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The Bullock Museum remembers Director Catherine Taylor

Award-winning museum director passed away this week

JANUARY 12, 2018 (AUSTIN, TX) - With heavy hearts, the Bullock Texas State History Museum and the State Preservation Board must share the news of the unexpected passing of Bullock Museum Director, Catherine Taylor, on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

A native Texan, Taylor relocated from Nantucket, Mass. in August 2017 to lead the Bullock Museum in what she personally described as her "dream job." She was uniquely qualified to lead the Museum, with experience from an extensive 30-year career in state preservation and administration. Her loss is deeply felt, as she brought energy and clarity to every encounter and project she touched.

"The Trustees and staff of the Foundation are profoundly saddened by Cathy's passing. The Museum was in excellent hands under her strong and expert leadership, and we greatly admired and appreciated her dedicated efforts," Sarita Hixon, President of the Texas State History Museum Foundation Board of Trustees, said. "Her enthusiasm and drive were contagious, and her warm wit made working with her a pleasure. Cathy will be sorely missed."



Catherine Taylor,
Bullock Museum Director

Taylor left this life as she lived, in charge and surrounded by love and care from family and friends. She treasured every short moment she had with the Museum's staff, partners, and supporters and held her colleagues in the highest regard. The Bullock Museum joins her husband and extended family and friends across the country in mourning and remembrance of a life beautifully lived.

"Cathy led the Museum with unparalleled commitment, humor, and grace, and in five short months had a profound impact on all of us here. While we'll continue to move forward with the work in progress, the loss of her insight and perspective will be keenly felt," Bullock Museum Deputy Director Margaret Koch said. "Our prayers are with her family and friends in this time of sorrow."

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