Preservation Texas is excited to announce the addition of six new members to our Board of Directors. As a statewide organization we have recruited some of the most passionate and involved preservationists from all areas of Texas. The new members come from all over the state; San Antonio, Abilene, Zapata to name a few. They will help Preservation Texas to carve a new path in preservation efforts and help lead our organization into the new year.

To allow you to get to know our new board members we have included five bios here, and there will be more bios in the next newsletter in February.

Lila Knight is a principal in the consulting firm of Knight & Associates. She received her M.A. in art history from The University of Texas at Austin and subsequently served as the curator of the Architectural Drawings Collection for 15 years (now the Druery B. Alexander Architectural Archive). She has sporadically taught courses at The University of Texas and Texas State University, primarily courses in historic preservation. Ms. Knight served on the State Board of Review, National Register of Historic Places, from 1993-1999.

Ms. Knight’s volunteer activities currently include serving on the Board of the Katherine Anne Porter Literary Center and Preservation Associates, Inc. She is a former chair of the Hays County Historical Commission and has served on the boards of the Dr. Joseph M. Pound Farmstead, the Wimberley Institute of Cultures, the San Marcos Historic Preservation Commission, City of Kyle Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Historic Bridge Foundation. Ms. Knight is a past board member of Preservation Texas.

Ann McGlone, AIA, is a founding principal of Ann Benson McGlone, LLC in San Antonio, TX. She served on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (AChP) from 2008 to 2010. She was a member of the Board of Directors for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions in 2002-2010 and was elected Chair in 2007-2009. She served as the Historic Preservation Officer for the City of San Antonio for 15 years.

Hildegardo E. Flores, a retired educator, has conducted years of research in European history with particular interest in the settlement of the lands in the Western Hemisphere. He has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and Mexico as well as all of the major countries of Europe and visited almost all of the major museums of the world. He and his wife, Olga, are the founders of the Zapata County Museum of History where they have incorporated innovative ideas taken from world-class museums they have visited.

William D. Minter, Jr. (Bill) is a native of Abilene where he grew up in a department store family. After majoring at SMU in marketing, he studied advertising at The University of Texas at Austin. For years he had a communications company and owned the 1909 Weather Bureau building. He was a volunteer and board member of the Abilene Preservation League during this time. In 2001 he received a MS Commercialization of Technology from McCombs School of Business at UT Austin, after which he was an officer in two technology companies. He has been executive director of the Abilene Preservation League since March 2006. Bill and his wife Lindsay have a daughter who works in Washington, D.C. and a son who is a senior at the University of the South.

Rick Mitchell is a Historic Preservation Practice Leader for Mead & Hunt in Austin. He has 20 years of experience as a historic preservation planner, with a bachelor’s degree from Texas Christian University and a master’s degree in Community and Regional Planning and Certificate in Historic Preservation from UT-Austin. Rick formerly worked in the public sector at the Texas Historical Commission and TxDOT’s Environmental Affairs Division before moving into the consulting arena. His specific professional interests include historic road corridors, historic commercial buildings, and small-town downtown revitalization. Rick is also a big Texas Rangers fan and weather geek, and enjoys spending time with his wife and two boys.
National Preservation Institute Profession Seminar 2014


The National Preservation Institute is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1980, educated those involved in the management, preservation, and stewardship of cultural heritage.

Brochures available by calling PT office at 512.472.0102

State Parks Getaways Winter 2014

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has arranged a diverse program of important cultural and historical events occurring during the winter of 2014, titled, State Park Getaways. It lists fun activities and useful information such as; Park Fun Extravaganza (Feb 22), a State Park Photo Contest, 8 Birds Every Texan Oughta Know, and the 100th Birthday of the Battleship Texas.

For more information about the events mentioned and others, visit this link:
http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXPWD/bulletins/99325c#link_1352920522262

National Trust/ ACHP Call for Nominations:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation are seeking nominations for the 2014 National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation. A category of the Richard H. Driehaus National Preservation Awards, this joint award honors outstanding federal partnerships that advance the preservation of important historic resources.

Federal activities have a profound impact on our nation’s cultural landscape. This national awards program provides an opportunity to showcase an agency’s commitment to a preservation ethic and gain public awareness of its accomplishments.

This award requires a demonstrated partnership with a federal organization. Partners may include Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, not-for-profit organizations, individuals, businesses, state and local governments, and other non-federal persons or organizations. Nominated projects or programs can include more than one non-federal partner and more than one federal agency.

The deadline for nominations is March 3, 2014.
Call for Submissions!

We are looking for submissions for our next Newsletter! If you have a project or important information about preservation efforts in the state please send an email to brittany@preservationtexas.org!

2014 is shaping up to be a watershed year for Preservation Texas. We have many new activities planned as well as anticipating the arrival of our new Executive Director! These changes have generated new enthusiasm throughout Preservation Texas and we would like to invite you to join in on the fun. If you have been wanting to do more for PT this is a great time to get involved in one of our committees.

Advocacy Committee: Identify key issues and recommend position statements for board approval; work with other organizations in supporting or opposing issues of mutual interest; represent interests of PT at the local and state levels; design legislative alert system; and advise the Board of Directors concerning the general advocacy policies and advocacy goals for the Corporation, and the progress of work toward those recommendations.

Resource Development Committee: The principal functions of the resource development committee are to assist the executive director in developing an annual budget to reflect anticipated growth, develop corporate support, seek and increase grants and foundation contributions, build membership, maximize board and major donor contributions, develop revenue streams from annual/special events, oversee the Corporation’s finances, serve as the audit committee in coordinating the annual audit process, and present monthly financial reports to the Board of Directors.

Organizational Visibility Committee: The organizational visibility committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors on strengthening support for increased involvement in historic preservation, sponsoring activities for Preservation Texas members and friends, broadening support for historic preservation through collaborations, and updating, enhancing and maintaining Preservation Texas’ internet presence.

Want to get involved with Preservation Texas?

Imagine the difference we can make together in historic preservation!

Is your membership up for renewal?

Email brittany@preservationtexas.org for any questions regarding membership renewals or check your email for renewal notifications!