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DOWNTOWNS — WHERE OLD IS NEW AGAIN

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DENTON — The historical, copper-domed Sherman building on historical Denton Square is about a month old.

After a Civil War-era building on the lot burned down in 1994, Bob and Bette Sherman bought the property and built the Sherman from the ground up for their Longhorn Gallery and its Old West-inspired art.

"We didn't want to re-create what was there before because it wasn't very nice," Bette Sherman said. "We wanted a gallery that was functional as an art gallery."

The Shermans and their architect explored various designs, eventually finding inspiration in downtown Fort Worth.



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The Sherman building in Denton looks decades old but is 1 month old.

"We looked at Sundance Square, especially at the Knights of Pythias building, and it sort of served as a kind of model," Bette Sherman said.

The 15-year-old Sundance Square may be the catalyst of a

trend. Area developers are building large monuments to the Old West, the turn of the century and other eras, adopting architectural styles of those eras to create a feeling of comfort and communi-

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