What a start to 2021! We are barely beginning a new year after a horrendous 2020 plagued by COVID-19 and BAM! welcome to SNOVID-2021! I thought to myself, this just does not happen in Texas! This is why my great-grandfather moved to San Antonio from North Dakota in 1908-- --to escape brutally cold winters where the snow was literally piled up to the roof tops. It was not a pleasant experience to be without power for four days in a house that registered 42.5 degrees WITH a roaring fire in the fireplace. I am grateful my home escaped any major freeze damage. The Society is lucky as well, as our properties also escaped major damage. I give credit to our very capable and forward-thinking properties management staff. Brandi Hayes and Alberto Alambar diligently wrapped pipes, dripped faucets and weatherized. Alberto made rounds nearly every day, braving the icy streets to check on each property, including our tenants. There are some small repairs needed but for the most part, our properties fared well.

COVID-19 wreaked havoc on the restaurant and hospitality industry, including our long-time tenants, the Little Rhein and Fig Tree restaurants, managed by our friend Moe Lazri. The Fig Tree was established by the Phelps family in the Gray-Guilbeau house in 1974, but closed permanently with COVID, and the Phelps family decided to sell the Gray-Guilbeau house to the Society. So, we are now the proud owners of that property between the Dashiell and Bombach houses. All three properties are now leased! The new and improved German-themed Little Rhein Prost Haus occupies the Bombach house and opened in March thanks to Terry Corless, owner of several River Walk night spots. The Dashiell and Gray Guilbeau will open later under the watchful management of Sam Panchevre, owner of Sam's Burger Joint and the Aztec music venue and will feature food, cocktails, and entertainment. Stay tuned for grand opening announcements!

Despite COVID-19, the Society has a full schedule of ZOOM meetings with City of San Antonio boards, commissions, and agencies along with meetings with our community partners. We remain very active with our Coalition to Save the Woolworth building. Now that the Alamo Plan is being rebooted, it is more important than ever to be vigilant to support preservation of the Crockett, Palace and Woolworth buildings. We continue to be actively engaged with the Alazan Apache Courts, the St. James AME foundation site on the San Pedro Creek and increasing demolition requests and overscaled development in historic neighborhoods. The work of preservation never ceases despite pandemics and blizzards!

I would like to take a moment of personal privilege to pay tribute to a very special person, Beverly Zaiontz, my mother-in-law, who passed away in December. Although I was a long-time member of the Conservation Society before I met my husband, it was not until my mother-in-law involved me that I truly became an “active” member. Beverley chaired and served on just about every committee the society has, from two terms as NIOSA® Chairman in 1990-1991 to Hospitality Committee Chair. She instilled in her grandchildren a love for preservation and San Antonio’s culture and history. I will always be grateful for the time we spent together working on Society events and the wonderful memories we created.

We lost many wonderful, talented, and committed members & volunteers over the past year who gave unselfishly of their time and their talents to fulfill the mission of the Conservation Society. Each one of them will be deeply missed.

As my term as President comes to an end, I would like to extend my grateful appreciation to the very capable Conservation Society staff without whom I could not have managed this past year and to the Executive Committee & Board, my deepest gratitude for your support. Last but not least, special thanks to my husband and my family for their shared passion for preservation and unwavering support.
Society Staff Promotions & Hires

Brandi Hayes has been promoted to Preservation Specialist/Properties Manager following the retirement of long-time Restoration Manager, Ron Bauml, in October. Brandi has a Master of Science degree in Historic Preservation from Columbia University in New York and has adapted quickly to the lead position in our internal Historic and Design Review Committee. Brandi began as a Receptionist with the Conservation Society in 2016 and then stepped into the role of Membership and Communications Director in 2018, where she began to be involved in key preservation discussions.

Sonia Acosta joined us as the Society’s part-time Bookkeeper in December and has quickly learned the ledgers from Supervising Bookkeeper, Lisa Schneider. At the beginning of April, Sonia became a full-time staff member. She is a graduate of Lee High School, Sonia attended San Antonio College and worked at a number of San Antonio companies before spending nearly a decade as Accounting Assistant for the Witte Museum. Sonia worked most recently as Business Manager for the San Antonio Current before the pandemic, and has melded very quickly into our Staff family!

Alberto Alambar was promoted to Properties Maintenance Foreman in October of 2020. He came to us with four years of experience in properties maintenance at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and School. Alberto started as the Conservation Society’s Courier/Porter in 2017. Since then, he has consistently gone above and beyond maintaining all the Society properties. Despite the pandemic and winter storm, he has jumped into his new role with the tenacity and kindness we have all come to know and appreciate.

Announcement of the 2021-2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Nominations for 2021-2022 Officers & Directors

Interested in Active Membership?

If you are an “Associate” member of the Conservation Society for at least one year and would like to become an “Active” member, nomination forms are due to the Society office EXTENDED THROUGH Monday, May 3rd @ 9:00 am. Active members are voting members and may hold office on the Conservation Society’s Board of Directors. Active Member Nominations require the signature support of two active members.

Society Recommendations for Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations of individuals who are interested in being an integral part of the Conservation Society by service on the Board of Directors as either an Officer or Director. Officers elected by the Board of Directors must have had at least one year of Board membership within the past five years before taking office. Directors elected by the membership must have been Active Members for at least one year or the major portion thereof. Forms for your recommendation must be submitted to the Nominating Committee EXTENDED THROUGH Monday, May 3rd @ 9:00 am. Active Members, please watch for your packet which will be mailed soon.

Please refer to the Society Bylaws for more information. For additional questions, please call the office at 210.224.6163. To access governing documents for the Society, visit www.saconservation.org under “Governing Documents.”
We have been in pandemic mode almost a year now, and it is common to hear about virtual conferences and Zoom meetings. I find it amazing how well they have worked. Here at the Conservation Society, we began Zoom meetings with our internal Historic and Design Review Committee last Spring, and they have worked surprisingly well. I moderated several panels via Zoom for conferences like the National Trust PastForward where we had almost 500 attendees and I was watching the chats whiz by like a ticker tape, but still managed to pull a few questions out of that stream for my panelists! I enjoyed doing similar work with our DreamWeek presentation “Places of Color” which detailed the work on the St. James AME church foundations, the Woolworth Building, the Alazan-Apache Courts and some of the landmarks we lost like La Gloria, Univision and the G.J. Sutton building. I think our best was the Junior Associates virtual tour of the Yturri-Edmunds house and mill, where we pre-recorded eight segments complete with quiz questions and then presented via a live Zoom!

New tools mean new tricks and last week I was beginning to share my screen to show a PowerPoint on the Crockett and Woolworth Buildings to the Roads Scholars program when the internet in the whole building went out! Our Director of Operations Tammy Dorsey remained calm and suggested I connect by cell phone, which I did. Then I trained my phone camera on my computer and ran through the PowerPoint. Not as high a quality, but it worked! We continue to have Board and Membership meetings by Zoom and while we cannot wait until we can get together again this summer, it has been amazing learning what we CAN do when we need to!

The World Continues to Watch...We Continue to Advocate

The World Monuments Fund's (WMF) watch program helps communities protect their irreplaceable heritage sites. The Woolworth Building is one of 25 international sites (and just one of three in the U.S.) named to the 2020 Watch list. Our partnership with WMF not only underscores the Woolworth's historical significance, but also provides us with a powerful public platform for preservation advocacy. Working with WMF, we have presented a free, public “Watch Day Symposium” on Alamo Plaza’s Civil Rights legacy and look forward to releasing a trio of mini-videos highlighting the role of Woolworth in the Texas lunch counter sit-ins of 1960.

Thanks to new Capital Club member Jon Ott and Executive Director Vincent Michael, we have at last identified an African American who ate at the Woolworth lunch counter on March 16, 1960; the day it peacefully integrated. This man turns out to be Richard Hunt, one of America's most prolific modern sculptors. Mr. Hunt was an army private stationed at Ft. Sam Houston and already active in the local art community when Mary Lillian Andrews led the NAACP Youth Council’s efforts to desegregate lunch counters at downtown stores. Recently, Mr. Hunt was available to speak to Express-News reporter Scott Huddleston and Vince about his participation in Woolworth's historic integration. Excerpts of his account will be featured in one of our upcoming videos on the 1960 lunch counter sit-ins. Partial funding for these videos is being provided by grants from Humanities Texas and the World Monuments Fund.
October 7, 2020, the Conservation Society honored the ten winners of Historic Preservation Awards for the Built Environment and seven special awards for individuals at a Dinner and Awards Ceremony which was held at the San Antonio Country Club. Buildings receiving honors ranged from well-known properties such as the Hot Wells of Bexar County to private homes. People receiving honors ranged from developers to unsung heroes.

“The Conservation Society is pleased to recognize superlative accomplishments in historic restoration and rehabilitation in our community through our awards program. These properties and people embody the purpose of the Society to keep the history of Texas intact in order to educate the public about our inherited regional and cultural values,” says Patti Zaiontz, president of the Conservation Society.

March 2020 marked the 96th anniversary of the Society’s founding; it is one of the nation’s oldest and most active historic preservation organizations. Due to COVID-19, the original date of the awards scheduled in March 2020 was moved to October. The event was a success which many enjoyed as a chance to celebrate with friends in person.

Applications for the built environment projects—which are awarded biannually—are accepted from the public, then vetted by a Society committee before winners are chosen by a jury of preservation experts. Jurists for the 2020 awards were: Frank Rabalais, Preservationist/Developer of New Orleans, Louisiana; Denise Alexander, Properties Manager for the Galveston Historical Foundation of Galveston, Texas; and Christopher Meyer, Preservation Specialist for the Texas Historical Commission of Austin, Texas.

Special thanks for the donations made by: Alamo Architects, Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Sands, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Swallow, Mrs. Claire Golden, Ms. Jane Martin, Ms. Martha James, Ms. Jean King, Ms. Linda Segesman, Ms. Nancy Avellar, Ms. Janet Francis, Ms. Marline Carter Lawson, Ford, Powell & Carson, Ms. Kathleen McCloskey, and Ms. Lynn Bobbitt.

The Conservation Society congratulates the following 2020 Historic Preservation award recipients:

**Texas Preservation Hero Award**
Hector Cardenas
Everett Fly
Amy Kastely
Jennifer Nottingham
Paul Ringenbach

**The Special Recognition Award**
Joanna Parrish

**Bruce MacDougal Award**
For Young Preservationist
Anna Nau

**Historic Preservation Award**
For The Built Environment

- **Maverick Carter House**
  Marline Carter Lawson & Paul B. Carter
- **Hot Wells of Bexar County**
  Bexar County Commissioners Court
- **St. John’s Seminary**
  Mission DG, Ltd
- **Fountain at Jefferson High**
  San Antonio Independent School District
- **Courand House**
  Robert & Nancy Shivers
- **The Savoy Hotel**
  Weston Urban
- **Karnes County Courthouse**
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The Conservation Society of San Antonio/NIOSA leadership has been monitoring the Coronavirus situation carefully and collecting information from numerous organizations such as the CDC’s “Considerations for Events and Gatherings,” Texas Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas, International Festivals and Events Association, the Fiesta San Antonio Commission, and other festivals and events across the country. We will follow their lead and direction.

As of this writing, “A Night In Old San Antonio®” (NIOSA) will be held June 22-25, 2021, as part of Fiesta San Antonio®. Although we currently have the green light to plan for NIOSA, guests should be prepared that it can be postponed or cancelled in the event that the COVID-19 situation changes.

As the event nears, we will continually update our COVID-19 policies, including the following:

- A limited number of tickets for each night will be sold
- Number of food/drink booths and entertainment stages have been reduced to allow for more distancing
- All attendees at NIOSA will use contactless electronic wristbands to pay for entrance tickets, foods, drinks and souvenirs; more information coming soon on the “Tickets” tab of the NIOSA website at www.niosa.org.
- All volunteers and entertainers are pre-screened with temperature checks; must wear masks and gloves
- Guests must wear masks at the event except when eating or drinking
- Guests must follow social distancing guidelines
- Enhanced sanitizing protocols will include additional hand sanitizer and hand wash stations at entrances and throughout the venue
- Additional trash receptacles, recycle bins and appropriately distanced portable restrooms will be provided

VIVA NIOSA!

Please Join The Conservation Society As We Observe National Preservation Month

Happy Hour at Hot Wells
A Virtual Celebration of National Preservation Month
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
Login opens at 5:45 pm

Guest Speakers:
Betty Bueché - Bexar Heritage & Parks Director
Ken MacGlamery - Bexar County Parks Manager
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May is designated as National Preservation Month. Each year the Society celebrates this month at a local historical site.
Every other year, the Conservation Society invites authors and publishers to submit their most recently published books on Texas history to the Society’s Publication Awards program. Since 1949, the Society has used these awards to encourage the publication of works that document Texas history and culture in a way that educates the public and inspires a deeper appreciation for our regional heritage. This year, we faced an unusual challenge due to COVID-19. We extended our nomination deadline and received a smaller, but still promising, field of 22 books. Our intrepid readers switched to a contactless book pick-up and drop-off system to complete their evaluations safely. Their perseverance made this year’s 2021 Awards possible.

A fascinating array of people dominate the winners list: from the first families of Béxar and Tejano patriot José Francisco Ruiz to an innovative doctor, a renowned architect, and a beloved San Antonio mayor. Other award-winners focus on place, revealing King William’s eclectic architectural beauty and the “lost” Battle of Medina site. Three fascinating histories document how Texas became a “big, wonderful thing,” battled for glory in the 19th century, and changed due to World War I.

On Friday, March 26, 2021, the Society recognized the winning authors at an awards luncheon held at the historic Gunter Hotel. Following the ceremony, attendees were able to purchase their own copies of award-winning books and have them signed by the author.

Special thanks for the donations made by: Rosemarie Donelson, Dr. Paul Ringenbach, and Torrey Stanley Carleton.

The Conservation Society congratulates the authors of the following award-winning books for 2021:


**Texas and World War I** by Gregory W. Ball. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 2019.

Many thanks to the following volunteer readers who generously gave of their time: Jessica Anderson, Jerrie Bethel, Ken Erfurth, Pat Ezell, Joyce Felter, Anne Ferguson, Ernest Gerlach, Martha and Lee Grant, Brandi Hayes, Beth Hollowell, Stuart Johnson, Frederica Kushner, Rosanna Luke, Jane Martin, Paula & Doug Piper, Irene Rendon, Janie Thomas, and Virginia & Albert Van Cleave.
Heritage Education Tours Go Virtual!

For sixty years, the Conservation Society has offered Heritage Education Tours free of charge to fourth-grade students in schools throughout San Antonio. Each tour includes one of the city’s World Heritage Missions and one other historic site, such as the Edward Steves Homestead or the Yturri-Edmunds Homestead/ Mill.

This year, due to the pandemic, live tours were not possible. Instead, the Conservation Society is creating virtual tours. Thanks to the World Heritage Office, Dr. Vincent Michael narrated a virtual tour of the Spanish Governor’s Palace in 2020 which can be seen online now. In February 2021, Dr. Michael and long-time Society member/ Parliamentarian, Mary Rogers and staff member Alberto Alambar narrated a tour of the Yturri-Edmunds House/ Mill for the Society’s Junior Associates program – it is available online at youtube.com/saconservation.

This month, under the leadership of Committee Chair Jacqueline Epstein, three more virtual tours are being produced: Edward Steves Homestead, Mission Conception, and Mission San José. While a virtual tour is not the same as being there, one advantage is that now these tours can be shared with all schools, not just limited to fourth-grade students at twenty-six San Antonio schools. These additional videos/ teaching tools will be available soon.

Special thanks to The Mirza Trust of San Antonio, H-E-B, The Edouard Foundation, Inc., and others who have made contributions which support the programs of the Foundation and the Heritage Education Tours.

Welcome New Associate Members!

June 1, 2020 through April 15, 2021

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Junior Associates Go Virtual
By: Elaine Milam Vetter
Chairman, Junior Associates Committee

An action-packed year so far for the Society’s Junior Associates. The first meeting of the year was held Sunday, December 6th via Zoom. The Juniors held their annual gingerbread decorating with an online virtual twist. The decorated houses were presented during the Zoom meeting and then photos were posted to Facebook for people to vote for their favorite. Winners Sophia V., Ashytn M., Thomas H., Jeanette R. and Paulina R. received a gift card to Chick-Fil-A. Junior Associate Kyle Dorsey did a fine job running the meeting and conducting business.

Also during the December meeting, an election was held for Junior Associate officers and bylaws were amended. The Junior Associate membership cycle now aligns with Society to run April 1st - March 31st. Guest speaker and Society Preservation Specialist & Restoration Manager, Brandi Hayes, then provided a very informative, motivating, and engaging presentation on “Conserving San Antonio”.

The February 7th Junior Associate program featured a delightfully interactive and educational series of video tours detailing life at the Yturri-Edmunds Homestead with guest speakers: Conservation Society Parliamentarian, Mary Rogers and Executive Director, Dr. Vincent Michael. During the meeting, the newly approved new Junior Associate Scholarship Program for graduating Seniors was announced. Information about the scholarship can be found online under grants. Also, all graduating Junior Associate Seniors will now receive a one-year complimentary Associate membership to the Conservation Society.

March 21st featured two presentations by Junior Associate President, Kyle Dorsey, and Secretary, William Van Cleave. Kyle presented his research on “What Is A Lunch Counter?” It was a timely topic as he also included information about the Woolworth Building’s lunch counter and its ties to the civil rights demonstration which occurred peacefully in our city.

William’s presentation was a series of recorded interviews about the art “Trabajo Rustico.” His interviews were with author, Patsy Pittman Light, artist, Carlos Cortes, Mary Jane Verette, Chief Executive Officer of the San Antonio Parks Foundation, and Trabajo Rustico Collector, Virginia Van Cleave. Each interviewee provided valuable information about the pieces of Trabajo Rustico located in our city.

Having the Junior Associates research topics on conservation in San Antonio has ignited the imagination and creativity of our young conservationists. The next meeting is an election meeting for the 2021-2022 officers. It will be held via Zoom, Sunday, May 2nd. This meeting will feature a presentation from the San Antonio Fire Museum, “The History of Fire Stations in San Antonio.”
The Preservation Advocate is published by The Conservation Society of San Antonio.
Send letters, articles, or comments to: conserve@saconservation.org.
Submission deadline for the Summer Newsletter is Friday, July 2, 2021.

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.

Publications Committee: Christina Forestier, Chair; Patti Zaiontz, Ex Officio; Margie Arnold; Jackie Fellers; Jana Foreman; Dr. Paul Ringenbach; Mary Rogers; Dee Wright; Gerald Yarbrough; and Sidney Yarbrough.
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5Designated to the Eleanor Freeborn Bennett Educational Scholarship Fund
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm
JUNIOR ASSOCIATE MEETING
Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm
HAPPY HOUR AT HOT WELLS
A Virtual Celebration of National Preservation Month

Wednesday, May 26th at 5:30 pm
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/
DIRECTOR ELECTION MEETING
San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels

Monday, May 31st
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, June 22nd - Friday, June 25th
A NIGHT IN OLD SAN ANTONIO® - NIOSA®
Historic La Villita

Wednesday, June 30th at 5:30 pm
GENERAL MEETING & INSTALLATION
Location To Be Announced

Monday, July 5th
4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

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

Otto Bombach House
231 S. Alamo Street at Villita Street

Otto Bombach built this one and two-story rubble limestone structure for use as a residence and store, circa 1855. For the majority of its existence, the building housed a restaurant or pub. When the Society purchased the Bombach property in 1950, the restoration process revealed the existence of a basement - an unusual feature for San Antonio buildings. Located at the east end of the La Villita Historic District and occupying the river’s “big bend,” the property is presently leased to Familia Villita LLC. for use as the Little Rhein-Prost House.