

The Conservation Society of San Antonio THE PRESERVATION ADVOCATE



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From the President

Patti Zaiontz, President

It's hard to believe it's been eleven months since I was installed as Conservation Society President. It's also hard to believe we had to call the staff together for an emergency meeting on March 24th to let them know they were going home to stay indefinitely because of the threat of COVID-19.

My tenure as President up to March 24th had been very busy championing the cause for saving structures by reviewing agendas for city boards and agencies, communicating with neighborhood organizations and city leaders, working with staff on advocacy and outreach projects, and attending what seemed like a never-ending schedule of meetings. And then along came COVID-19, essentially stopping our operation in its tracks, or so I thought. But our ever-resilient staff devised ways to work from home continuing to update the website, creating activities for the public to virtually engage in, and soon our in-person meetings and communications became virtual meetings through ZOOM. I'm not much of a technical person, but I sure have learned a lot about information technology in the past few weeks.

A schedule was created that allowed for one staff person in the office each day of the work week to cover anything that could not be handled remotely. The "guys in the barn" checked on the properties every day. And the work of the Society has continued seamlessly and now we are all back in the office – safely distanced of course. There is a distinct advantage to officing in historic buildings where everyone can spread out. Special thanks go out to our staff members for their passionate commitment to continuing our mission through the pandemic.

I'd also like to take a moment to remind everyone of that our work with the Coalition to Save the Woolworth building is now more important than ever. Efforts to preserve, not just the building, but heritage and culture, help to tell the complete story of history – the good and the not so good.

Mary Lillian Andrews, at the young age of 17, facilitated change that March day in 1960 with an eloquent letter challenging racism and discrimination. As baseball great, Jackie Robinson said of the peaceful integration of our local Woolworth lunch counter, "it is a story that should be told around the world." We must continue to fight to preserve heritage and culture by telling the full story of our history – the good and not so good. That's what preservation is all about.

Until next time – stay safe and stay healthy!

P.S.: For those of you who are curious, and I know ya'll are out there, NIOSA® remains on the calendar for November 9th-13th. The Fiesta Commission continues to communicate closely with the City and Metro Health and as of this writing, Fiesta in November is a go. **VIVA!!**



Summer 2020 Capital Club



Pillar Level

Mrs. Margie Arnold

Mrs. Joan Kelleher

Mrs. Marcy Newman



Keystone Level

Mr. Robert K. Brown

Mr. Lewis S. Fisher

Ms. Linda Nairn

Mr. Tom Sharp

Mrs. Janie Cadena

Mrs. Barbara Johnson

Ms. Kathy Rhoads

Mr. Andrew Waterman

Ms. Rosemarie Q. Donelson

Rose & Chris Moran

Mr & Mrs. Larry & Dorothy
Schulze

Summer 2020 Donations

Golden Eggs

Mrs. Penelope Smith-Singleton

Preservation Cornerstones

Mrs. Kathy Babb

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Ms. Patricia Kuentz

Mrs. Joyce Trent

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Mr. Murphy Emmons

Mrs. Marline Lawson

Mrs. Evelyn Williams

Ms. Laura Butterfield

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Mrs. Lisa Ort-Castro

Mr. Robert Comeaux

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Mr. Perry Donop, Jr.

Ms. Margaret Koors

Mrs. Henny Sands

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Ms. Jennifer Fischnar

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Mrs. Peggy Oppelt

Mrs. Mary Fisher

Mrs. Hillary Holdsworth-
Gatons

Mr. Mark Oppelt

Dr. Shelley Roff

Donors

Mr. Randy McDonald

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Mrs. Mary Newsom

Ms. Bernadette Serbantez

Mrs. Jane Foster

Mrs. Gloria Montesclaros

Welcome New Associate Members

Ms. Jennifer Fischnar

Ms. Sharon Hendricks

Ms. Linda Nairn

Mr. Pete Swallow

Mrs. Roxanne Fuentes

Ms. Willa McDonald

Mr. Michael Salas

Ms. Pamela Wood

Ms. Diana Hartman

Ms. Candy Morris

Mr. Tom Sharp

Mrs. Vanessa York-Waid

Honorariums

In Honor of Wendy VanVacter

Ms. Theresa Ulrich

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME!

2020-2021 Officers

President Patti Zaiontz	Second Vice President Stella Tenorio-De La Garza	Fourth Vice President Terry Schoenert	Secretary Melinda Tomerlin
First Vice President Kathy Rhoads	Third Vice President Torrey Stanley Carleton	Fifth Vice President Rose Moran	Treasurer Margie Arnold

Newly-Elected Active Members

Ms. Danielle Beadle	Mr. Carlos Castaneda	Mrs. Melissa Hoelscher	Mr. Mark Kusey	Mrs. Susan Riedesel
Ms. Elizabeth Bobbitt	Mrs. Elsa Garrett	Mr. Groff Joey	Mrs. Groff Molly	Ms. Monica Savino
Ms. Maura Bobbitt	Mrs. Anita Gonzalez	Mrs. Gemma Kennedy	Ms. Cheri Morris	
Ms. Paula Bondurant	Mr. Luciano Guerra III	Ms. Becky Kosub	Mr. Dennis Riedesel	

2020 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony

Please join The Conservation Society of San Antonio as it honors this year's award recipients at the **2020 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony**.



SAVE THE DATE

**2020 Awards Ceremony Rescheduled for
Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

San Antonio Country Club
4100 N. New Braunfels Ave.

6:30 pm: Cocktails
7:30 pm: Dinner & Awards Presentation

Limited Seating, Cocktail Attire



Texas Hero Award

Hector Cardenas
Everett Fly

Amy Kastely
Jennifer Nottingham

Paul Ringenbach

Bruce MacDougal Award for the Young Preservationist
Anna Nau

Special Recognition Award
Joanna Parrish

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The purpose for which The San Antonio Conservation Society was formed is to preserve and encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty and all that is admirable and distinctive to our State; and by such physical and cultural preservation to keep the history of Texas legible and intact, to educate the public, especially the youth of today and tomorrow with knowledge of our inherited regional values.

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Christina Forestier, *Chair*; Patti Zaiontz, *Ex Officio*; Dr. Paul Ringenbach; Brandi Hayes, *Staff Support*

‘Here is is, I helped to save it’ - Miss Anna Ellis (1927)

Albert Maverick Building
513-515 E. Houston Street



Alfred Giles designed this two-story, limestone building in 1881 for the father of future San Antonio Mayor and U.S. Congressman Maury Maverick, Sr. The Conservation Society worked together with the Maverick family to save the deteriorated building from demolition in the early 1980s. Restoration architect Richard Mycuc replicated the original façade, including an ornate cornice, from a historic photograph only one inch square. The Albert Maverick Building is the oldest remaining commercial structure on Houston Street and one of only fourteen remaining 19th century structures in the Alamo Plaza Historic District.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 pm

Annual General Membership Meeting,
Director Election & Installations -
St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 E. Nueva St.

Friday, July 3

Independence Day - Society Offices closed

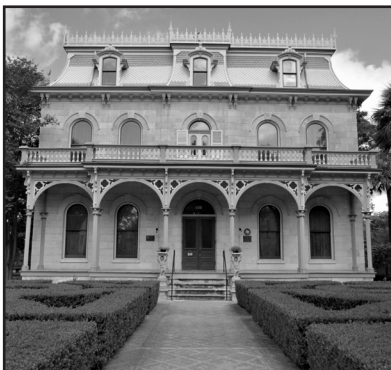
Monday, September 7

Labor Day - Society Offices closed

Wednesday, September 23, 5:30 pm

General Membership Meeting, *Location TBD*

Property Tours Update



The Conservation Society will once again be operating the Steves Homestead. For the safety of our visitors and our staff, we will be offering tours of the Steves and the Yturri-Edmunds after July 1st.

Call us at 210-224-6163 for more information.

