

A Message from our Historic Preservation Officer



In honor of **National Preservation Month** the City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation is hosting several events throughout the month of May. National Preservation Month was started by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1971. The celebration was originally a week long, annual event that has expanded into a month filled with ceremonies, tours, and events aimed at promoting historic preservation. This year the Office of Historic Preservation, along with many partner organizations including the San Antonio Conservation Society, Villa Finale, the Missions National Historical Park, Southwest School of Art and Craft, UTSA College of Architecture, San Antonio Museum of Art, Downtown Alliance, Downtown Operations, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Los Compadres, is providing many opportunities for people to celebrate the unique heritage that our city has to offer.

The month will kick off with the "State of Historic Preservation" Address and Press Event at the newly re-opened Spanish Governor's Palace on Tuesday, May 4th, at 12:30 pm. The Mayor and several City Council members will join us to highlight the importance of historic preservation and central city reinvestment to San Antonio. That is just the beginning! With architectural running tours, networking events, a scavenger hunt, the *This Place Matters* photo and video contest, another hands-on window workshop, and the first childrens preservation race event, there is something for everyone to enjoy for sure.

I'd like to thank our Preservation Month sponsors: District One Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, Steelhouse Lofts, and King William Realty. There's still time to become a sponsor or donate prizes for Preservation Month activities as well! Please contact us if you're interested in helping us promote Preservation Month.

I'm very excited about everything we have planned and look forward to seeing you at many of our events!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shanon".

Shanon Wasielewski,
Historic Preservation Officer

2010 Preservation Month Downtown Architectural Feature Scavenger Hunt

The Office of Historic Preservation along with Downtown Alliance will celebrate National Preservation Month by introducing the first annual Architectural Feature Scavenger Hunt. The Hunt includes 20 unique architectural features found downtown. The Hunt will run from May 4–May 21st. Completed entries must be submitted by end of business on May 21st.

Entries with the most correct answers will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

"State of Historic Preservation" Address and Press Event

Join Mayor Castro, City Council members, and the Office of Historic Preservation on Tuesday, May 4th at 12:30 in the courtyard of the Spanish Governor's Palace. They will highlight the importance of historic preservation and central city reinvestment. Refreshments will be provided by District 1 Councilwoman Cisneros' office.

This Place Matters

One of the ways the Office of Historic Preservation has chosen to celebrate National Preservation Month is to encourage local participation in the *This Place Matters* campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. (<http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/>).

This Place Matters showcases the diverse places that matter to all of us. People from across the country are honoring their favorite places, making a call to protect, enhance, and enjoy the places that matter.

We want to encourage the citizens of San Antonio to call attention to the places that matter to them. In addition to submitting them to the NTHP, we are encouraging people to submit photos to us at ohp@sanantonio.gov This year we will be hosting a local photo contest as well (Councilman Clamp has agreed to serve as one of the celebrity judges!) and a *Why This Place Matters* video contest. Entries to be submitted to the [SAPreservationchannel](http://SAPreservationchannel.on.Youtube.com) on Youtube.com Please visit our website for more details and to download your *This Place Matters* sign.

Preservation Month Calendar of Events

| MAY 2010 | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | SOLAR FEST 2010 |
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| <p><u>SPANISH GOVERNORS PALACE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION</u> <u>SPEAKER, DR. AMARAZ</u></p> | | <p><u>STATE OF PRESERVATION-SPANISH GOVERNOR'S PALACE COURTYARD</u></p> <p>PRESERVATION NETWORKING EVENT (SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART)</p> <p>SCAVENGER HUNT BEGINS (CONTINUES UNTIL MAY 21ST)</p> | | <p><u>VILLA FINALE - HARD HAT TOUR</u></p> | <p><u>MISSION SAN JOSE "CONCERT UNDER THE STARS"</u></p> | <p><u>GUIDED RUNNING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN</u></p> <p>LA VILLITA RE-GRAND OPENING, 2PM-5PM, DISCUSSION BY ARCHITECT LEWIS FISHER ON THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED THROUOUT LA VILLITA. CALL 210-207-8612 FOR MORE INFORMATION</p> |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | <p><u>GUIDED RUNNING TOUR OF MUSEUM REACH</u></p> | | | <p><u>WINDOW WORKSHOP</u></p> <p>SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY - AWARDS EVENT</p> | <p><u>WINDOW WORKSHOP</u></p> <p>SOUTHWEST SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS/SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY-"FANTASIES IN CEMENT, THE TRADITION OF TRABAJO RUSTICO"</p> |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| <p><u>STEVE SEMES, LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING, "THE FUTURE OF THE PAST" AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS</u></p> | | | <p><u>SOLAR SAN ANTONIO ANNUAL LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER JIGAR SHAH</u></p> | | <p><u>LUNCH AND LEARN</u></p> | <p><u>GUIDED RUNNING TOUR OF KING WILLIAM AND LAVACA HISTORIC DISTRICTS</u></p> <p>"AMAZING PRESERVATION RACE" (FOR CHILDREN), KING WILLIAM HISTORIC DISTRICT</p> |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | <p><u>DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE GOLF TOURNAMENT</u></p> <p>WINNER OF SCAVENGER HUNT ANNOUNCED</p> | | | | <p><u>VILLA FINALE - HARD HAT TOUR</u></p> | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |
| | <p>THIS PLACE MATTERS DEADLINE</p> | | | | | |

Networking Event

Tuesday, May 4th
San Antonio Museum of Art
200 E. Jones

5:30 – 7:30 Reception on Gloria Galt River Landing

Cash Bar with light appetizers provided by SAMA's new *Café des Artistes* under the creative direction of Chef Damien Watel

6:00 – 6:20 Curator's Lecture (Optional)

"Liao Dynasty Ceramics" by John Johnston

6:30 – 6:50 Sensitively Adapting a Landmark Brewery into a Viable Home for a Major Museum

Scott Carpenter, AIA

San Antonio
Museum of Art

Historic Preservation Month

LUNCH & LEARN

Where: 1901 S. Alamo "One Stop"
Second floor, Training Rooms A and B

When: Friday, May 21, 2010, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

What: **THINK LIKE A PRESERVATIONIST!**

OHP staff perspective Anna Glover, OHP, Senior Planner

Anna will explain what staff looks for in a project from materials of additions to widening driveways. Learn to look at projects from preservation staff's point of view.

Devil's in the Details Ron Bauml,

San Antonio Conservation Society, Architect

Ron will give a presentation on the subtle and not-so-subtle differences in modern and historic materials and construction techniques.

Admission is
free.
Bring your
favorite lunch
and plenty of
questions.

RSVP &
Questions
207-7925

May 14-15, 2010
Historic Firehouse #11
323 S. Frio Street

Workshop Details

Friday, May 14: This session will focus on the basics of repair and restoration using the Fire Station windows for a hands-on learning experience. Session is open to registered homeowners and contractors. Training begins at 9:00 am at the Fire Station.

Saturday, May 15: Encouraged for contractors or professionals interested in advanced training on wood window restoration. Participants will be certified by the City of San Antonio in wood window restoration at the end of the session. Training begins at 9:00 am at the Fire Station.



HISTORIC WINDOW WORKSHOP

Register today! Space is limited! Windows are a character defining feature of historic buildings that can last for decades if properly maintained. This workshop, presented by the City's Office of Historic Preservation and the UTSA School of Architecture, is designed to teach the basics of wood window care and repair.

Homeowners register for a one-day course, and contractors and students register for a two-day course and certification in wood window restoration. The window workshop will be held at the historic fire station #11 built in 1925. The fire station was in service until the late 1990's when it was decommissioned and a new station was built to accommodate larger modern fire engines. The property is owned privately by the Steves family.

Participants will rehabilitate the existing windows of the building and gain valuable knowledge about wood window restoration. The workshop is a hands-on opportunity to learn how to save thousands of dollars through simple do-it-yourself techniques and proper window maintenance.

Registration Information:

Registration forms are available at
www.sanantonio.gov/historic

Contact Elizabeth Porterfield at the City
of San Antonio Office of Historic
Preservation.

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Cost:

Homeowner
(1 day course) \$195

Students
(2 day course and certificate) \$150

Contractor
(2 day course and certificate) \$395

Registration fee includes window
restoration materials, hands-on
training, lunch, & tour of historic

About the Instructors: Victor Salas, expert craftsman and HDRC Commissioner, will teach participants to assess a window's condition and provide basic to advanced repair. Mr. Salas is the owner of Architectural Interiors, a custom wood and metal work design company in San Antonio. William DuPont and Sue Ann Pemberton, architects and professors with the UTSA School of Architecture, will educate participants on the value of historic windows and the historical significance of the fire station.