

Annual Report



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The Society purchases the Bombach House in La Villita and inaugurates the Fiesta event A Night In Old San Antonio®.

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Fiscal Years 2022-2023 & 2023-2024
The Conservation Society of San Antonio
And San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation

Advocacy

The Conservation Society continued its effort to save the Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) building, the 1968 triumph by Caudill, Rowlett and Scott architects. We continued our quest to secure listing of the Hemisfair landmark on the National Register of Historic Places with the final hearing in January 2024 and successful listing on April 18, 2024. At this time, the Society submitted an application for State Antiquities Landmark status. We hosted a series of meetings with organizations and individuals hoping to save the building as well as its important collections and programming, and scheduled meetings with several members of the City Council and Bexar County Commissioner's Court. In October, 2023 President Kathy Krnavek and Executive Director Vincent Michael met with UTSA representatives shortly before they announced a preferred new location for the ITC behind the Alamo and the need to "monetize" the existing location and demolish the building. The Society also continued to monitor the disposition of the Wood Courthouse, which was the US Pavilion at Hemisfair. Fortunately, the Federal government placed preservation restrictions on the property prior to transferring it to the City of San Antonio.

The Alamo Trust opened its new Collections Building and a series of interpretive installations covering the south side of Alamo Plaza, including a South Gate and Lunette. The planned reuse of the Crockett and Woolworth Buildings for the new Alamo museum will include a Civil Rights exhibit at the site of the Woolworth's lunch counter. Librarian, Beth Standifird, and Executive Director, Vince Michael, are on the Advisory Committee for the exhibit. The Society continued to push for the preservation of key structures at Brackenridge Park as well as tree replacement as part of the 2017 bond. In addition, the Society participated in the Preservation and Archaeology Committee of the Brackenridge Park Stakeholders group.

We continued to advocate for the restoration of historic features in Brackenridge Park, including the 1877 Pump House, and to serve on various advisory committees for the park and its resources. Our internal Historic and Design Review Committee advocated for the preservation of more than three dozen structures and sites, not only in front of the City's Historic and Design Review Commission, but also Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and City Council. Highlights included the promotion of new design guidelines for the River Road historic district and many cases of owners violating permits in Lavaca, Monte Vista, the downtown River Walk, and Dignowity Hill.

Awards

The 2023 Publication Awards were presented Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Estancia Del Norte San Antonio. Honored Award recipients were *Artisans of Trabajo Rústico: The Legacy of Dionicio Rodríguez* by Patsy Pittman Light; *A Field Guide to the Vernacular Buildings of the San Antonio Area* by Brent R. Fortenberry, ed.; *Improbable Metropolis: Houston's Architectural and Urban History* by Barrie Scardino Bradley; *In the Loop: A Political and Economic History of San Antonio* by David R. Johnson; *Los Adaes: The First Capital of Spanish Texas* by Francis X. Galán; *Property Research and Definitive Guides to the City Directories and Sanborn Maps of San Antonio, Texas* by Michael Patrick Carroll; *Queen of the West: A Documentary History of San Antonio, 1718 – 1900* by Richard Bruce Winders; *Texas Ranger Captain William L. Wright* by Richard B. McCaslin; *West Side Rising: How San Antonio's 1921 Flood Devastated a City and Sparked a Latino Environmental Justice Movement* by Char Miller; and *What Lies Beneath: Texas Pioneer Cemeteries and Graveyards* by Cynthia Leal Massey.

Centennial Celebration

The Conservation Society was founded by Emily Edwards, Rena Maverick Green and 11 other women on March 22, 1924. The initial goal was to preserve the Greek Revival Market House, demolished for street widening and replicated as the San Pedro Park Playhouse in 1929. The Conservation Society's Centennial Committee held a celebration for Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Kelso Pavilion at the San Antonio Botanic Garden. The event featured a presentation by Dr. Michael Picaud who led the fundraising efforts for the restoration of Notre Dame de Paris in France. A public lecture by Dr. Picaud was held the next day at the McNay museum and an event was held the weekend before in Castroville, where the Maverick home that witnessed the 1924 founding of the Society had been relocated.

Community Grants

Proceeds from A Night In Old San Antonio® helped the Society continue to award annual community grants during the Fall of 2022 and Fall of 2023.

In 2022, the Conservation Society awarded Community Grants totaling \$100,000 to the following properties: **339 Mary Louise Dr** for wood window fabrication; **3035 Roosevelt** for replacement of non-historic windows and exterior doors, and restoration/repair of stucco; **1115 Wyoming St.** for roof replacement; **422 Warren St.** for the foundation repair and stabilization; **602 E. Myrtle St.** for cedar shingle awning repair and window screen restoration; **3244 Mission Rd.** for the restoration of roof (and parapet); **310 North Dr.** for window restoration, repair of circular wood attic vent, and restoration of wood windows and screens; **218 Sadie St.** for the rehabilitation of wrap around wooden front

porch; **411 Cedar St.** for restoration of deteriorated Corinthian capitals on the front porch; **205 Cloverleaf Ave.** to support the restoration of the collector boxes and downspouts; **104 Beauregard** for masonry repointing; **511 Lamar St.** for the replacement of deteriorated spindles, railing, newel posts, and deck boards; and a Special Board Allocation was awarded to **920-922 Clark Ave** for caliche limestone stabilization.

Three recipients received 2022-2023 Educational Grant funding from the San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation totaling almost \$30,000. Those receiving an Educational Grant include the following: the Texas Heritage Project of American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions to assist with a book publication of burial records associated with the Mission's cemetery; City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation for their African American Heritage Preservation Initiative educational exhibit; and the Canary Islands Descendants Association for preservation of historical records and Canary Islands books, art and artifacts.

In 2023, the Conservation Society awarded Community grants totaling \$100,000 to the following properties: **201 Adams** to partially fund the replacement of the metal roof; **125 W Ridgewood Ct** for removal and replacement of the brick; **1115 Wyoming** for restoration of the porch; **122 Madison** to rebuild front and rear trellis; **1612 El Paso** for restoration of the front porch and foundation skirting; **207-209-211 N. Presa** for the resurface of four limestone blocks on façade; **319 Mary Louise Dr.** to replace the soffit; **4738 S Loop 1604 W** for woodwork of the windows and doors; **502 E. Nueva St.** for replacement of a wood window; **144 Crofton Ave** for window restoration; and **514 N. Mesquite St.** for restoration of front four windows.

Three recipients received 2023-2024 Educational Grant funding from the San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation totaling almost \$25,000. Those receiving an Educational Grant include the following: Castro Colonies Heritage Association for their research, photography and development of a website of pre-1890 pioneer homes in Medina; The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez to assist them with providing education of the public through the community living history demonstrations; and Villa Finale wto assist in costs for the 2024 planned programs.

Heritage Education Tours

The Conservation Society continued to work on virtual Heritage Education Tours in the wake of the 2020 pandemic. We worked with Educational Consultant Lisa Brashears, writer Becky Benavides and videographer Randall Rudd to improve old videos, produce new ones, and develop a fundraising trailer. The virtual tours are available on our website, include Mission Concepción, Mission San José, The Alamo, the River Walk, Casa Navarro and the Spanish Governor's Palace.

Historic Farm and Ranch Complexes

The Historic Farm and Ranch Committee had regular meetings and special events, including a visit to the Oelkers Farm in November 2022 and a Christmas Party held at the Hindes House and gallery in Alta Vista. In February 2023, members heard about Colonial ranches in San Antonio from archaeologist Clint McKenzie and in April they toured the 1850s Perrin Homestead near Perrin-Beitel Road, which is being restored by the City. Landscape architect and architect Everett Fly presented on Black farms and ranches in June, 2023. Brandon Seale presented his research on the Battle of Medina (1813) in October 2023 and the Committee visited the site of Mission de las Cabras. December 2023 saw a visit to the DeWees Renschel House in Floresville. The Committee funded the nomination of the Augustin Beauregard Ranch to the National Register of Historic Places, which was completed in early 2024. February 2024 was highlighted by a tour to the Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria.

Historic Preservation Month

In May, 2023, the Society planned to celebrate Historic Preservation Month by scheduling a panel discussing "What's Next for Miraflores" held at Seddon Hall at the University of the Incarnate Word just north of the Miraflores site. The speakers were Logan Wagner, Ph D, FAIA and Anne Elise Urrutia, moderated by Cultural Historian Claudia Guerra. Due to inclement weather, the event was rescheduled and took place in June 2023.

The 2024 Historic Preservation Month event took place at the San Antonio AIA headquarters and featured Professor Emerita Anat Geva of Texas A & M talking about her book on Mid-Century Modern Synagogues.

Junior Membership

The Juniors kicked off their new year with a tour of San Pedro Springs Park with guest speaker, Hector Cardenas.

On December 4th, Juniors gathered in the Courand House for their favorite annual event of the decorating of their Gingerbread house. They also took a tour of the future headquarters of the Conservation Society.

January 8th, Junior Associates met at the historic Mission San Juan for a walking tour of the property and its acequia.

During the week of Fiesta, Juniors participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo. They also participated in the festive King William Fair Parade by riding in an antique fire truck courtesy of the San Antonio Fire Museum.

The final Junior Associate meeting of the year was held at the Yturri Edmunds homestead on May 7th. They assisted with the cleaning of the historic home with some serious spring cleaning and yard work. An election was held; and new officers were elected. William Van Cleave, President; Sarah Walker, Vice President; Kevin Dorsey, Secretary; and Kaiden Dorsey, Historian.

September 17, 2023 kicked off the new year with a tour outside Jefferson High School followed by a driving tour through Monticello Neighborhood which ended at the lake in Woodlawn Park. Special guides for this event included Patti Zaiontz, Rosemary Mitchell and Bianca Maldonado.

Juniors met again on December 10th in the Oge Carriage House at the Yturri-Edmunds Homestead. Always a favorite event was to see if more candy ended on the gingerbread house or in the tummies of youth and adults alike.

January 6th, the Juniors met for a chilly afternoon tour of Mission Concepción. The guest speaker for this gathering was Virginia Van Cleave.

Juniors once again started fiesta week by participating in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo and completing the week with a ride on their favorite historic fire truck in the King William Fair parade provided courtesy of the San Antonio Fire Museum.

May 4th was the final meeting of the year in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Van Cleave. A junior gave a presentation to other junior members on the history of the cattle drive in San Antonio. New Juniors officers were elected to serve in the new year: Ryder Moore, President; Sarah Walker, Vice President; Ela Anderson, Secretary; and Ashtyn Moore, Historian.

Graduating high school senior, Kevin Dorsey, was awarded a Junior scholarship for college. He also received a one-year membership as a new Associate member.

Library

The library closed for six months due to the Conservation Society headquarters move from the Wulff House (107 King William) to the Courand House (1146 South Alamo Street).

Collections Management

The library digitized 161 photos and 57 architectural drawings. Continued collection weeding resulted in the deaccession of 685 books while volunteers formatted 463 news articles.

A rotating team of ten volunteers helped the librarian pack 263 moving boxes, condensing a four-week job into three. Staff mitigated the anticipated challenges encountered in the library's basement space to the extent possible. By June, the library had reopened with 50% of the collections unpacked.

Collaboration and Outreach

The librarian supervised volunteer projects completed by students from UNT and UT Austin. Outreach efforts included participation in the Alamo Trust's Civil Rights Subcommittee, the Cemetery Stewardship Seminar, San Antonio Regional Archivists' first Archives Bazaar, and the Muertos Fest ofrenda to the Society's founders.

The library also provided images for use by local news media Axios, KSAT, and *San Antonio Express-News*; book publishers Lighthouse Learning and Texas A&M University Press; TV production companies Studio Ramsay (British) and Blue Planet (German); the Alamo Trust, Alameda Theater Conservancy, Casa Navarro, Post Oak Preservation, and the World Heritage Office.

Research

The library averaged 68 requests a month before closing. During the closure, the librarian still responded to media requests and processed photo orders. The librarian also provided research on the Institute of Texan Cultures Building critical to supporting the Society's advocacy efforts.

Meetings, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

The Society participated in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual PastForward conference in October, 2022, which was still virtual, and its in-person 2023 PastForward event in Washington, D.C., in November 2023. Executive Director Vince Michael joined with Shanon Miller of the Office of Historic Preservation to present the keynote address

at the first Michael C. Duda Preservation Forum in Dallas, in October, 2023. In November, 2023 the Society and City assisted World Heritage USA with the San Antonio Symposium. Michael also helped plan the November 2023 World Heritage Symposium in San Antonio -“Affirming Cultural Identity: World Heritage in the 21st Century.” The gathering recalled the 1996 San Antonio Declaration that paved the way for the modern approach to heritage. President Kathy Rhoads, 3rd Vice President Mark Kusey and Dr. Michael attended the March, 2023 Preservation Advocacy Week in Washington, meeting with five Senatorial and Representative offices. President Kathy Krnavek joined Kusey and Michael for the 2024 visit to Capitol Hill.

Membership Activities

The Conservation Society hosted regular General Membership meetings with guest speakers and timely topics.

September 28, 2022: The first meeting of the year was held at the Beethoven Maennerchor. Guest speaker and longtime member Patsy Light spoke about her book *Artisans of Trabajo Rustico: The Legacy of Dionicio Rodriguez*. Following the meeting, Mrs. Light stayed to sign her books for guests.

December 7, 2022: The Conservation Society hosted its annual Weihnachtsfeier/ Holiday gathering at the Woman’s Club of San Antonio. Guests enjoyed light bites, delicious eggnog and fellowship.

January 25, 2023: Members gathered at the San Antonio Garden Center for updates from the officers on the activities of the Conservation Society. A brief presentation was provided by the Historic Farm and Ranch Committee as well as the Strategic Planning Committee.

February 22, 2023: Guest speaker for this meeting was Lewis F. Fisher who provided a presentation on his latest book *Brackenridge: San Antonio’s Acclaimed Urban Park*. This meeting was held at the historic Grace Lutheran Church.

May 24, 2023: This annual membership meeting, held at the San Antonio Garden Center, started with a special presentation from guest speaker and local ceramicist, Diana Kersey. Her presentation featured several examples of her art which can be found around San Antonio. It included the steps that it took for her to create the masterpiece found on the Oxbow building. Following her presentation, Carrie Gray, owner/principal of Cielo Strategy Group, was introduced to discuss the findings of a strategic planning survey for the Conservation Society and the announcement of Bylaws revision to be considered at the June Membership Meeting on June 28, 2024. The final item of business was active members electing new directors to serve on the Board.

June 28, 2023: This meeting was held at the historic St. John's Lutheran Church. The Strategic Planning Committee presented Bylaws for consideration. The consideration was postponed until March 2024 for further review and consideration. The Society recognized new active members and those members celebrating 25 and 50 years of membership. Thanks were given to the outgoing officers and directors and new directors and officers were then installed. Junior Associate officers were also recognized.

September 27, 2023: The first meeting of the new fiscal year was held at the San Antonio Garden Center. Paula Allen, *San Antonio Express-News* columnist was the guest speaker for the evening. She provided a presentation titled, "Leave It to the Ladies: How Women's Groups Improved Our City." Clarification of the future Bylaws consideration date was voted and approved to be discussed at the February 2024 membership meeting.

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January 22, 2024: Members gathered at El Camino de San Antonio: Pope Francis Center. Guest speakers for this evening included Rebecca Simmons, El Camino de San Antonio & Marc Johnson, Fisher Heck Architects for their presentation titled: "El Camino de San Antonio Missions and the Padre Margil Project." Following the presentation, guests were invited for a brief tour. Reminder of Bylaws consideration at the February membership meeting.

February 26, 2024: Members gathered at El Camino de San Antonio: Pope Francis Center for Bylaws Consideration to be voted on by the active status members of the Conservation Society. A new Bylaws document was approved.

May 28, 2024: This annual membership meeting, held at the Northeast ISD Community Learning Center. Directors and Officers were elected by the active status members of the Conservation Society. Reports given by officers and committee chairs including Centennial tri-chair committee, Community Building Grants committee chair, Hemisfair committee chair, Juniors committee chair, Historic Farm & Ranch committee chair, Programs chair, Properties chair, and the Yturri-Edmunds Complex committee chair.

June 25, 2024: This meeting was held at the San Antonio River Authority. Kristen Hansen, Deputy Director of the Watershed Parks and Operations provided a presentation on the Trueheart Ranch. Following the presentation, the Society recognized the Junior scholarship recipient. New active members and those members celebrating 25 and 50 years of membership were also recognized. Thanks were given to the outgoing officers and directors and new directors and officers were then installed. Junior Associate officers were also recognized.

NIOSA®

2023 marked the 75th year of ***A Night in Old San Antonio®*** and it proved to be a fantastic event. Since its humble beginnings as a Harvest Festival held in the fall at Mission San José to evolving into Fiestas' most beloved and popular event, NIOSA® has raised millions of dollars for historic preservation and education in San Antonio and the surrounding communities. Its mission to preserve and protect the historic built environment, natural beauty and promote conservation education, has been made possible by the funds raised by NIOSA® and the tireless efforts of hundreds of thousands of volunteers over the years. Despite the threat of inclement weather each night and a deluge during opening of Friday night, we still managed to have a very successful year and robust crowds. Despite extensive construction in Maverick Plaza, the City was able to deliver the needed space and Frontier Town was back in its traditional spot. In 2023, we welcomed TicketSpice as the new vendor for online ticket sales. Back by popular demand, 2023 marked the return of the paper coupon system necessitating the recreation of the Finance Room, Coupon Deposit and Coupon Verification. We also welcomed back Silver Eagle Beverage as beer and alcohol supplier after a years long hiatus. 2023 also marked the creation of a new foundation, "Conservation Celebration", creating an entity to allow for new sponsorship opportunities.

Our goal was to return to a pre-pandemic event and welcome back the return of our volunteers and patrons to our original footprint and capacity safely and efficiently and NIOSA® 2023 succeeded. A big Thank You goes out to our faithful volunteers and to our patrons for their love and support! VIVA!!!! NIOSA®!!!

In 2024, NIOSA®, the premier event during Fiesta®, draws thousands of guests to historic La Villita and surrounding area for the four-night event. Since 2021, the team has continued transitioning back to pre-pandemic procedures and attendance figures. We continued our food and beverage coupon system. No credit cards or cashless systems were utilized this year. NIOSA® attendance in 2024 surpassed the 62,000 mark- nearly twice as many since the pandemic. More than 10,000 volunteers gave of their time and talents toward the success of the event. For the first time, NIOSA® had nightly Mariachi Music performances by "Campanas de America" in

Haymarket. Online ticket sale purchases surpassed 25,000 through our provider “TicketSpice”. For the first time ever, our ticket sales campaign began in early December with an online sales promotion of a NIOSA® Christmas Stocking Stuffer. Silver Eagle Beverages continued as beer and alcohol supplier. The Fiesta San Antonio® Commission awarded the Conservation Society/ NIOSA® a \$6,000 grant towards the purchase of new staging equipment.

Please mark your calendar for NIOSA® 2025 which will be held April 29th-May 2, 2025. VIVA NIOSA® – “Celebration for Preservation”.

NIOSITAS®

NIOSITAS®, a small version of NIOSA®, are presented to private groups. There were no NIOSITAS® scheduled this past year. Heavy construction in and around historic La Villita has made scheduling a difficult task. The Villita Assembly building, twice purchased and sold over the past two years, is no longer a viable option to host large private gatherings. Maverick Plaza, just newly renovated, is also under new management.

Parades

The Conservation Society participated in four parades during **Fiesta 2023**: the Texas Cavaliers’ River Parade, the Battle of Flowers Parade, the King William Fair Parade, and the Fiesta Flambeau.

The theme of the Conservation Society’s float in the Texas Cavaliers’ River Parade was “Fantastic Voyages” where the Conservation Society’s officers rode an alien themed float and played popular alien hit songs through the evening.

In the Battle of Flowers Parade, the Conservation Society again participated in the antique car category by riding in a replication of a 1925 Delphi school bus. The theme of the parade was “Where Fiesta Reigns”. The bus was decorated in paper flowers and ribbons.

The Junior Associates participated in the King William Fair Parade whose theme was “A Story about Fiesta” by riding in an antique fire truck courtesy of the San Antonio Fire Museum.

Representatives from NIOSA participated in the Fiesta Flambeau 75th Anniversary parade, riding in the 1925 Delphi school bus. The bus now had the addition of lights to make it sparkle at night.

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The theme of the Conservation Society’s float in the Texas Cavaliers’ River Parade was “iViva America!: Great American Landmarks”. Officers of the Conservation Society celebrated the evening on the barge dancing along to a song list provided by Randall Rudd.

In the Battle of Flowers Parade, the Conservation Society again participated in the antique car category by riding in an antique Model T truck featuring a calliope organ courtesy of Society member, Joey Groff.

The Junior Associates participated in the King William Fair Parade whose theme was “Love is in Bloom” by riding in an antique fire truck courtesy of the San Antonio Fire Museum with large paper flowers.

Properties Restoration and Repair

During the Fall of 2023, work continued for the construction of a ramp and accessible bathroom for the Courand House in preparation for the move from the Wulff House. The work entailed a great amount of culling of duplicate files and a five-month closure of the library. The move of the Society offices and Foundation library from the Wulff House to the Courand House took place between February and May of 2024, including completion of interior decoration, landscaping and repairs to both the porte cochere and the front and rear porches. The Real Estate Committee also worked with Conservation Corner master tenant Sam Panchevre, handling both his request for an adjustment of lease terms, repairs to the roof at the Grey-Guilbeau House and concerns about the design of the new restaurant Casa Catrina. The Grey-Guilbeau house required a roof replacement, completed in 2024. The Committee continued to field a variety of proposals for the purchase of the Wulff House through late 2023 and the first half of 2024. Staff and Board successfully renegotiated the lease of the Alaskan Palace parking lot in July 2024. The repaving of the warehouse finally got underway in Summer 2024 following several delays. Many items of furniture and artwork from the Wulff House were deaccessioned over the course of the year and sold by Vogt Auctions.

Public Relations and Publicity

The Society’s President was featured in two *San Antonio Express-News* Op-Ed pieces this year regarding the effort to preserve the Texas Pavilion/Institute of Texan Cultures. The Wood Agency continued to assist with the advocacy effort. Several articles were written about the celebration of the Society’s Centennial year. In July 2023, two television stations interviewed Society President, Kathy Krnavek, and Society Executive Director, Vincent Michael, regarding the effort to save the Sommer’s Saloon Building at 10th and Alamo. Vincent Michael was featured on the cover of the *San Antonio Express-News* in February as part of an article on the Brackenridge Park Stakeholders Advisory Group. Michael was interviewed by German television’s Blue Planet about the history of King William. Society Foundation Librarian, Beth Standifird, assisted history columnist Paula Allen on a great number of weekend history articles, providing research and historic photographs from the Society’s collection.

Scholarships

The San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation, courtesy of the Eleanor Freeborn Bennett Educational Scholarship Fund wrote a check in the amount of \$5,000 to The University of Texas at San Antonio - College of Architecture for grant students pursuing a graduate certificate in Historic Preservation. For the 2023-2024 academic year, Suraj Bhandari received a \$2,500 scholarship. The 2nd half of the \$2,500 was postponed to be presented as a third \$2,500 scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Once a year, the San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation also provides a second scholarship to the Texas Architectural Foundation for the Brooks Martin Educational Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded to outstanding students, in accredited departments or schools of architecture in Texas who shown an interest in historical architecture, preservation, and adaptive reuse. Carolyn Muldowney (Rice University) and Prakriti Bhandari (The University of Texas at Austin) each received a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Yturri-Edmunds Homestead House Museum

The Yturri Edmunds House was vandalized in August 2022 and several items were stolen, including the famous clock in the parlor that had notes from Ernestine and Josephine Edmunds detailing how the clock was stopped upon the death of their mother, Vincenta. Shortly afterward, earthquakes led to further cracking of the historic adobe brick walls of the 1850s home.

In early 2023 the Society Foundation received grants from the Texas Historical Foundation (\$5,000) and the Summerlee Foundation (\$20,000) to repair items broken during the vandalism and help repair the cracking walls and porch. Conservator Morgen Burgess repaired eight artifacts in June 2023. Work on the exterior and interior walls began in November, 2023. Yturri-Edmunds Site Committee Chair Monica Savino led a large force of volunteers who cleaned up the property in October and hosted an Open House in November, re-introducing the San Antonio community to this unique resource that provides hands-on insight into daily life in San Antonio in the late 19th century.