

KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION NEWS

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THE PARADE MUST GO ON!



Unicorns taking a ride in a 1963 Chevy c10 • Photo provided by Gayle Spencer



Mr. Fiesta, Michael Quintanilla, FB Live Host



Jeremy & Sara Jessop sporting their vintage Jeepster • Photo provided by Gayle Spencer

On the morning of what was supposed to be the King William Fair, twenty neighborhood artists, businesses and neighbors woke up at the crack of dawn to decorate their car in hopes to spark a smile on our neighbors' faces and, more importantly, their souls. To help spread this burst of joy to our city, we recruited Mr. Fiesta, Michael Quintanilla, to host our very first [Facebook Live feed](#) event. We'll go ahead and toot our own horn by stating "he killed it!" Michael was considerate of everyone's efforts by taking the time to properly introduce every entry and include a word of inspiration provided by each entry.

This was a rewarding project, but also a heart-breaker. There were numerous neighbors who wanted to participate once the news hit the street and we wanted to include everyone. More importantly, we wanted to ensure the health of our 'hood was not threatened. And to be honest, we didn't know if this would be the day the King William Executive Director would be dragged off in a pair of handcuffs in the back of a police car. Thankfully, at that evening's Mayoral Press Conference, when a reporter asked about the "rogue pop-up King William Fair," Ron Nirenberg confirmed we complied with the city's mandate by remaining in cars.

For the neighbors on the blocks on Mission St. and Cedar St. that we failed to visit, we apologize. We had a change in lead cyclist for the parade and, as suspected after hearing our neighbor's disappointment, they were beyond bummed when learning the end of the route was wrong. We made an effort to be visible in each part of the neighborhood, including starting over in the Nathan area (for the first time!) and we're sorry we missed the turn on our route to hit Mission and Cedar.

Again, we can't thank everyone enough who participated in our Pop-Up Parade on Saturday, April 25! It was such a beautiful day to pay homage to what would have been our Fair Day. •

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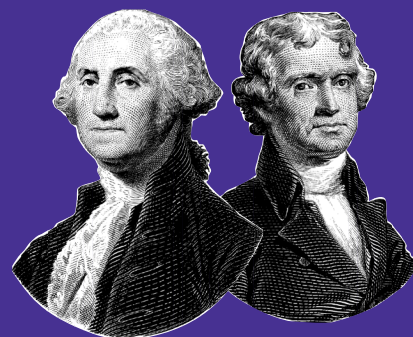
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"Our part is to pursue with steadiness what is right, turning neither to right nor left for the intrigues or popular delusions of the day, assured that the public approbation will in the end be with us." -Thomas Jefferson

The King William Board of Directors is charged annually with guiding, executing and advancing the activities of the King William Association. The Charter and Mission serve as true North, and the diversity of opinion on the Board builds on the existing organization. The Bylaws outline creation of a new Board beginning with the establishment of a nominating committee. Nominations and a vote at the May general meeting of the Association (with a quorum of active members confirmed) seats the nominating committee, which is composed of 3 active members and 2 current Board of Directors. Once seated, the nominating committee takes the summer to identify a diverse and representative Board composed of 11 Board members, plus a president and vice president. Then the plan is to advance this nominating slate at the September general meeting, followed by open call for other nominations and a vote at the November general meeting.

I wonder what Jefferson would have thought of our current intrigues, popular delusions, and overall situation. With all of us cocooned in our homes for spring, Easter, and Fiesta, I still am uncertain how our reemergence will occur into a very different world from 3 months ago. But related to the KWA, transition is made tricky in how to create a nominating committee absent a general meeting. Following parliamentary and neighbor consultation, we will be conducting an electronic meeting along with written submissions for nominations, followed by mail-in voting by the active membership. This will allow the committee to begin its vital task and stay on track for Fall Board nominations and a vote. And when we can finally all get together in person (hopefully at the July Fourth Regatta?) I will ask for your blessing of this process and committee. Stay home, stay safe.

"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages." -George Washington •



BOARD BRIEFS:

The board met on February 19, 2020 at a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss various aspects of KWA's operations, but no official actions were taken. As permitted by the bylaws, the board also met on April 8, 2020 in a specially called meeting conducted via video conference to discuss changes in office operations and Fair management in light of the COVID-19 situation. The board authorized our executive director to apply for a small business loan, which converts to a grant, under the CARES Act. The board expressed its gratitude for the staff's steady hand and support during this difficult time. •



Staff and Volunteer Selfie after the Pop-Up Parade on April 25, 2020

State laws and City ordinances detail restrictions on parking. It is illegal to park:

- In front of any driveway
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection (regardless of whether there is a sign saying "no parking" as exists on some, but not all, King William blocks)
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign (yes, there is one in King William), or a traffic signal
- In a "no parking" zone
- Against the direction of traffic

EVERY PERSON COUNTS!

Rose Kanusky

The pandemic is affecting everything, even the 2020 U.S. census. As I write this article, most news sources indicate that the response rate in Texas is lower than anticipated. It may be that, given more pressing needs during a pandemic, people are not focused on the need to respond. It may also be that, unlike other states, Texas is not spending any funds to educate and encourage its residents to respond. Please help me spread the word about the census and the importance of everyone's participation.

The national census has been taken every decade since 1790 and is required by the U.S. Constitution. The census results determine the number of people who represent you in Congress. The results also determine how much federal money is given to the local government to pay for roads, hospitals, schools, and much more. The Center for Public Policy Priorities estimates that a mere 1% undercount could cost Texas \$300 million in federal funding per year for the next decade.

The federal government, however, is not the only entity relying on census data. Local lawmakers, business owners, and others will use 2020 census data to make critical decisions, such as where to locate infrastructure and services. In Texas, certain laws are based on "population brackets," and the population's growth in certain areas may open additional resources to local government.

Answers to the questions on the census are kept confidential. There is no citizenship question. Instead, there are 12 questions that ask general questions, such as the number of people living in a household, the type of residence, and the sex, age, and race of those in the household.

Most households received a mailed invitation to participate in the census with a special code to use online for responding. 2020 is the first time households will have the option to fill out their questionnaire online, but it is still possible to respond via mail or phone. And an invitation is not even needed to participate. The census is available in Spanish and 48 other languages.

The deadline for responding to the census was originally set for July, but the deadline has been extended to October 31, 2020 due to the pandemic.

For more information, visit the official website at 2020census.gov.



The Campbell's Spring Banner plagued by pranksters.

COMIC RELIEF

Shawn and Jim Campbell had their spring banner turned into a COVID-19 flag on April 1 by their artistic neighbors, Frida, Georgia, Jonas and Ion Simor, as an April Fool's Day prank.

The sign reads:

CAUTION
Higher Risk
People over 65
For everyone's protection you are required to use COMMON SENSE.
If you have none PLEASE LEAVE.

Other side of the sign reads:

Social Distancing
#AloneTogether
COVID-19 Season



NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORM

Please select three community members and two board members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for creating a nomination list of individuals to serve on the 2021 Board of Directors for the King William Association.

PLEASE NOMINATE THREE COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

PLEASE WRITE NAME:

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PLEASE SELECT TWO BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE LIST BELOW:

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Please fill out the form above and mail your responses to the KWA office no later than May 31st. You may also drop your form in the mail slot in the door facing Madison (not the parking lot entrance). You may also email us your nominations as well. Please email your nominations to: director@ourkwa.org. Finally you may also submit your nominations online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y7fdavh3>

LETTER FROM LISA

Executive Director Lisa Lynde

April. What a month it was! Life feels like it is on pause yet it continues to hurtle by at record speed. Staff has been working remotely as needed but I've missed seeing them. I have a hard time remembering what day of the week it is since my work week has stretched out to seven days a week, working as things come up. I am looking forward to finding balance again!

I have been watching the situation in New Orleans from afar. It's been hard watching my friends dealing with the crisis there. A very dear friend, Dr. Robert Lancaster, was one of the first to die of coronavirus in New Orleans. Dr. Bob was a volunteer psychiatrist when I ran a free medical and mental health clinic there. Retired, and 93 years young when I left the clinic, Dr. Bob finally "retired" again and moved into in a retirement home – one of the best ones in town, and yet there was an outbreak there. He was 98.

Some of you know that I lost my dear Chumlee at the end of February. I still cry daily. But as the news reported how shelters were seeing drops in adoption rates and higher in-

takes, I knew we had room for one dog now. We adopted Henry as a result of COVID-19. We thought we were getting a frightened and traumatized dog. Turns out we adopted a cheerful and high energy puppy who just wants to play! Working from home has allowed me to watch Albert (our other dog) and Henry bond. Albert finally has a buddy! And they play hard.

Sue was laid off from her full-time job and was told she didn't live here long enough to qualify for unemployment. So, we've been venturing out nights and weekends to do DoorDash. It's been a fascinating experience and I have learned a lot about the city such as:

SA loves gated communities. Normally I don't. But I understand the allure of the beautiful landscaping, community swimming pools and beautiful parks. It makes me think, "I could live here", but then I remember my mail would go to a box, not my door, I'd have expensive HOA fees on top of a mortgage... and the allure of the amenities quickly disappears. We've got it good here in King William!

Speed bumps. I don't even know where to

begin. The number of speed bumps is insane. They are everywhere and my car's suspension is mad at me. The other night I cursed the person who came up with the idea and then quickly corrected myself. I cursed the need for having speed bumps and the drivers that brought them to our neighborhoods.

The Hill Country grows more and more beautiful each time I am there. Some of our deliveries have taken us all the way to Boerne and we've driven through the hills watching gorgeous sunsets and seeing flocks of birds flying north. Witnessing this life is reward itself, though tips are still welcome!

For me it would be easy to focus on just the negatives during times like this. But every negative has a corresponding positive. For me it's been a chance to remember and reflect on loved ones lost, to explore more of our city, to welcome a new dog, and enjoy more time with my family. So, I embrace the positives in my life right now and hope you are doing the same. And I equally hope you are all safe and healthy! •

LETTERS FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONGRESSMAN

Lloyd Doggett

During these challenging and uncertain times, we are all in this together. Please know that my staff and I remain hard at work to reach out to members of our community who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. I write today to share some of the most important information.

Please visit my continually updated coronavirus resources page at [Doggett.house.gov/coronavirus](https://doggett.house.gov/coronavirus). If you have an urgent question, you can reach my San Antonio staff by calling (210) 704-1080 or emailing me at Lloyd.Doggett@mail.house.gov

If you or your neighbors have lost work as a result of the pandemic, I encourage you to file for Unemployment Insurance with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Recent federal legislation will strengthen unemployment, including expanding benefits to gig economy

workers. Please call my office if you have trouble getting through to the TWC.

Many may have also lost access to health insurance along with your job. If you have, you may be eligible for a special enrollment period now to apply for Marketplace Health Insurance through the Affordable Care Act. Contact EnrollmentSA at (210) 977-7997 to #GetCovered.

For small business owners, I am actively sharing the latest information on small business assistance made available through the Small Business Administration (SBA). I posted a guide to these resources at <https://doggett.house.gov/smallbusinessguide>.

Thank you to all those who are keeping our community safe. As always, my staff and I stand ready to assist. •

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENATOR

José Menéndez

Dear Friends:

We hope that you and your loved ones are doing well and staying safe.

We miss you all and look forward to enjoying the King William Fair in November! Meanwhile, as we continue practicing social-distancing, please remember:

• **You are not alone.** If you or your loved ones are experiencing challenges, please contact us. We have multiple resources available to address concerns.

• **Touch base.** It is important to check in with family, neighbors, and friends. Being supportive strengthens our community bond.

• **Stay safe.** Thank you for doing your part by staying home, keeping six feet apart, and wearing face masks. Please continue to practice these safety measures, and encourage others as well.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KWA AAC DURING COVID-19

Mickey Conrad

Even though we typically enjoy the KW Fair this time of year, during this COVID-19 time I'm reminded of our wonderful asset when I see non-resident groups of cyclists, families with dogs and others choosing to walk our tree-lined streets. Why do you think they choose King William to take a break from "shelter-in-place?" I'm convinced they enjoy it because it is a unique and special place, like no other in San Antonio or all of Texas. It provides a glimpse of times past; aged with grace and beauty, because our residents care.

After decades of neglect, this architecturally rich place rebounded because in 1967 a group of passionate residents had a vision and acted to begin preserving and promoting the neighborhood we have today. The Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) was established in the by-laws to be a free resource for residents to discuss their renovation projects. Windows, porches, railings, roofing, fences, landscaping all have an impact on the historic character of our architecture. We encourage talking with us about your plans before approaching the City's Office of Historic

"This is our past, our present, and our future, preserving the culture and our collective memory."



Photo of Hana Buck and Rolando Almaraz enjoying a walk with their dog, Logan, on King William Street.

ic Preservation; for us to advise on the details and help navigate the process with the Historic Design and Review Commission (HDRC). Although the AAC typically meets at 5:30 p.m. on the Mondays prior to HDRC meetings (usually the first and third weeks of each month), during COVID-19 "shelter-in-place," we are conducting virtual meetings with audio and video capabilities to discuss and view drawings on our home

computers. Email the KWA office to schedule a virtual appointment and get information how to join our meetings from your computer at home. Just email info@ourkwa.org.

Someone in our neighborhood once said, "This is our past, our present, and our future, preserving the culture and our collective memory." Let's do it together in spite of COVID-19. •

REHAB CORNER

Shelley Galbraith

During the city shelter-in-place order, the Office of Historic Preservation continues to work. Requests for a Certificate of Appropriateness or Demolition Review now can be submitted online. More than 75 percent of all requests are now submitted online with more than 2,000 applications being processed since launching in 2019. Please go to <https://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/HDRC/Applications-Portal> and follow the instructions.

Please do not do work without approval. OHP is still performing investigations and monitoring work in our historic districts. You may still report a violation to report@sapreservation.com.

If you need to drop off or pick up materials, applications or other required documents, DSD staff will be available outside the building at

1911 S. Alamo St. Drop-off and pick-up times are 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Applications left with staff will be forwarded to OHP.

OHP is available by phone, 210-207-0035. A specialist is on duty during business hours to assist you or will direct your inquiry to the most appropriate staff person. Email general inquiries to info@sapreservation.com. OHP staff will respond.

The Vacant Building Program staff are available to answer questions about the program, address concerns regarding a vacant property, and provide specific property owner consultation. Call them at 210-207-7244. Inquiries related to the Vacant Buildings Program may be sent to VBP@sanantonio.gov. •





Photo Courtesy of Bill Cogburn

THE GARDENS OF KING WILLIAM

Bill Cogburn

If you've strolled through our neighborhood this spring, you saw a spectacular display of color. While some of the flowers are newly planted, many have naturalized and come back year after year. For those perennials, we owe a debt to many neighbors who were unselfishly thinking of those who would be following them.

Nile Norton, who lived with his wife Mary at 334 King William Street, would spend several weeks near Salina, Kansas, every year assisting his brother-in-law with his fall wheat harvest. When he returned to San Antonio, he would often bring back a bunch of purple iris bulbs which he would share with neighbors. The garden at 528 King William is a glorious testament to his generosity.

Paulette Batterson, who lived at 219 E. Guenther with her husband, Batt, was partial to poppies. Her front garden was ablaze with colorful poppies every spring. She distributed poppy seeds to neighbors so while she's been gone for many years,

her poppies continue to bloom every spring in several neighborhood gardens.

Roger Berry lived for many years at 151 Crofton with his wife Rubina. You can still see the results of his cross-pollinated day lilies, crinums and other plants which continue to bloom throughout the neighborhood every spring.

In the late 1990s, Mary Ann Ohlenbusch asked and was given permission from the city to rescue heritage antique rose bushes from the old Victoria Courts on Chavez Blvd. before demolition began. She planted them in the triangle park at the intersection of S. Presa, Labor and Eagleland. Mary Ann, along with Alan Cash, planted, or caused to be planted, over 500 shade trees along the streets of King William and Lavaca.

The generosity of these neighbors have created a legacy that will continue for many years to come. •

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU QUARANTINE, MAKE QUARANTINIS!

Anne Alexander

My Fair Day tradition includes lining up a couple of prime locations for Parade watching, then spending the rest of the day porch-hopping and socializing around the 'hood. This year after our safety-first parade (who was that masked neighbor?), and thanks to the mystery of the mighty Wi-Fi, we had a virtual Happy Hour using the wonder app Zoom. Imagine porch-hopping from the comfort of your sofa! No hat, no sunblock, no sunglasses --- no shoes. About 20 friends and neighbors logged in, the most people I've had in my house in months. First question: What are you drinking? (Me: Corona, seemed apropos.) Then we had mariachis! Las Damas de Jalisco logged in and played a couple of lively traditional songs. They were great! Next came discussing isolation coping strategies; suggestions of good books, movies, YouTube Videos, recipes, and take-out tips. A dominant topic was Gorditas, one of the most serious deficiencies of a virtual Fair. Some things you just can't Zoom.

Another may be planned to get together and play Lotería. Stay well and stay tuned! •



Photo on top features Anne Alexander with her ice cold Corona. Photo below features the Virtual Fiesta Style Neighborhood Happy Hour on April 25, 2020



OUT IN THE GARDEN

Alan Cash

This spring has been a little unusual as far as gardening goes. The weather can best be described as like a rollercoaster ride. One day would be very warm, even hot, and the next as cold as February. We have had stretches of cloudy days with maybe one sunny day in between. There were only a few rainy days in April though it is supposed to be our wettest month.

The following are some gardening tips I hope will be useful. They may have been said before but it is good to be reminded once in awhile. Good things do not go out of style!

- Evergreen shrubs can still be trimmed if needed.
- Many flowering perennials that normally freeze back in Winter and resprout in Spring are still large plants with flowers. These include Shrimp, Plumbago, Mexican Honeysuckle, and Mexican Petunias. As pretty as they may be it can be hard to do. Cut them back to about 6 inches from the ground. Otherwise they will get larger and unsightly as we enter summer.
- Container grown plants such as shrubs and perennials can be planted anytime throughout the year. They will just need a little more care to get started as it gets hotter.
- If periwinkles were planted before early April, they may not be looking too good. This is because the soil had not warmed enough and they may have suffered some root damage. They may perk up but consider replacing them.
- Gardening is an on-going learning experience. If you see an interesting plant you may want to add to your garden, go to dirtdoctor.com/library and click on the plant's name for pictures and complete growing information.
- Outside the door to the King William Association office at 122 Madison St., is a FREE list of drought tolerant plants for our area and names of some local nurseries you are encouraged to support. They promote organic gardening and usually have a good supply of quality plants. •

MAY IS NATIONAL BICYCLE MONTH!

Bicycle riding gives us an opportunity for exercise that includes a breath of fresh air, mental clarity and provides social interaction from afar. In case you need inspiration to get you started, we've created a list of 5 reasons why we LOVE to ride.

#5. RIDING A BICYCLE IMPROVES YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM.

A recent [study conducted by Aging Cell](#) followed 125 long-distance cyclists, some in their 80s, and found they had the immune system of 20-year-olds. Now would be a great time to challenge yourself to ride the entire Mission Reach, just don't overdo it.

#4. RIDING A BICYCLE PROVIDES VITAMIN D.

Speaking of immune systems, vitamin D is an essential nutrient to the health and function of your immune system. Deficiency in vitamin D can increase your susceptibility to infection. We recommend a 30 minute spin at noon, when the sun is at its highest point, and its UVB rays are most intense. That means you need less time in the sun to make a sufficient dose vitamin D. *AAD recommends choosing a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30.*

#3. RIDING A BICYCLE HELPS OUR NEIGHBORS ENJOY MORE SPACE.

"With social distancing requirements, when you opt to ride instead of use transit you will open up space on buses for others who don't have that option."

**Credit Bike Portland*

#2. RIDING A BICYCLE BRINGS BALANCE TO YOUR LIFE.

"Cycling promotes new thought patterns that promote feelings of calm and wellbeing." **Mens Line Australia*

#1. RIDING A BICYCLE GETS YOU OUTSIDE!

The [University of Derby's evaluation* of a 30 Days Wild challenge in 2017](#), revealed people's perception of beauty in the natural world is a key ingredient to unlocking the benefits of wellbeing and happiness experienced by participants in the challenge.

**Credit BBC •*



Irene Stallbaun ready for her daily bicycle ride with her nanny, Yvette Hernandez.



Irene Stallbaun and her nanny, Yvette Hernandez, heading out to pick up their vegan lunch at Tapatio Vegan Tacos

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Annice Hill

Do you need a family-friendly recipe? Here is one from my youth. When I was in middle school, we lived in Wolfforth, TX. My dad was the new preacher in a small church there, but since he already had four children with another one on the way, he also taught school, drove a school bus, and stomped cotton. He was also notorious for bringing home lots of people for dinner. My mother never knew how many she would be serving besides the six of us! She got this recipe from her friend, Helen, and it became a staple. She could always add more pasta to make it go further.

Here is a great recipe that will feed a crowd. If you have a smaller household, like me, you can always freeze part of it for future meals.

This is like no Chicken Spaghetti I have ever had in South Texas. It is easy, quick, and all of the ingredients are pantry staples with a few fresh ingredients – all available at our



Annice Hill presenting Helen's Chicken Spaghetti

neighborhood SoFlo Market!

I'll be sharing family recipes, sophisticated dinner party recipes, and many of my favorites with you monthly. Bon Appetit! •

WINE PAIRING FOR HELEN'S CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

Susan Greenholdt

So, the first thing to mention about Annice's chicken spaghetti dish is that the ingredients and cooking preparation make it EXTREMELY versatile for wine pairing. What I would like to mention first is all the varietals and styles I think this rich and satisfying baked concoction can be paired.

Whites: Chardonnay, Viognier, White Bordeaux, Riesling

Reds: Gamay, Pinot Noir, Nero d'Avola, Pinotage

So in listing all the possibilities, is that a cop-out? You will be happy to know that I narrowed it down to one red as follows!

2016 Brouilly Domaines Hospice de Belleville

I wanted to choose a wine that is readily available in the neighborhood. This Brouil-

ly is available at H-E-B for \$15.98 (such a deal!). This is a wine in partnership with Joseph Drouhin so when you go to the H-E-B to pick it out, the label has in a beautiful big font "JOSEPH DROHIN." Keep reading the label and in much lesser fanfare you will read "Brouilly Domaines Hospices de Belleville." Very magnanimous of the Hospices.

This wine is mostly Gamay grape (they added a little white juice as well) and is a Cru de Beaujolais from Brouilly. It is a medium-bodied wine with soft tannins; cherry and black currant on the nose. It has a balanced acidity that will play nicely with the richness of the dish. There is this distinct peppery finish to the wine that will also go well with the spices and bell peppers.

Enjoy!

Helen's Chicken Spaghetti

- 2 or 3 quarts chicken broth, homemade or store-bought
- 3 to 4 cups of cooked chicken meat, cubed or shredded (canned, rotisserie, or cook your own)
- 20 ounces of vermicelli (or spaghetti or fettuccini but break up before cooking)
- 3 green bell peppers, chopped
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 3 or 4 stalks celery, chopped
- One 13.4 ounce can of mushroom stems and pieces
- Three cans condensed tomato soup
- One 4-ounce jar diced pimentos, drained
- Two 2¼-ounce cans sliced ripe olives, drained (or green if you don't like ripe olives)
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1-teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-teaspoon salt
- ½-teaspoon pepper
- Eight ounces grated cheddar cheese (more if using more than one baking dish)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cook vermicelli in chicken broth according to package directions and drain, reserving some of the chicken broth. Cook the onions, bell peppers, and celery in a skillet with the reserved chicken broth until tender and drain. Combine all ingredients except cheese and mix well.

Pour into a greased baking dish (or dishes) and cover with foil. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese, bake for another 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

If you are freezing this first, freeze before cooking and don't top with cheese until you are ready to cook.



[Josh Glenn getting ready for his performance at the first Virtual Concert Series presented by the King William Cultural Arts District on Sunday, May 3, 2020.](#)

PLEASE HOLD

Nora Peterson

Cue the Muzak. The Cultural Arts Committee (CAC) is on hold, along with so many others in San Antonio and around the world. We were sad to have to cancel Dr. Deb Mueller's presentation "Antarctica – Land of Ice and Inspiration." However, we will reschedule it as soon as we are given the green light to gather in groups again.

Our committee is excited about the planning we did early this year and will get events posted when we have new dates for them. Coming up, we will have another presentation by Dr. Harry Shafer – "12,000 Years of Climate and Culture Change in Texas Prehistory."

One Art Exhibit will feature MOSAIC Student Artist Program Alumni. Another will celebrate

Butterfly Pollinator Month in October. We hope to schedule a presentation in conjunction with the exhibit. If A Day in Southtown event goes ahead as planned on October 10, we want to feature a butterfly, caterpillar and moth art workshop for children.

Of course, we will host our Concert in the Park series as soon as possible. Ethel Pedraza and her committee have great selections including Damas de Jalisco, The Texases, Volcan and a classical music group.

Keep an eye on the CAC column in future KWA Newsletters for updates. As you shelter-in-place, consider other programs and exhibits you would like to see and let us know. And in the meantime, Be Well. •

BLUE STAR CONTEMPORARY'S ONLINE WORLD

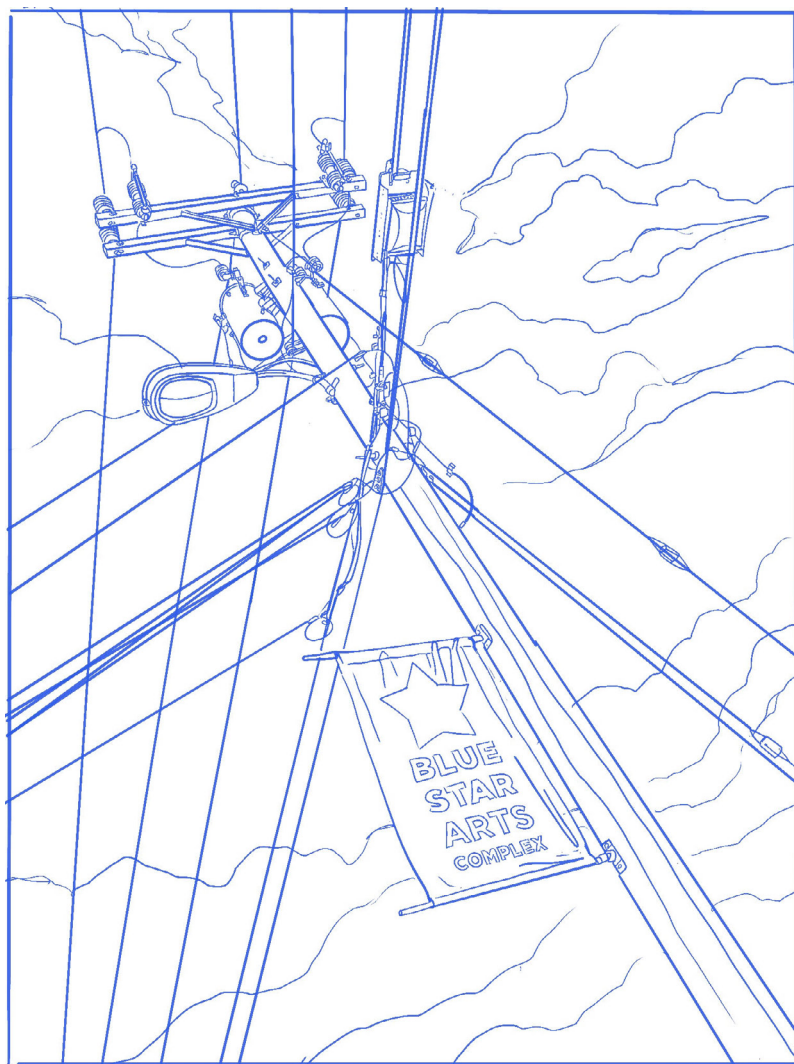
Daniela Oliver de Portillo

Seems like it was ages ago we were gathering for Blue Star Contemporary's (BSC) first ever Novel Ideas Art Book Fair and the opening of our spring exhibitions. Fast forward to today and we are all living an alternate reality to which we are adapting and finding new ways to support each other. With school closures and restrictions prohibiting public gatherings, BSC's creative and resourceful staff banded together—from home, of course—to bring its mission and programming from its physical space to the online world. You'll be impressed with all the online content put together by BSC for our community, including a Blue Star Contemporary Coloring Book created by our MOSAIC Artist-in-Residence Alex Rubio; art-making lesson plans; Artist's Digest video interviews with artists; virtual exhibition walkthroughs on Instagram; Storytime with artist Raul Gonzalez; an online artist resource center

with grants and shelter in place resources; and more.

We are all facing an uncertain future, which is why we were incredibly grateful to have received a \$25,000 grant from San Antonio's COVID-19 Response Fund. The community-driven fund is jointly managed by the San Antonio Area Foundation and the United Way of San Antonio. The fund is comprised of nearly 30 caring businesses, donor advised funds, philanthropic foundations, and government entities. Thanks to this significant gift, BSC will be able to focus our attention on delivering our educational mission to the community through our digital outlets.

San Antonio area nonprofits have been hard hit by the current public health crisis. Please consider supporting Blue Star Contemporary and our peers during this challenging time. Thank you! •



Blue Star Contemporary Coloring Book created by our MOSAIC Artist-in-Residence Alex Rubio

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• **Be active to remain healthy.** Exercise at your own pace and take time to enjoy the beauty of nature in your own back yard. Gardeners in the King William neighborhood can tap knowledgeable cultivators, such as Mr. Alan Cash.

• **Seek help if needed.** Taking care of mental health is crucial. Don't be afraid to seek others who can help you work through stress and anxieties. This is a team effort, and we're in it together.

• It's important to know that you can get tested if you feel ill, or think you were exposed to COVID-19. For general questions, call the COVID-19 hotline 210-207-5779.

Together we can get through this and emerge as a stronger and more resilient nation, state, and community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the essential workers in healthcare, public safety, and food distribution, putting their lives on the line everyday for our community and families!

You may contact us at 210-733-6604 or District26.menendez@senate.texas.gov.

Yours in service,

José Menéndez
State Senator, District 26

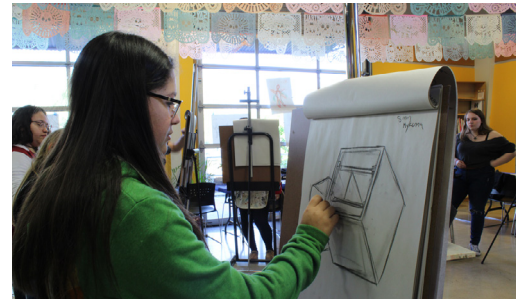
¡SAY Sí!

Jon Hinojosa, SAY Sí Artistic & Executive Director & SAY Sí Staff

All of us at SAY Sí want to say hello and see how you're doing. While these times are certainly unprecedented, we take comfort in knowing that we're in this together - and we know how strong our SAY Sí community is.

On our end, things have been looking different at 1518 South Alamo. Led by our commitment to students and staff, on March 18th SAY Sí halted programming for the first time in our 26-year history. With our operations on pause, the youth we serve are without their source of support. Like many organizations, we have also had to furlough a majority of staff. A handful of us are working remotely, with our main priority now to ensure that when this is all over, we can continue to employ our staff, maintain healthy operations and serve our community.

As we take this pause, we have been envisioning the future while reflecting on our beginnings. The King William community plays a large role in our history and who we are today. In 1994, SAY Sí began as a program under the King William Neighborhood Association. Since then, with the continued support of the KWA, we have grown from serving 12 students from Brackenridge High School to more than 200 youth from 70 schools across San Antonio and an additional 3,500 youth through



SAY Sí students drawing at the 1518 S Alamo SAY Sí Campus

our outreach program Artists Building Communities. In 2021, SAY Sí will make our biggest move yet - to the heart of San Antonio's westside. With this move will come greater capacity for more students, more programs and stronger supports for our creative San Antonio youth and families. Thank you for being with us for every step of this incredible journey.

We've compiled a list of resources for our students and their families at saysi.org and invite you to share as well. We hope these will bring a little inspiration and creativity into your home.

We can't wait to welcome you back through our doors as soon as we can. Until then, we hope that you stay safe and inspired.

We are posting community updates on our website and social media platforms. You can also contact us via email at info@saysi.org.

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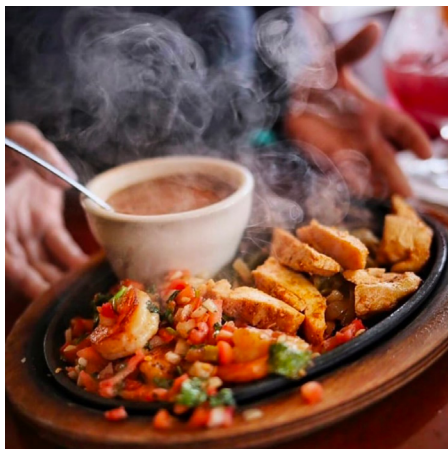
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GOOD WILL DINING

Wm. Charles

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will soon be UN-quarantined! How much of our social lives has been changed (and some things likely forever)? Might even need to change the title of this article to “Good Will Dine-In.”

It is amazing how we take for granted, even the little things like table service dining in a restaurant or happy hour at your favorite bar. It has been a tradition that, after the work week is over, a Friday night “out for dinner” is a given. Don’t get me wrong, a lot of great restaurants have stepped up during

this strange time to offer curbside service and we say “Thank You!” However, there are certain food favorites that just cannot have “to-go” in their name. For instance, sizzling fajitas from La Fonda. By far, I have not found a better sample of our cultural tradition – true smoking sizzling beef from the kitchen joined by caramelized onions and peppers. NOTE: these fajitas are very much a great leftover offering for a house-made quesadilla!

The world will be right again – and when we can, say “thank you” to all servers, delivery drivers, chefs, cooks and bartenders – and as always, tip them well.

Be Safe, wash your hands – then eat, drink and live! •

FAIR NEWS

INSIDERS VIEW OF THE FAIR: PLANNING CYCLE ON PAUSE

Syeira Budd

There’s no doubt that this is a wildly different King William Fair update to be writing for our May newsletter! In any other year, we’d use this space to publish a post-Fair thank you to all of our stakeholders. However, with the realities of COVID-19 affecting our community in a number of unprecedented ways these last couple of months, the Fair planning process came to a grinding halt a mere six weeks out from what would’ve been our 53rd Annual King William Fair.

On Friday the 13th of March – I’m trying not to read too much into that superstitious date! – the Fiesta San Antonio Commission announced that Fiesta 2020 has been postponed to November 5-15, 2020, with the King William Fair rescheduled for November 14, 2020. While

we feel fortunate to have this new date to look forward to, we are acutely aware that more changes could very well happen before then. Our most reliable and prudent strategy is to remain nimble and thoughtful as we navigate the effects that this global COVID-19 situation will have on the event industry.

As soon as we found out about the postponement, the Fair team reached out to all of our stakeholders (vendors, volunteers, entertainers, service providers, Parade participants, sponsors, etc.) to make sure they’d be willing to help us pull off the Fair in November. I’m glad to report that most everyone answered with a resounding yes, so all the players are in place even though our planning process has been put on pause for the next few months.

If you’re wondering what the Fair team is up to now that Fair Day is more than seven months away, the answer is not a whole lot as our work hours have been drastically reduced until it’s time to pick back up where we left off. We hope to resume our planning timeline by early August when we’ll shift back into high gear to simultaneously prepare for two Fairs – one in November 2020 and another one just five months afterwards in April 2021. In the meantime, I’ll take a break from writing these newsletter updates unless there’s anything new to report.

Wishing you all much peace and good health during these uncertain times and looking forward to celebrating with you soon. Viva Fiesta! •



Regina Moya presenting her design for the 2020 King William Fair Fiesta Medal

GIVE BACK WITH A FIESTA MEDAL

Alicia Spence-Schlesinger

Fiesta® San Antonio celebrates Texas’ fight for independence by hosting massive parties over the span of 10 days. These parties are so grand the guests forget they are supporting local nonprofits. Over the years, the Fiesta Commission has grown to include 100 plus local nonprofit partners who use the Fiesta platform to raise their yearly funds.

With the King William Fair proceeds, the King William Association has donated close to \$800,000 in grants and scholarships since 2001. In addition, the proceeds are given back to our community

with a sidewalk replacement program, public park improvements, Cultural Arts District workshops, graffiti abatement, tree planting program, walking tour brochures and historic property research.

With the city’s fight to preserve our health, the Fiesta fundraisers have halted, but you can continue to help. Treat yourself by slowly creating the grandest, noisiest Fiesta sash for Fall Fiesta 2020. Each purchase of a medal from the online Fiesta Store at shop.fiesta-sa.org allows the nonprofits to continue their efforts to support their cause. •



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