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Ellis County Courthouse – photo by Richard Payne

In honor of celebrated Texas architect J. Riely Gordon (1863-1937), the Hallet Oak Gallery, in partnership with the Texas Society of Architects, is sponsoring a statewide art contest and hosting a conference on June 10–11, 2016, in

The conference, focusing on Gordon and historical Texas architecture, begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 10. In addition to presentations by local historians and architects, there will be special tours on Friday evening and Saturday morning of the recently renovated Lavaca County Courthouse. Friday evening will also feature a photo exhibition and lectures by historian Doug Kubicek and photographer Richard Payne, FAIA. Saturday will begin with book signings and continue with lectures by authors Brantley Hightower, AIA, Chris Meister, and James P. Arnold.

Hallettsville, Texas. The architect of 18 Texas courthouses, Gordon also designed the Kahn and Stanzel Building (1890), which houses the gallery.



Fayette County Courthouse –
photo by Richard Payne

Art contest entries must illustrate some aspect of Gordon's life or work and may be in any medium. TxA will provide jurors to assist in awarding prizes for the contest. Winners will receive Texas Architect magazine subscriptions, certificates, and cash prizes, and "Best of Show" will receive \$200. TxA President Paul A. Bielamowicz, AIA, will present the prizes on Saturday afternoon. Contestants must be present to win.

"Texas courthouses are a cherished part of our state's history, and James Riely Gordon was instrumental in the creation of many of these beautiful buildings," Bielamowicz says. "His buildings continue to bring a sense of pride to their communities after more than 100 years, and are living examples of what we at the Texas Society of Architects advocate for every day." Indeed, Gordon was himself an advocate for the value of architecture, supporting the Office of the Supervising Architect of the United States Treasury, the

1893 World's Columbian
Exposition, and the City Beautiful
Movement.



Gonzales County Courthouse –
photo by Richard Payne

Entry fees for the contest are \$20 per artwork submitted (\$10 for children), and registration fees for the conference are \$75 per person, \$60 each for two or more people, and \$40 for students.

For more information, visit the [Hallet Oak Gallery website.](http://halletoakgallery.com/event/june-10-11-2016-hallet-oak-gallery-to-partner-with-texas-society-of-architects-celebrating-through-art-the-life-and-work-of-j-riely-gordon/)
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