

PRESERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The Heritage Foundation saved the beautiful historic **FRANKLIN THEATRE** in 2011 when it was in disrepair and facing permanent closure. Today, The Franklin Theatre is a vibrant, lively spot for entertainment and events that many consider the crown jewel of Main Street.



Referred to as the **BIG HOUSE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**, the Heritage Foundation restored and uses this amazing old jail building steeped with history as its headquarters.



FRANKLIN GROVE ESTATE & GARDENS is the largest preservation project in the Heritage Foundation's history. It is the former campus of O'More School of Design in downtown Franklin, which was purchased by the foundation in 2019. This campus is being master planned to become a landmark destination for all people to engage with education, art, history, nature and community.



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The
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IMPACT

Through preservation, education, and events, we actively maintain the historic beauty of Williamson County for our residents and visitors. Without this paramount work, significant buildings and locations representing our area's diverse history and vibrant culture would be lost forever.

⌘ PRESERVATION & EDUCATION INITIATIVES

The Heritage Foundation works to protect the architectural, geographical and cultural resources of our county. We further provide education opportunities for the betterment of historic preservation, advocacy training and community outreach partnerships.

⌘ PRESERVATION SYMPOSIUM & AWARDS

Nationally recognized speakers gather to discuss and share expertise on the value, impact and future of historic preservation.

⌘ SUMMER EDUCATOR INSTITUTE

A professional development program to help teachers advance their application of history in education.

⌘ WARWICK LECTURE SERIES

A free, quarterly presentation for the community to learn about history, architecture, preservation and authors.

⌘ SITES TO SAVE INITIATIVE

Bringing awareness to the county's most at-risk historic, cultural, geographical, or archaeological resources.

GET INVOLVED:

LEADERSHIP SOCIETY: Our Dedicated Philanthropic Donors

NEXT GEN: Young Professionals Membership Program

JUNIOR HERITAGE: Student Membership Program

VOLUNTEERS: Committed to Offering the Gift of Time

PRESERVATION & EDUCATION: Advocating for the Architectural, Geographical and Cultural Resources of our County

To learn more about how to get involved with the Heritage Foundation, visit WilliamsonHeritage.org or call **615-591-8500**

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*Saving The Historic Places
And Stories That Matter*

The Heritage Foundation has worked since its formation in 1967 to preserve and share the regional history, local historic places and signature events that carry on our community traditions and cultural heritage through fundraising, research, advocacy, education, preservation and community engagement.

We do that by working tirelessly to save the architectural and cultural resources that make Franklin and Williamson County so unique as well as focusing on education and community events. We further our nonprofit mission through the ownership and operation of three divisions: The Franklin Theatre, Downtown Franklin Association and Franklin Grove Estate & Gardens.

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THE FRANKLIN THEATRE
Where a show is only the beginning



The historic Franklin Theatre, established in 1937, provides diverse, world-class performing arts experiences while inspiring cultural enrichment and economic vitality within Williamson County. But this special place wasn't always the crown jewel of Main Street that it is today.

This building functioned as a movie theater and gathering place since its inception. But throughout the years, the building fell into disrepair, the theater closed and in 2007 faced permanent closure. The Heritage Foundation rallied the community and raised funds to acquire, renovate and reopen the theatre to red carpet fanfare in 2011.

Now a state-of-the-art, intimate, 300-seat venue, The Franklin Theatre hosts live concerts, performing arts, cinema, and community events and serves as an iconic jewel on Franklin's Main Street.



DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION
America's favorite Main Street and historic district

The Downtown Franklin Association has spearheaded the revitalization of Franklin's historic downtown core since 1984. In 1998, the DFA merged with the Heritage Foundation and we've continued to focus on downtown by following the four-point approach of the National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Decades later, downtown Franklin is a vibrant blend of historic preservation and modern sophistication. Just 14 miles from Nashville, you'll find an oasis of Southern hospitality housed in a 16-block historic district of award-winning antique shops, gift and bookstores, fashion-forward boutiques, privately owned art galleries, lovingly restored homes, restaurants and entertainment spots and more.

We've earned recognition as an authentic, eclectic community whose locals have never met a stranger. Whether you're looking to explore the locally owned shops that line Main Street, score a timeless heirloom in the antique district, catch a live show at one of many entertainment venues or grab a craft cocktail at one of the acclaimed restaurants, there's something for everyone here.



FRANKLIN
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FRANKLIN GROVE ESTATE & GARDENS
A place where time stands still, beauty surrounds, dreams begin and adventure and discovery await

Franklin Grove Estate & Gardens is the Heritage Foundation's largest restoration project to date. Formerly the campus of O'More School of Design, the Heritage Foundation purchased the historic property along with its two 19th-century historic homes in 2019.

Our plan is to restore and rehabilitate the mansions – making the 1865-era anchor of the property into space for publicly displayed historical and art collections.

The Victorian-era LeHew Mansion recently reopened as Williamson, Inc.'s new Center for Innovation, an idea and entrepreneurship center. These historic mansions will anchor a 5.5-acre campus rich in education, history, art, culture, nature and community.



WAYS TO SUPPORT US:

We are a non-profit and the work we do wouldn't happen without the support of our members, donors and volunteers.

• VOLUNTEER •

We have a number of opportunities to serve this community as a volunteer for the Heritage Foundation

• DONATE •

There are multiple donor levels and with each come perks, opportunities and ways to get involved with our mission.

• BECOME A MEMBER •

We work with our members to continually care for historic spaces, treasured landmarks and cherished local businesses.

• SIGNATURE EVENTS •

Main Street Festival, Pumpkifest, Dickens of a Christmas, Heritage Ball

For more information on how to get involved, visit our website at

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