

The River and the Trail

Preservation Month 2018

El Paso County, Texas

Preservation Month was established as an event in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). The event is co-sponsored by local preservation groups, State historical societies, business and civic organizations around the country. Many events are planned to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.

The celebration of Preservation Month in El Paso was expanded from a focus on one of the historic districts in the city to a county wide series of events in 2017 with the theme of "Preserving Our Places". There were 26 events and 32 organizations sponsoring or hosting events in 2017.

In 2018, we are expanding our celebration beyond the parameters of the 31 days of May and have designated our theme as "The River and the Trail".

At this time we have 31 events and 19 organizations participating in Preservation Month 2018. Organizations include: El Paso Mission Trail Association, Harvey Girls of El Paso, International Museum of Art, San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, Comite Biancional de CRDTAS, Benson Latin American Collection at U.T. Austin, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Dept. at the UTEP Library, El Paso History Radio Show, City of Socorro, Keystone Heritage Park Association, El Paso History Alliance, Texas Trost Society, Center for Environmental Resource Management at UTEP, El Paso Museum of History, El Paso Railroad and Transportation Museum, Southwest Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Concordia Heritage Association, Publicity Committee of the El Paso County Historical Commission, University of Texas El Paso.

Effective Date: April 14, 2018

For more information contact: Ron Leiman, ronleiman2@gmail.com

WEEK 1

Friday, April 20

Socorro Community Cookbook

Deadline for submittals is April 30

Contact: Vreta@ci.socorro.tx.us

Submit family recipes with your name, phone number and any photos for inclusion into this online cookbook.

Sponsor: City of Socorro

Sunday, April 22

First Thanksgiving 1598

Socorro Mission (328 S. Nevarez Rd., 79927)

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Contact: 915-851-9997 or www.elpasomissiontrail.com

The First Thanksgiving Reenactment will be at 3:00 PM.

Throughout the day there will be exhibits, performances and food.

Sponsors: El Paso Mission Trail Association

Harvey Girls of El Paso 112th Anniversary Celebration

The International Museum of Art (1211 Montana)

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Contact: 915-591-2326 or 915-751-3631

At 2:00 PM, Allan Affledt presents historic preservation efforts for Fred Harvey locations in Winslow, Arizona and Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Learn about Albert Alvidrez's "Pottery along the Railroad" and the Harvey Girls in the Southwest.

Sponsors: Harvey Girls of El Paso, International Museum of Art

WEEK 2

Thursday, April 26

Camino Real de Tierra Adentro en El Septentrion, Binational Committee Presentation

Adobe Horseshoe Theatre, 1500 Main Street, San Elizario 79849

5:00 PM

Contact: 915-851-0093 or www.SanElizarioHistoricDistrict.org

Presentation on the progress and work by the Communities, the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia (INAH) and other professionals along the Camino, in compiling the critical data for consideration in a UNESCO nomination.

Sponsors: San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, Comite Binacional de CRDTAS

Rio Grande Festival in San Elizario

1500 Main Street in San Elizario 79849

5:00 – 10:00 PM

Contact: 915-851-0093 or www.SanElizarioHistoricDistrict.org

Old West Shootouts, Heritage Booths, Arts and Crafts, Live Entertainment, Food and More.

Sponsors: San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society.

Friday, April 27

Historical Maps Workshops

UTEP Library, Room 204A

9:00-10:00 AM: Examining the Evolution of the Mexican Spatial Landscape

Noon – 1:30 PM: Mapping the Origins of 16th Century Friars in Mexico with Carto

3:00-4:00 PM: Curate “Mapping Mexican History” Digitally

Register at: https://mapping_history_utep.eventbrite.com

Contact: Abbie Weiser 915-747-6839 or ahweiser@utep.edu , or Claudia Rivers 915-747-6725 or crivers@utep.edu

Sponsors: Benson Latin American Collection at U.T. Austin and the C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Dept. at the UTEP Library.

April 1598: 27th Annual History Conference

1500 Main Street, San Elizario, Texas 79849

10:00 – 4:00 PM

Contact: 915-851-0093 or www.SanElizarioHistoricDistrict.org

Historical presentations and seminars.

Fundraiser Dinner and Show: Noche Espanola Mestiza at 7:00 PM

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Saturday, April 28

El Paso History Radio Show: Preservation Month 2018

Tune into AM 690 from 10:00 AM – Noon

Ron Leiman joins Jackson Polk and Melissa Sargent to discuss and highlight the May events celebrating “The River and the Trail”/

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International historical presentations and workshops.

Conference Luncheon at 1:00 PM with Texas BBQ and entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Flor y Canto and Mariachi Arturo Guerrero.

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International historical presentations and workshops.

At 4:30 PM there will be a historic reenactment of “La Toma” by Don Juan de Onate in April 1598 and subsequent Birth of the American Southwest by Eden Enterprises, directed by David Mills and Hector Serrano.

Sponsors: San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society.

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WEEK 3

Thursday, May 3

Hispanics in the United States: A Historical and Contemporary Discussion

El Paso Museum of History (510 Franklin, 79901)

6:00 PM

Contact: 915-212-3163

Historian Orlando Romero, author and former director of the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library, will provide an overview of Hispanic contributions to American history that have been largely ignored.

Sponsors: El Paso Museum of History

Friday, May 4

Socorro Art Show Grand Opening

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Rio Vista Community Center at 901 N. Rio Vista Rd. 79927

Contact: 915-860-8615

The City of Socorro will open their month long art exhibit at the historic Rio Vista Farm on Friday evening.

Sponsors: City of Socorro

Saturday, May 5

Heritage Preservation on the Rio

Keystone Heritage Park (4200 Doniphan Drive, 79922)

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Contact: Bernie or Melissa Sargent at 915-581-7920

Programs include nature walks, history talks and exhibits regarding the Rio Grande and its influence on West Texas and the Southwest.

Sponsors: Keystone Heritage Park Association, El Paso History Alliance.

Tales on the Trail: Hueco Tanks and the Butterfield Overland Trail

10:00 AM – Noon

Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site at 6900 Hueco Tanks Road #1, El Paso, TX 79936

Cost: \$ 9 adult / \$ 2 children includes park entrance fee

Contact: Dr. Kendra Moore at Kendra.Moore@tpwd.texas.gov

The Overland Mail Company was formed in 1858 to transport mail from St. Louis, Missouri to San Francisco, California over the Butterfield Overland Trail. A stagecoach station was created along the route at Hueco Tanks. We will take a short hike to the station site and hear tales from the trail. Please bring water and wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothing.

Architectural Film: The Fountainhead

International Museum of Art (1211 Montana, 79901) (parking in back)

2:00 PM

Contact: 543-6747

Jay Duncan will introduce this film of Ayn Rand's novel and lead a discussion following the viewing.

Sponsors: International Museum of Art

Sunday, May 6

San Elizario Historic District Free Walking Tour

Meet at Main Street Mercantile, 1501 Main St., San Elizario 79849

Noon

Contact: 915-851-0093

This is a slow walking (wheelchair accessible) tour of approximately 2 ½ hours of the San Elizario Historic District featuring over 415 years of historical events.

Sponsors: San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society

Construction and Renovation of the Turney Mansion, a Trost Masterpiece

International Museum of Art (1211 Montana 79901) (parking in rear)

2:00 – 4:30 PM

Contact: 543-6747

Mary Jo Melby, Prince McKenzie and Derrell Hiatt will discuss the life and work of William Ward Turney and the construction of the largest mansion in El Paso. Turney commissioned Henri C. Trost to design the mansion constructed by Ponsford Brothers Construction. There will be a focus on the adaption for public use and restoration process by the City of El Paso.

Sponsor: International Museum of Art

WEEK 4

Thursday, May 10

EPCC Student Research Projects 2017-18

El Paso Museum of History (510 Franklin, 79901)

6:00 – 8:00PM

Contact: 915-212-3163

El Paso Community College students will share research projects completed during the academic year.

Sponsors: El Paso Museum of History

Saturday, May 12

Birding at Rio Bosque

at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park (meet at the bridge crossing the Riverside Canal at the entrance to the Jonathan Rogers and Roberto Bustamante water treatment plants; map

<http://research.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=67249> .

7:00 AM

Contact: John Sproul, 915-747-8663 or jsproul@utep.edu

Bird migration should be in full swing during this time of peak bird diversity at Rio Bosque. On this relaxed two mile hike, participants will explore the Bosque's birdlife and discuss changes in avian use of the park.

Sponsor: Center for Environmental Resource Management at UTEP

El Paso History Radio Show: El Paso Train Show

Tune into AM 690 from 10:00 AM – Noon

Ron Leiman and Woody Bare join Jackson Polk and Melissa Sargent to discuss and highlight the El Paso Train Show on May 18-20.

Sponsors: El Paso History Radio Show

A Celebration of the City's Birthday and the El Paso Streetcar

Cleveland Square and El Paso Museum of History (510 Franklin, 79901)

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Contact: 915-212-3163

Enjoy a picnic in the park, entertainment, crafts, light refreshments, transportation scavenger hunt, gallery tours and a restored streetcar display.

Sponsors: El Paso Museum of History

Sunday, May 13

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WEEK 5

Thursday, May 17

The Spanish Legacy in the Southwest

El Paso Museum of History (510 Franklin, 79901)

6:00 – 7:00PM

Contact: 9 15-212-3163

Dr. Ignacio Martinez will speak about the settlement and colonization of the Southwest by Spain during the 17th and 18th centuries. This is part of the Lessons from the Past, Looking towards the Future lecture series in collaboration with UTEP.

Sponsors: El Paso Museum of History, University of Texas El Paso

Friday, May 18

El Paso Train Show

at Freeport McMoRan Park (850 Hawkins Blvd)

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Contact: Woody Bare at 915-204-3600 or woodybare@yahoo.com

Celebrate the arrival of the railroad in El Paso in May 1881. The show features Southern Pacific Locomotive 3420 (1904 steam locomotive first used on the El Paso and Northeastern Railroad).

Sponsors: El Paso Railroad and Transportation Museum, Southwest Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Harvey Girls of El Paso

Saturday, May 19

Socorro Community Cleanup of the Mission Trail

7:30 AM

Meet at Rio Vista Community Center, 901 N. Rio Vista Rd. 79927

Contact: 915-860-8615

Sponsors: City of Socorro

El Paso Mission Trail Association Open House

9:30 – 1:30 PM

Nestor Valencia Transfer Center at 9065 Alameda

Contact: TBA

Stop by the original Lowenstein House on the northwest corner of Alameda and Zaragosa Road for refreshments.

10:00 AM – Noon: Walking Tour of Historic Sites in the Ysleta Historic District led by Joseph Longo.

Noon: Spanish Guitar and Flamenco Dancing

Sponsors: Mission Trail Association

Preservation Workshop for Current and Potential Owners of Historic Homes

10:00 AM

Site TBA

Cost: \$ 35 per person

Contact: malissa@texastrost.org

Join Doug Yost, President of Buyer's Advocate Real Estate Inspectors, for a four hour workshop which includes lunch, handouts, and a walk through of a historic home. Learn how to do research on historic homes, what to

look for when purchasing a historic home, who can do the restoration and how to review ordinances.

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Socorro Community Mini Library Donation Celebration

10:30 AM

Rio Vista Community Center, 901 N. Rio Vista Rd. 79927

Contact: 915-860-8615

A boy scout donates a community library to the City of Socorro.

Sponsors: City of Socorro

Sunday, May 20

Introduction to the Rio Bosque Environment

at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park (meet at the bridge crossing the Riverside Canal at the entrance to the Jonathan Rogers and Roberto Bustamante water treatment plants; map

<http://research.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=67249> .

8:00 AM

Contact: John Sproul, 915-747-8663 or jsproul@utep.edu

Participants will get a glimpse of what the biologically rich and diverse environment of the river valley once was like on this relaxed two mile hike. The park's ecosystem and changing landscape will be explored.

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WEEK 7

Memorial Day on Monday, May 27

Honoring Forgotten War Veterans

at Concordia Cemetery in the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Monument Area

10 AM – Noon

Contact: 915-591-2326

The veterans include Civil War Confederates and the Grand Army of the Republic, Mexican War, Indian Wars, Buffalo Soldiers, Spanish American Rough Riders, Punitive Expedition, Mexican Revolution, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Sponsor: Concordia Heritage Association

Thursday, May 31

Flora and Fauna in Trost & Trost Downtown Architecture

Meet at San Jacinto Plaza

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Contact: Malissa Arras at malissa@texastrost.org

Take a tour of downtown El Paso with the Texas Trost Society as we explore Henri C. Trost's incorporation of local plantlife and animals in the ornaments of his buildings.

Sponsor: Texas Trost Society

Birth of the American Southwest: The Onate Expedition

El Paso Museum of History (510 Franklin, 79901)

6:00 – 7:00PM

Contact: 9 15-212-3163

Al Borrego, Director of the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society and historian for the Sociedad Cultural de Espana, will talk about Don Juan Onate taking possession of all of the land that the Rio de Norte (Rio Grande) drained and its colonization.

Sponsors: El Paso Museum of History

Friday, June 1 ; Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3

Billy the Kid Festival

San Elizario Historic District at 1500 Main St., San Elizario 79849

5:00 – 10:00 PM

Contact: 915-851-0093 or www.BillytheKidFestival.com

San Elizario celebrates Billy the Kid's Visit to San Elizario in 1876. See historic reenactments of the historic breakout of Billy's friend at the Old El Paso Jail. Learn the historic truths of his visit.

On Sunday, June 3 see presentation of the historic play. "1876: Billy the Kid in San Elizario".

Sponsors: San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society