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### SAHD Recognized At 2015 Preservation Achievement Award Ceremony



*L-R: Lyn Dunsavage, Harryette Ehrhardt, Larry Offutt, Joanna Hampton, David Preziosi, Virginia McAlester, Martha Heimberg, Buddy Apple, President of Preservation Dallas. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Crenshaw*

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In a ceremony at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on April 8, 2015, the Swiss Avenue Historic District received a special tribute for its pioneering role as the first historic district in the City of Dallas. At the ceremony, David Preziosi, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas said "before the Swiss Avenue Historic District was established in 1973 it was almost destroyed by high-rise development and disinvestment. The homeowners at that time banded together to protect the incredible neighborhood and through historic district status and many years of investment by property owners, the Historic District is now the crown jewel of East Dallas. It stands as the finest example of an early 20th century planned neighborhood with an eclectic mix of houses representing virtually every popular residential design style of the day. The Swiss Avenue Historic District is truly a success story and one that blazed a trail for other future historic districts in Dallas to follow." Accepting the award for the District was Joanna Hampton, SAHDA President, and several of the original founders of the District including Virginia McAlester, Lyn Dunsavage, Harryette Ehrhardt, Larry Offutt and Martha Heimberg. Also at the ceremony the founders of the Historic Preservation League (now Preservation Dallas), most of whom were also founders of the Swiss Avenue Historic District, received the Dorothy Savage Award, the highest award that Preservation Dallas gives to an individual or group.

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## Neighborhood News



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Dear Joanna,

Thank you and the members of the Swiss Avenue Historic District Outreach Committee for the deeply appreciated grant of \$1,250.00 in support of *St. Matthew's Cathedral Arts*.

As a center for the arts in East Dallas, *St. Matthew's Cathedral Arts* revives an ancient tradition of cathedral churches in proclaiming the presence of God through the beauty of human creativity, bringing vitality to St. Matthew's Cathedral, our neighborhood and greater Dallas. Your generous support is a welcome and significant endorsement of this mission.

This grant will help provide materials and teacher stipends for our free monthly *Open Arts Studio for Young Artists*. This popular program led by Amy Holland, prominent art museum educator and Executive Director of the Crow Collection of Asian Art, gives children ages 5—12 a unique opportunity to explore creative and engaging projects through diverse media and techniques.

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In the past year, some 2,200 adults and children from the surrounding neighborhood and beyond have experienced our FREE public arts events. It is our hope that through the arts people from throughout the metroplex will visit Dallas' historic St. Matthew's Cathedral and experience transformative events.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

*H. Michie Akin*

H. Michie Akin  
Director of Music and Arts  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral

Vance Holub, (son of Mike Holub and Sandy Brothers, 5020 Swiss Avenue) a Scout from BSA Troop 42 and a junior at Jesuit College Prep, wants to improve the Santa Fe Trail as his Eagle Scout project. An avid user of the trail, Vance noticed that it lacks frequent water fountains and benches. His project, to be located under the East Grand Bridge, includes the installation of 2 benches, a trashcan, and a water fountain. During the summer especially, this location would provide a shady spot to rest and escape from the heat. In total, the materials and installation would cost about \$16,000. Vance approached The Friends of the Santa Fe Trail to present his project and discuss fundraising and the organization generously offered to match his donations, so he is now seeking donations from the community to raise about \$8,000 in order to complete his project. Vance has set up a GoFundMe page and is also approaching East Dallas businesses to achieve his fundraising goal. (<http://www.gofundme.com/santafereststop/>) On his GoFundMe page he states:

"At \$2,000 raised, we can install a bench!

At \$3,000 raised, we can install a bench and a trashcan!

At \$5,000 raised, we can install 2 benches and a trashcan!

At \$8,000 raised, we can install 2 benches, a trashcan, and a water fountain!"

If you would like to help Vance complete his Eagle Scout project, donations can be made to "The Friends of the Santa Fe Trail", 7324 Gaston Rd. #124-79, Dallas, TX 75214 (please write "Rest Stop-Vance Holub" on the check). The Friends of the Santa Fe Trail is a 501(c)3 Non Profit Corporation and all donations are tax deductible.



Vance Holub (left) and members of his Scout Troop at the site of his proposed Eagle Scout project under the East Grand Bridge on the Santa Fe Trail.

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## 2015 Home Tour Wrap Up



While the 2015 Mother's Day Home Tour was cut short by severe weather in the DFW area, the District was still able to earn a net profit on the tour of approximately \$40,000 thanks to our many loyal sponsors (see page 5), the District residents who purchased blocks of tickets, and all of our tour visitors on Saturday. Special thanks go out to the homeowners who put their homes and gardens on this year's tour, the Home Tour Committee members who worked tirelessly planning the festivities and the hundreds of volunteers who worked in the homes, at the park and throughout the District. Without the generosity of all of these supporters, the annual home tour would not be possible. Photos, clockwise from top left: Saturday Entertainment in the Park; Brenden Martin, Allan Moore, Jeff and Kelly Gordon; Wendy Millsap, owner of Lakewood Candle Company and Suzy Moritz, artist; Tour Homeowners Chris and Anne Hamilton.



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## SAHD People

When **Caroline Logan** began thinking about her retirement home she was living in Austin, but she realized that most of her friends lived in Dallas. Over a period of 18 months, she looked at about 60 properties for sale in the Dallas area and finally settled on the perfect home at **6222 Bryan Parkway**. As an added bonus, her new next door neighbors turned out to be friends she has known for 41 years! Caroline was raised in the DFW area and was in the first graduating class of MacArthur High School in Irving where she was also a drill team leader. Later she attended an executive secretarial school in Dallas. For the past 17 years she has owned and operated Mountain Sitters, LLC, a babysitting service in the Vail Valley and Summit County in Colorado. She operates the business from her home, although when she launched the service she lived in Vail for 12 years. Caroline has a daughter, Kristin, who lives in Austin so she will be maintaining her connection to that area. She and her 5 year old rescue cat Gus have enjoyed the friendly neighborhood atmosphere on Bryan Parkway as they have settled into their new surroundings. Caroline enjoys biking and walking and is looking forward to riding the Santa Fe trail and being able to walk to restaurants, the bank and the post office from her new home in the District.



Early in their search for a home in the Dallas area, **Mike and Anne Nolan** discovered White Rock Lake and they immediately narrowed their search to East Dallas. When they first saw Swiss Avenue, they knew that they had found the neighborhood that would ultimately become "home". The Nolans were relocating from the Boston area following Mike's appointment as Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer at Corner Bakery's Dallas headquarters and they were attracted to SAHD because of its proximity to Whiterock, the Santa Fe Trail, the Katy Trail and downtown Dallas. Having previously renovated several homes, they knew that they were up to the challenge of updating their new home at **5527 Swiss**. The Nolan's have 4 children – Lindsay, 24, is in graduate school in the Boston area, Sean, 22, is a student at the University of Colorado, Boulder and 16 year old twins Bonnie and Julia are students at Bishop Lynch High School.



With the onset of "empty-nester" status, (son, Nathan, graduating in August from TAMU with an ARCH degree and recently married to Courtney, and daughter, Lydia, in her Junior year at SMU studying Arabic and International Business), **John and Bonnie Wells** decided it was time to down-size.

Moving from a Downtown townhome after 14 busy years of raising two children in the fun-filled, fast-paced Deep-Ellum lifestyle, the Wells wanted something similar to the "small town" feel of Downtown and Deep Ellum. It took Bonnie only one step inside **6321 Bryan Parkway** to know this was "home". The family quickly agreed; this would be the only home that could replace their happy place Downtown.

John works for Deloitte as Principle in charge of the US Transfer Pricing practice. He is an avid runner and you may often see him running to and from his office downtown with a bright orange backpack! Other days, he sports a sweet cream colored Vespa. John travels a lot with his position at Deloitte.

Luckily traveling is something both he and Bonnie enjoy doing together! Bonnie is a stylist for J Hilburn (men's clothier) and Interior Designer for her own company, Bon Elle Interiors. She does NOT enjoy running, but rather prefers dancing, specifically Jazzercise. Most of her time lately has been filled with setting up their new home, as well as taking care of another historic property they own

in Bryan, TX. The Wells have enjoyed getting to know a few of their neighbors and look forward to hosting get-togethers in the future.





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love to publish it!

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# Preserving the *Extraordinary*

## Elizabeth Mast

I want to say thank you to all of my amazing neighbors and clients. I am grateful for the wonderful, lasting relationships that have developed, and it has been a privilege to work with each and every one of you. My success is the result of your immense trust and conviction in my abilities. I am truly touched and overwhelmed by the support of my neighbors, friends and the East Dallas community. In a world filled with many decisions, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to assist you with one of your most important ones—your home.

*Elizabeth & Robby*  
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