



Historic Homeowner Fair 2014

Office of Historic Preservation

Saturday, September 27

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Pearl Full Goods Studio & Breezeway

200 E. Grayson



STUDIO SPACE PRESENTATIONS:

10:00 – 10:30 *Work in Progress: the Rock House on East Crockett Street*

Monica Savino, Savino Architecture and Mark Kusey

Owners Mark Kusey and Monica Savino will present the to-date progress of the rehabilitation of their 130 year old house on the City's historic Eastside. For a property that was vacant for 30 years, the big question was, "where do we begin?" The presentation will address this question and issues unique to stone houses. They will also discuss considerations from a do-it-yourself standpoint, including the importance of master planning and phasing a renovation project.

Presenters: Monica Savino is an architect (LEED AP) with Savino Architecture LLP. Mark Kusey is her husband and "partner in crime."

10:45 – 11:15 *Between a Rock and a Hardscape: Planning and Designing Yards for Historic Homes*

Landscape Architect Mike Pecen, Cory Edwards, Planner with Office of Historic Preservation, Mark Bird, City Arborist

San Antonio's historic homes have a wide-array of landscape possibilities. Landscape architect Mike Pecen will highlight plant materials and palettes appropriate for homes in our climate and diverse historic communities. Cory Edwards, Office of Historic Preservation Planner, will be available to answer questions about the approval process for landscaping in historic districts. Mark Bird, City Arborist, will also answer questions about tree removal in historic districts.

Presenters: Mike Pecen is a landscape architect with Dixie Watkins III & Associates. He is also a longtime gardener with an avid interest in historic plants and places.

11:30 - 12:00 *Triage for Your Historic Home*

Woody Chipman, Guy Chipman Construction, L.P.

Most homeowners have a list of 100 things they would like to do to their historic homes, but where do they start? This presentation aims to help historic homeowners prioritize repairs that must be done first to protect their homes and those modifications that should be placed on the back burner. Through photos of some of the many properties he has visited and renovated, Woody will discuss issues that home owners must address to protect the value of their homes and ensure a successful renovation.

Presenter: Woody Chipman of Guy Chipman Construction, L.P., has over 35 years of experience in the construction and design industry. His company specializes in restoration and remodeling of older properties including historic preservation, water damage restoration, kitchen and bath remodeling, window and door restoration, and design services.

12:15 – 1:15 *Lower your Energy Bills with Home Improvements: Energy Retrofits for Historic Homes*

William A. Dupont, FAIA, Hazem Rashed-Ali, Ph.D., & Tom Thompson, Ph.D - University of Texas at San Antonio

You programmed your thermostat, now what else should you do to lower the cost of heating and cooling your historic home? Get practical answers and learn the most cost-effective ways to live in comfort. Save money with a more energy-efficient house, and increase its resale value at the same time.

Presenters: Dupont, Rashed-Ali, and Thompson recently collaborated on research to recommend most cost-effective strategies for retrofits in hot-humid climates. Dupont is the Director of the Center for Cultural Sustainability at the UTSA College of Architecture, Construction and Planning. Their ongoing research was recently awarded a grant from the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

1:15 – 1:30 *Door Prizes Announced & announce My Storied Home in demo space at 1:30*

Shanon Shea Miller, Director, OHP

1:45 – 2:15 *Solving the Property Tax Riddle: Answers to your Questions about Property Tax Assessment*

Bexar County Appraisal District – Lawrence Baca, RPA

How is my property appraised? What tax-saving exemptions are available? Join Lawrence Baca from Bexar County Appraisal District for a discussion about property tax appraisal and gain an understanding of residential property tax assessment and available exemptions.

Presenter: Lawrence Baca, RPA and Certified General, has been an appraiser since 1993, working in right-of-way and property tax appraisal. His current responsibilities with Bexar County Appraisal District include working with the historic neighborhoods south of downtown. He also assists appraisers assigned to other historic neighborhoods in the city.

2:30 – 3:00 *Mid-Century Modern Houses: From Out of Date to In Demand*

Elizabeth Porterfield, Architectural Historian, City of San Antonio, Office of Historic Preservation

Remember Grandma's house? If you are in your 20s, 30s, or even 40s, your memories are most likely of plate glass windows, sliding glass doors, and carports. These mid-century contemporary and ranch style houses were built throughout the country from the 1950s-1970s in the era of space travel, TV dinners, and vehicular culture. Today, Mid-Century Modern architecture is enjoying a comeback. Join us for a look at Mid-Century Modern houses, what makes these "retro" places so appealing, and how they can be adapted to meet modern needs.

Presenter: Elizabeth Porterfield is the architectural historian with the Office of Historic Preservation and is responsible for identification of historic resources, local landmark and historic district designation, and education and outreach initiatives.

DEMONSTRATION SPACE (BREEZEWAY) PRESENTATIONS:

9:30 – 11:00 *Wood Window Repair Demonstration*

Victor Salas, Artchitectural Interiors

Are your historic wood windows a “pane” and in need of some TLC? Join Victor Salas, master craftsman and owner of Artchitectural Interiors, for a hands-on demonstration on wood window repair.

Presenter: Victor Salas

11:15 – 12:00 *Hannibal Pianta and his San Antonio Legacy*

Paul Kahl, researcher

Italian artist Hannibal Pianta was renowned for his “cast stone” decorative work that adorned hundreds of San Antonio buildings from the early 1900s through the 1930s. If you’re familiar with the magnificent ornamentation on the exterior of Thomas Jefferson High School, you’ve seen some of Pianta’s most significant designs. Researcher Paul Kahl has investigated Pianta’s work, searching historic photographs and drawings, to create an inventory of Pianta buildings. Learn how you too can identify Pianta’s ornamental work throughout the city.

Presenter: Paul Kahl has extensively researched Hannibal Pianta’s work in San Antonio and across the United States.

1:30 – 2:00 *My Storied Home*

This new made-for-mobile Digital TV Show Series will premiere its first episode featuring a historic San Antonio home. The series features meaningful and heartfelt stories related to houses with cultural significance to the city, to family histories, and to interesting or unusual historic events.

TOURS OF PEARL COMPLEX:

11:00 & 2:00 *Guided Tour of Pearl Complex*

Join this one-hour guided tour for an in-depth look at the history and recent redevelopment of the Pearl Brewery complex. Tours are limited to 35 people, so registration is required. You can sign up for a tour at either of the two Registration Tables at either entrance of the breezeway. * If the tour is filled, please note that Pearl offers guided tours every Saturday at 10 and 12 in conjunction with the Farmer’s Market.

ASK A HISTORIAN: *Researching Your Historic House*

Ever wanted to know more about the history of your home? Don’t miss this “Ask the Historians” table, available throughout the event. Beth Standifird, San Antonio Conservation Society librarian, and Sylvia Reyna, librarian at the Texana and Genealogy Department at the San Antonio Public Library, will be on hand to show you how to get started researching your historic house.