



THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

Fact Sheet

Mission:

We promote the recognition and experience of Austin's diverse cultural heritage through the preservation of historic treasures and places.

Vision:

We want to make Austin first in every Texan's heart by promoting the preservation of our city's unique architectural and cultural heritage. In order to achieve this vision, we will focus our efforts in the following areas:

- Education
- Advocacy
- Outreach
- Alliances

Administration:

The Heritage Society is a tax-exempt organization founded in 1953 composed of about 700 members. The Board of Directors manages the affairs of HSA, which includes 7 Officers, 29 Directors at Large, and 5 Voting Representatives.

Financial Support:

The Heritage Society raises funds from the community to cover costs of programming through:

- Attendance and Underwriting at annual special events like the Preservation Awards Celebration and the Heritage Homes Tour.
- Individual and Business Memberships and Contributions
- Grants from Foundations

Initiatives and Programs:

- Contributing over \$2.8 million in grants and loans to preserve more than 300 historically and architecturally significant properties like the Driskill Hotel, Paramount Theater, the Governor's Mansion and the Bremond Block
- Ongoing advocacy to safeguard the landmarks and spaces that make Austin so unique for the next generation
- Supporting Pioneer Farms, a living history museum that represents rural life in Central Texas in the 1880's
- Showcasing historic neighborhoods, homes and buildings on an annual Heritage Homes Tour
- Recognizing and honoring individuals and institutions at the annual Preservation Awards Luncheon for their visionary approach to preservation and for fostering preservation through outstanding craftsmanship or adaptive reuse of historic structures
- Offering a preservation training program for Realtors.
- Offering educational and enlightening tours and lectures for our membership and public
- Initiating Heritage Austin, in cooperation with the City of Austin to create a public based vision for the revitalization of Austin's central core