

May is Historic Preservation Month

The following is an excerpt from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a national, nonprofit organization promoting historic preservation in America.

May is National Preservation Month and this year's theme is "Celebrating America's Treasures". Throughout our nation's communities there are significant places that have contributed to our American experience – whether it is a battlefield, a ship, church or house museum. Through the support of programs like Save America's Treasures, thousands of preservation projects in cities and towns from coast to coast have worked to preserve these irreplaceable and tangible reminders of our roots.

By declaring National Preservation Month's theme as "Celebrating America's Treasures," we hope that communities and organizations across the country will help spread the word that programs like Save

America's Treasures not only protect the places that tell our nation's story, but also create jobs and spur economic development in our Main Streets. Get involved today!



- Volunteer to assist a community preservation project
 - Include historic sites or hotels on your next vacation
 - Become a member of your local preservation organization
- By taking action, you're acknowledging that saving our heritage

isn't someone else's job. Ensure that our nation's treasures will be protected for future generations and spread the word this May by celebrating your community's treasures!

Preservation dollars are at work in our community. The Comal County Courthouse received a grant from the Texas Historical Commission and a Preserve America grant from the National Park Service.

In New Braunfels enjoy our fourth annual, free Historic Museums Day which will be held Saturday, May 21 from 12 p.m. to 4:00pm. **A new location this year will be the Comal County Courthouse. Come see this restoration project.**

Finally, check out the Texas Historical Commission's website new "ibrochure" at www.thc.state.tx.us/heritagetourism/htdefault.shtml

Information:

Historic Landmark
Commission Meetings:
Second Tuesday every month
8:30 a.m.
City Council Chambers
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Eickenroht house listed as Local Landmark



Friedrich Eickenroht and wife Auguste came to America on the ship "Louise" in 1846 as part of the second wave of immigration to Texas. They had several children of which two, Gustav and Robert, purchased a farm of over 171 acres located at today's 1347 Ferry Road. Deed research, dated December 28, 1883, states "this land is known as the Gustaf [sic] and Robert Eickenroht home tract". The house was moved to 1072 Church Hill Drive.



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The Historic Landmark Commission is appointed by the City Council to protect and perpetuate historic landmarks and districts which represent distinctive elements of New Braunfels' historic, architectural and cultural heritage and to foster civic pride in the accomplishments of the past.

WEIN AND SAENGERFEST

May 7, Noon to 8 p.m.— Downtown New Braunfels

<http://www.weinandsaengerfest.com/>

Historic Zoning Explained

“HO” and “HL” are the abbreviations used by the City of New Braunfels to indicate that a property has a historic zoning designation. “HO” is “Historic Overlay” which is used for any property located within the boundaries of a locally designated historic district. “HL” is “Historic Landmark” which is used for a property which has been individually designated as a local landmark. Both “HO” and “HL” are classified as an overlay zoning designation, which means the base zoning is the primary indicator of how the property may be used. The primary purpose of the historic overlay is first, to physically retain the building in its current location. Secondly, protect and/or enhance the building's exterior, architectural features as those elements help convey visually, the style and history of the resource.

Craftsman Bungalow - architectural elements

The Bungalow Style house was the most common style for smaller houses built from 1915 to 1930. Every Craftsman house is a bungalow, but not every bungalow has enough architectural elements to be considered a Craftsman.

Bungalow houses have low-pitched gabled roofs, wide overhangs with exposed rafters, wide front porches, and coupled or tripled, wood-framed windows. Some architectural elements which transfer the plain Bungalow into a

Craftsman Bungalow are the columns of two sizes and often the use of two materials, knee braces, masonry chimneys, flared skirting, and small, high

windows which flank the chimney.

California brothers Charles Greene and Henry Greene were influenced by the

English Arts and Crafts movement which promoted hand-made carpentry details. Oriental wooden architecture also influenced their house designs. As a result of their work, pattern books imitating their style flooded the market making the one-story Craftsman Style house a popular and fashionably house in America.

Sophienburg Hill has many examples of the Craftsman Style house. Photograph left is 230 Academy Avenue.

