FALL 2020 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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APT AND NATIONAL TRUST JOINT 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 7, 2020

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Stay tuned for more information about our first ever **APT Texas Education Grant** to support students pursuing preservation-related projects and research. Details will be sent out in early October.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Whitney Bayers, FEMA
Eliza Blackman, UT Austin
Tara Bonds, Texas Historical Commission
Victoria Clow, GSA
Brian Coia, BioLime
Jamie Crawley, Texas Historical Commission
Chris Esper, Root Architects
Susan Frocheur, Architexas
Manogna Kavuru, TAMU
Kevin Koch, State Preservation Board
Mikayla Young, TAMU

REGIONAL NEWS

Congratulations to students at **Texas A&M Kingsville** who have been selected as one of four finalist teams to compete in APT’s PETC Timber Bridge Competition!

UPCOMING EVENTS

*September 18, 2020* San Antonio’s 12th Annual Historic Homeowner's Fair (Virtual)
*September 20, 2020* Texas Cemetery Restoration Workshop- 48 State Tour with Jonathan Appell of Atlas Preservation (Virtual)

Fall Zoom Lectures (to be announced)

*December 2, 2020* APT Texas Virtual "Happy Hour"
From the Desk of the President

Dear APT Texas Members,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and well. This unprecedented and unexpected year has challenged us all in so many ways, and it has forced our collaborative, “hands-on” field to shift the way that we work and communicate. The APT Texas Executive Committee has taken the past 6 months to reflect on where the chapter is. We sent out a survey to our Board of Directors for feedback and have created one for the entire membership to participate in as well (take the survey here). Based on suggestions, the Executive Team has developed a number of new initiatives and reorganized some administrative tasks. One of our new initiatives is to send out this quarterly e-newsletter to keep APT Texas connected.

Other new 2020 APT Texas initiatives include:

- **Fall Zoom lecture series** to connect members from across the state
- December state-wide virtual “Happy Hour”
- **APT Texas Educational Grant** to fund student research
- Reactivating the West Texas region with new Regional Directors D. J. Sevigny and Chris Esper
Launching a quarterly e-newsletter
Moving finances to a more accessible bank
Enhancing the website with a regional map and list of state-wide resources
Utilizing more features of the Wild Apricot website with events and automated emails
Gathering documents for chapter SOPs to help with a smooth transition of logistical tasks
Formation of committees to streamline tasks (Events, Membership, Communication, and Finance)

As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out directly to the APT Texas Executive Committee at apttexas@gmail.com with any comments, questions, or suggestions. We are always looking for event hosts, speakers, new ideas, and feedback. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy fall. Please stay in touch!

All the best,

Izabella Z. Nuckels
APT Texas President

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Project Highlight:

Travis County Probate Courthouses

The vacant Federal Courthouse located in downtown Austin will soon re-emerge as the new Travis County Probate Courthouses. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2020, the $25 million project will showcase the preservation and rehabilitation of a courthouse originally built in 1935 during the Great Depression as a WPA project. When APT Texas Speaker Series 2020 featured this building in February and March, it was mostly a disheveled construction site with much of the historic finishes covered and awaiting restoration. The conservators relied on original drawings and limited historic photographs as their primary source of reference. If you get a chance to visit, the historic drinking fountain and mail chute, albeit non-operable, are some of the charming historic details not to be overlooked.

Member Feature: Fran Gale
Fran Gale was elected president of our newly reorganized APT Texas chapter in 2014 and served a two-year term. She is still an active APT Texas member and participates in many of our events. Fran was a Senior Lecturer and Conservation Scientist at the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture from 2007-2018 and now works with UT’s Project Management and Construction Services on campus projects. In addition to her work with PMCS, Fran’s recent consulting projects include ACC Rio Grande in Austin, Kreische House at Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Park, Cincinnati Union Terminal, and the University of Virginia Rotunda. A long-time APT member, Fran has served on the APT Board of Directors and the Publications Committee. She currently chairs the Special Publications Subcommittee and is excited about the recent publication of *The Structure of Skyscrapers in America, 1871–1900: Their History and Preservation* by Donald Friedman. Fran was elected to the Association for Preservation Technology International College of Fellows in 2010.

The APT Texas Board appreciates all that Fran has done and continues to do for preservation. We are lucky to have her in Texas!

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