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“Gone But Not Forgotten”
Downtown Harlingen Opens Exhibit of Historic Photos
Admission is Free and Open to the Public

In honor of National Preservation Month, Downtown Harlingen announces a special exhibit entitled “Gone But Not Forgotten: Historic Photos of Harlingen’s Lost Heritage.” The exhibit features 75 historic photos of Harlingen buildings that are no longer in existence. It will be on view at D’Arte Centre, 115 E. Jackson, from May 29th through June 27th, 2015. An opening reception will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015, from 7-9 p.m., in conjunction with Harlingen Art Night. D’Arte Centre, which is run by the nonprofit Harlingen Art Forum, is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

The exhibit includes photos of buildings that were torn down due to hurricane or fire damage, or to make way for new developments and parking lots. It features images of early frame buildings in Harlingen’s central business district as well as train depots, military facilities, churches, schools, hotels, theatres, and more.

For many years, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has celebrated National Preservation Month to encourage greater awareness of America’s historic places and more preservation efforts. According to local historian Norman Rozeff, this exhibit makes a strong case for preservation by illustrating how many unique and iconic buildings have been lost over the years. “That makes it even more important to preserve and adapt those that remain,” he said.

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