:

February 2016: Evans Industrial Hall, Huston-Tillotson College

Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute opened in 1881 on Austin's east side. The American Missionary Association, with the help of the Freedman's Bureau, established the school to educate freedmen after the Civil War. Tillotson began a concerted building campaign in the early twentieth century, including the construction in 1911 of the Evans Industrial Building. At first, the building held vocational classes, but in later years hosted students in science and home economics. Evans Industrial Hall stands as the oldest structure remaining on what is now Huston-Tillotson College and is an example of the changing philosophies behind African American education from vocational and industrial training to a more liberal arts-based curriculum. This photograph is from the National Register of Historic Places nomination prior to the rehabilitation of the building to its current condition.

★ **Winner: Alan Garcia**



Evans Industrial Hall

March 2016: McCallum House - 613 W. 32nd Street

Austin activist Jane McCallum lived in this house with her family after its construction in 1908. Local builder John Adrian constructed this Victorian/Queen Anne house under her supervision. It is a two-and-a-half story wood structure with a side porch and a gable bay. The interior of the house reflects Arts and Crafts detailing in pine wood trim and the staircases. Both Jane and her husband Arthur were active politically and socially in Austin. Arthur served as superintendent of the Austin public schools for 39 years, while Jane became active in the women's suffrage movement. Jane was elected president of the Austin Woman Suffrage Association in 1915, and began writing articles for the Austin Statesman on women's issues in politics. After years of activism, Jane became Governor Dan Moody's Secretary of State, and served for six years. This house was the main social gathering place for the McCallum family and is a significant women's history site in Austin.

★ **Winner: Eileen Gill**



McCallum House



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2016 Featured Homes

double wall oven. A carport extension was designed to blend in with the original. The master suite was remodeled to include an additional bath and master closet.

★ 2912 Stoneway Drive – Allandale, 1964

This three-bedroom, limestone-faced home with midcentury flare dates to 1964. Along with its neighbors from 2904 to 2910 Stoneway, it was constructed in “Exclusive Allandale Terrace” under Sandlin & Co. Realtors’ Certified Homes Program which guaranteed quality and offered buyers a “revolutionary plan for home ownership,” including interest-only payments for one year. Advertisements touted modern conveniences, including a dishwasher and garbage disposal as well as the luxurious “cool comfort” of central air. The virtually windowless main façade and prominent carport protected the privacy of those within. Large windows overlooked the backyard, where one can imagine such festivities as

barbecues, cocktail parties, and ballgames taking place out of view.

Home builder and veteran Nelson Puett, Jr. (1920-2006) platted Allandale Terrace between 1959 and 1963. Puett, raised in on a farm outside of Fentress, enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin in 1937. The star halfback earned Longhorns fans’ undying love by scoring a winning touchdown against Texas A&M in 1938. He joined the Naval Air Corps in 1940 and flew throughout the North Atlantic and Pacific during the war. Puett finished his degree in business administration in 1950 and opened his real estate office here in Austin, quickly becoming an industry leader with developments in Houston, the NASA Space Center, Corpus Christi, and El Paso. Allandale Terrace, bounded by Shoal Creek Boulevard, Bullard Road, Great Northern Boulevard, and Dover Place, was one of his many local projects.

The home’s current owners acquired it in 2013 and began a renovation by



Murff-Bada. The project vaulted the living room ceiling and installed period-appropriate trapezoidal windows in the gable end. New concrete overlay floors reflect an abundance of natural light to give the impression of midcentury terrazzo. Two cramped full baths became a new master bath and half bath. The tiny kitchen with scant storage was completely reorganized and expanded into a newly-enclosed carport breezeway; this originally housed outdoor laundry facilities and brought the home’s square footage to just 1,600 square feet. The homeowners preserved a signature indoor-outdoor limestone feature wall and exposed the carport’s post and beam framing. New landscaping and casework built and installed by the homeowners themselves complete this harmonious blend of midcentury and contemporary sensibilities. ★



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Austin's Post-War Boom! 24TH Annual Historic Homes Tour

This year's tour features the postwar heritage of the Allandale, Brentwood, and Crestview. See inside for more details!



**MAY
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History Hunt in Clarksville

Begins and ends at the Pauline Brown Clarksville Neighborhood Center (1807 West 11th Street, 78703), 9am-noon. Architectural scavenger hunt (and games!) throughout the historic Clarksville neighborhood for K-5 kids and their parents. Free. Presented in partnership with the Clarksville Community Development Corporation.

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Greening Your Vintage Home

Our homeowners' preservation + sustainability workshop series resumes this summer! This is one of our favorite educational programs of the year so stay tuned.

★ Visit www.preservationaustin.org for details and tickets today!