



Special points of interest:

- MEP nomination submission date March 21st.
- Save the date, May 20, 2014! 2014 MEP Officially Announced!
- Battleship Texas turns 100!

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Most Endangered Places 2014 Announcement

We are issuing a call for nominations for its 2014 list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places and we are asking Texas residents to help identify threatened historic resources by submitting nominations.

Since the program was initiated in 2003, the list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places has played a vital role in preserving the rich character, identity and heritage of our communities. A wide range of sites will be considered, from commercial, residential, public and religious buildings, to neighborhoods, bridges, monuments, and landscapes. The deadline for nominations is March 21, 2014.

"From historic schools, missions and courthouses to inner city neighborhoods and Main Street designated communities, Texas is a state with enormous diversity and significant historic resources," said Charlene Orr, president of Preservation Texas, Inc., "Each year more and more of the state's

historic properties fall victim to commercial development, neglect or suburban sprawl. Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places focuses attention on worthy sites, encourages appreciation of them, and helps local communities generate support for them."

Several sites recognized by Preservation Texas have benefited from inclusion on the list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places through energized conservation efforts, commitments for restoration, and additional funding. Preservation Texas also was instrumental in securing national attention for the need to restore Texas' historic county courthouses and for the extensive restoration effort that resulted.

Judging criteria for the 2014 list include:

**Significance.** The site must be of architectural, artistic, and/or historic importance within the cultural or social history of Texas.

**Urgency of threat.** Urgency is

the need for immediate action to stop or reverse serious threats. Threats can be demolition, alterations that would change the integrity of the building or structure; or significant loss of historic fabric through neglect, or through a new development plan or transportation plan that could affect the site in the future.

**Potential solutions and support.** There must be clear evidence of local support for the preservation of the site.

Nominations are open to the public and the nomination form is available by visiting [www.preservationtexas.org](http://www.preservationtexas.org).

The list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places will be officially announced on May 20th, 2014, which is during Historic Preservation Month, in Austin.

For more information, Phone: 512-472-0102

ED Search Progress

As is true with many non-profit organizations, a change in leadership is a great opportunity for some re-examination of purpose and direction, which is exactly what your Preservation Texas Board is doing. During a fast-paced, meeting over two days in early February here in Austin,

with great attendance and participation despite ice on the road, the Board set out on an aggressive track to attract the best Executive Director and support staff possible with resources committed to a vital future. Additional work on budget and program was transforming as well. We

had hoped to announce the final candidate for Executive Director in this newsletter but will have to wait a bit. More information coming soon!



The Battleship Texas is turning 100!

## Battleship Texas Centennial Festival

The Battleship Texas celebrates its 100th Birthday on Saturday March 15th. The Battleship Texas is the last remaining dreadnought that served in both world wars, and her surviving WWII crew members

The event will feature live entertainment including Robert Earl Keen, Reckless Kelly, Charlie Robi-

son, and Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis.

It will be located on the grounds surrounding the Battleship Texas (at San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site). Shuttles available between parking areas and festival grounds.

The festival will also feature educational exhibits, a World War I and

World War II historical zone, ship tours, Texas Parks and Wildlife Family Zone of activities and concessions. The day will end in a celebratory fireworks display.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit: [www.http://battleshiptexas.org/](http://www.battleshiptexas.org/)

## SAH 67th Annual Conference

*“Austin and the Place of Historic Architecture in Rapidly Growing Cities”*

The Society of Architectural Historians will hold its 67th Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, a rapidly growing city with a diverse architectural and cultural heritage. The conference will include 35 paper sessions, Graduate Student Lightning Talks, tours of Austin's architecture and landscapes, and

the SAH Austin Seminar, "Austin and the Place of Historic Architecture in Rapidly Growing Cities." The conference offers the opportunity to present new research, exchange ideas and network with people and organizations from across the globe, including architectural historians, art historians, ar-

chitects, preservationists, landscape architects, urban planners, nonprofits, and civic leaders.

For more information about programs and registration visit:

<http://www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/2014-conference-austin>

## The Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas Gran Celebración

The Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas (HHCTX) announces that administrative offices will be officially opening on March 6, 2014.

Historically a date in which we remember the fall of the Alamo, the HHCTX was inspired to use this date to reaffirm the courage of the defenders of independence with a declaration that HHCTX will continue their

work to ensure the stories of Tejano ancestors are chronicled in Texas history.

The milestone occasion will be held on March 6, 2014 from 6-8pm at the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas.

For more event information please visit:

<http://www.hispanicheritagecenteroftexas.org/news-events/please-join-us-for-our-gran-celebracion/>

## 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  
[info@preservationtexas.org](mailto:info@preservationtexas.org)!**



## Want to get more involved with Preservation Texas?

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.

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