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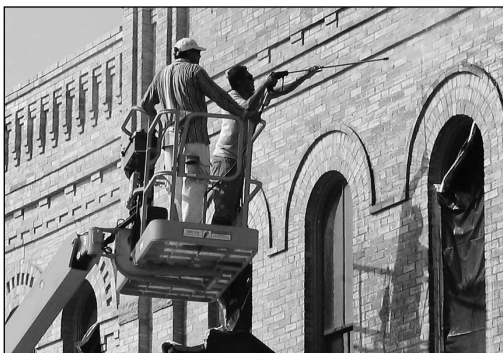
Left: East Room Before-and-after photos from Phase One restoration, now complete, show restoration of the original windows.

Right: Let there be light! South Room before and after from Phase One restoration of windows.

Below left: cleaning and repointing brickwork on South Façade, bringing out the beauty of the original exterior.



BUILDING RESTORATION PHASE ONE COMPLETE



When the Museum hired preservation architect David Hoffman in the fall of 2002, the destiny of the Knights of Pythias Hall became more certain and its survival as a beautiful example of Romanesque Revival architecture more assured.

After working for over a year with the Board of Trustees and its building restoration committee, Hoffman devised a seven-phase plan for complete restoration of the Knights of Pythias building. Meanwhile, solutions to modern-day issues, such as compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for accessibility, were also addressed.

Phase One Restoration, which involved the restoration of the original wood windows commenced in early spring and was completed in mid-summer 2005. Sashes and broken window panes were replaced, glazing putty removed and replaced, while window sills received an epoxy filler treatment before all the windows were painted on their exterior surface.

Funding support for creating the architectural drawings and construction docu-

ments was awarded from the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** and the **Texas Historical Foundation**. The **Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)** provided additional "bricks and mortar" funding through their Community Development Partnership program.

The Knights of Pythias building, once an example of small town decay, with boarded windows, broken panes and general decline has begun its journey to become a symbol of downtown revitalization. In the early part of the 20th century, the Knights of Pythias gave the building the title of Jewel Lodge, No. 103 and now, with its freshly restored windows and new paint, will soon become the "jewel" of Esplanade Boulevard in Cuero, Texas. ✧

Learn more about the Restoration Master Plan at www.ChisholmTrailMuseum.org/Restore

OFFICIAL GREEN LIGHT FOR EDA STUDY

Support received by both U.S. Senators, Congressman; \$30,000 for EDA Feasibility Study Approved

When the City of Cuero was awarded a **Preserve America** designation at the **Texas Historical Commission's** annual preservation conference in May 2004 in Fort Worth, no one was quite sure of how it would impact the economic future of Cuero and South Central Texas.

At that time, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** announced funding to support the Preserve America program — a White House initiative “supporting communities that are committed to preserving America’s heritage while ensuring opportunities for learning and enjoyment.”

The EDA funding opportunity stated, “EDA will provide Public Works investments to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and development facilities necessary to generate private sector jobs and investment, including investments that support technology-led development... and heritage preservation development investments such as those supported by the Preserve America Initiative.”

Determined to pursue this funding oppor-

tunity, the Museum’s Board of Trustees created a search for a grant-writing resource capable of constructing successful state and federal-level applications. **Grant Development Services** was hired in the summer of 2004 and the Museum’s application for funding was submitted on October 1, 2004.

CTHM Grant Proposal Gets Results

Months of working with the regional EDA office in Austin passed before the official announcement was made this July, “**Congressman Rubén Hinojosa** announced a \$30,000 investment from the U.S. Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration to The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in Cuero, Texas. The investment will produce an economic impact analysis and feasibility study needed to build the museum.”

“The Museum proposes a fully integrated regional plan to establish and recognize the historic and cultural heritage of the Chisholm Trail,” said Hinojosa. “Our country’s natural landscape and national treasures need to be promoted and preserved — and the investment from the U.S. Commerce Department will allow the

Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum the opportunity to do just that.”

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison stated in her letter of support for the application, “I am requesting the Department of Commerce carefully consider the merits of this grant proposal and ensure it receives a fair and thorough review during the evaluation process.”

Public-Private Partnerships Vital to Health of Local Economy

EDA serves as a venture capital resource to meet the economic development needs of communities throughout the U.S. Its mission is to lead the federal economic development agency by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. “Government is an essential partner in helping our communities, however we can’t do it alone,” continued Hinojosa in his announcement. “The right solutions are those that combine community leaders, industry, government, and citizens. The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is one such project, and I applaud their efforts.” ✧

2005 MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF

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BLAZING NEW TRAILS

2005 — 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED FOR CTHM

Capital Campaign Advisory Group Forms

Our hats are off to the newest group of volunteers who are helping to make the CTHM dream a reality. The Board of Trustees and Capital Campaign Chair, **Kay Walker**, have gathered an outstanding group of folks who will be helping the CTHM by 'opening doors' and helping us spread the excitement about our South Texas project. This group, called the Capital Campaign Advisors, includes: **Billy Albrecht, David Burrow, Mary Cox, Walter Fisher, Tyrrell Flawn, Paul Guthrie, Paul James, Milt McLeod, Judd and Marsha Miller, Tim Pennell, Bum and Debbie Phillips, Nathan Post, Fred Pottinger, Gay Kokernot Ratliff, Stacey Sager Semtner, George "Scooter" Smith, Jeff Steen, Toby Summers, Roger Welder and Bibba Wilde.**

Kerry Rhotenberry

We are pleased to announce that **Kerry Rhotenberry** has signed on to provide consultant services during our Capital Campaign. **Kerry** and her husband, **Merchant Marine Captain Robert Rhotenberry**, moved to Cuero from Austin five years ago to raise their two sons, Sam and Ethan. Kerry reports that, "While we loved living in the city, we talked for years about relocating to a less populated community. I grew up in Rockport and wanted that same small town security and stability for our family. After an extensive internet search looking at things like schools, medical facilities, crime rates, taxes, and so on, Cuero absolutely was at the top of the list. Cuero has so much going for it and we are just delighted to be in such an active, vital place."

Kerry brings a non-profit background to our process having served as a consultant for the past twenty-five years for scores of organizations in the areas of strategic planning, fundraising, special events, and board, staff, and volunteer development. She has served as Director of several prominent non-profit organizations.



Alberto Asunza

Architect's rendering shows 3,000 square foot addition adjoining the north face of the original building. The addition will add public space, and will provide key upgrades such as an elevator, rest rooms, and safety exits, to make the building accessible to all. Attractively landscaped visitor parking is also planned for the north side of the building.

Bricks and Mortar

Phase II Construction, now under way, is part of a seven-phase Restoration Master Plan. The 2005 – 2008 Capital Improvements Campaign seeks funding for the remaining phases of restoration, renovation, new construction and site improvements critical to opening the Museum in 2008, as well as establishment of a permanent endowment for the Museum's future operations.

Legend and Legacy

The Capital Campaign is about "bricks and mortar," but even more importantly it is about the permanent legacy and cultural asset we will leave the next generation of South Texans.

We invite individuals, families and local businesses to join us in supporting the Museum during this mission-critical phase of development. Visit the Web site for your invitation to join the Trailblazers and Pioneer Circle through your gift to the Capital Campaign. To inquire about prime naming opportunities now available, contact any Board member or call **(830) 236-5533**. ✧

www.ChisholmTrailMuseum.org/trailblazer

Inspiration from Our South Texas Heritage

"The Texas Longhorn made more history than any other breed of cattle the civilized world has known. However supplanted or however disparaged by evolving standards and generations, he will remain the bedrock on which the history of the cow country of America is founded. *In picturesqueness and romantic realism his name is destined for remembrance as long as the memory of man travels back to those pristine times when waters ran clear, when free grass waved a carpet over the face of the earth, and America's Man on Horseback – not a helmeted soldier, but a booted cowboy – rode over the rim with all the abandon, energy, insolence, pride, carelessness and confidence epitomizing the booming West.*

J. Frank Dobie,
The Longhorns, 1940

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Your membership support
helps us raise money
through grants.*

It's a fact: projects that have community support in the form of membership are more successful in raising money through foundation and government grants.

Membership dues and gifts are tax deductible. Dues levels are: \$500, \$250, \$100 business, \$100 family, \$50, and \$25.

*Checks are payable to:
Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum
Box 866, Cuero, Texas 77954*

Taste of the Trail III Site Selected

It's a three-peat!
Taste of the Trail III will be held at the home of **Milton and Kathy McLeod**, Saturday, Nov 11, 2006.



Thanks to the Lower Colorado River Authority for sponsoring our Turkeyfest Tees!



**Dear Friends and Neighbors:
The 2005 - 2008 Capital Campaign
is in Full Swing!
Get the full story inside.**

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum's mission is to preserve the ranching and Western culture of South Central Texas through interpretive exhibits, research, and educational programs.

The CTHM is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

www.chisholmtrailmuseum.org