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January/February/March Educational Opportunities and Events

This is a partial list of heritage tourism educational opportunities and events throughout Texas from January through March. For additional events, see the [THC Preservation Calendar](#).

There are numerous living history events and celebrations of Texas' 175th anniversary taking place this spring. For a listing of events, see the "Calendar of 175th Anniversary Events" in the *Heritage Tourism Connection* e-newsletter.

THC-TAM Training for Texas Museums Workshop Series

The workshops listed below are all from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

<http://www.io.com/~tam/>

The latest workshop in this museum-training series is called "The Transformative Power of Community Engagement" will focus on developing new partnerships, becoming involved in community challenges, and involving communities in planning and decision-making. Renowned expert Dr. Candace Matelic of Santa Fe, NM, will be the facilitator.

Registration is now open for the following February dates:

- Feb. 8—The Weslaco Museum, Weslaco
- Feb. 10—Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, Cuero
- Feb. 11—Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center, Temple

Save the date! Registration for these March and April dates will open in early 2011:

- March 7—Doss Heritage and Culture Center, Weatherford
- March 8—Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site/Paris Public Library, Paris
- March 9—City of Nacogdoches/Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau, Nacogdoches
- March 11—Winedale Historical Center, Round Top
- April 11—Museum of the Big Bend, Alpine
- April 13—Scurry County Museum, Snyder
- April 15—American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, Amarillo

Workshop fee is just \$25 per person and registration is limited to the first 30 registrants per site. Pre-registration is required and can be made on TAM's website at www.texasmuseums.org.



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11th Annual Texian Rally

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park, 12300 Park Rd 12 (at FM 1155), Washington, TX 77880
Jan. 25–26

<http://www.texasindependencetrail.com/index.aspx?page=1412>

This workshop and networking event is sponsored each year by the Texas Independence Trail Region to bring together people interested in promoting and preserving heritage tourism resources. Highlights this year will include tours of the historical park and living history farm, a visit to the Brenham/Washington County Visitors Center in the historic Simon Theatre, Texas Historical Commission updates, and a silent auction. Registration cost is \$45 before Jan. 15 (\$55 after); for more information, contact Lee Towns at info@texasindependencetrail.com or 281.239.9235.

Preservation Day and Announcement of the 2011 Texas' Most Endangered Places list

St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 E. 8th St., Austin, TX, 78701

Feb. 8–9 (8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. on Feb. 8)

Preservationists and concerned citizens from throughout the state will gather at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin on Feb. 8 for Preservation Day to learn about legislation and advocacy issues while the state legislature is in session. The next day at 10:30 a.m. at the Capitol, Preservation Texas will announce its 2011 list of *Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places*. These places represent a unique diversity that reflects the cultural heritage, geography, history, and architecture of Texas. Each place has a compelling reason for endangerment—from the threat of destruction and adverse development to neglect. For more information, contact Krista Gebbia at info@preservationtexas.org

Texas Tourism Unity Dinner and Converge on the Capitol

Austin Convention Center, 500 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, TX, 78701

Feb. 22–23

http://www.ttia.org/events/event_details.asp?id=115807

Unity Dinner brings together industry members and elected officials to send an important message about the power of travel and tourism. Reserve a table now, and invite your legislator, mayor, or city council members to join you. As part of the event, the Texas Historical Commission, in partnership with Texas First Lady Anita Perry, will announce the 2011 First Lady's Texas Treasures Award recipient. The day after Unity Dinner, TTIA plans to gather 1,000 travel industry employees at the Capitol to meet with their legislators and make an impressive statement about the power of our industry. For more information, contact Jennifer Roush at jenniferr@ttia.org.

Annual Historic Preservation Conference

Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, 701 E. 11th St., Austin, TX, 78701

March 31–April 2

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/annualconference/cof2010.shtml>

This annual conference is hosted by the THC in association with Preservation Texas. Sessions, workshops, tours and panels on important preservation issues and case studies are conducted by experts in architecture, archeology, economic development, heritage tourism, and marketing. For more information, call 512.463.6255.



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