The Health Issue

In Memory of Two King William Residents, Members & Pillars

Dr. Deborah Mueller 1966-2023

As I sat contemplating how to respond to the request that I write something for the King William newsletter about Deb Mueller’s death, the room gradually darkened and chilled a bit as a cloud passed in front of the sun, obscuring that great source of warmth and light...and in the next instant a large motor that was providing power for some nearby activity ceased generating. I realized this is what our neighborhood feels like without Deb Mueller’s presence. A source of light and warmth and energy is significantly absent.

Deb passed away from cancer on February 10, 2023 at the age of 56. She leaves a legacy of service to humanity as a brilliant trauma and critical care surgeon, role model for women, revered scientist and world explorer, but we in King William know and love her as Deb...John Doski’s wife, mother to their beautiful daughters Sarah and Julia and daughter

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Richard Garza 1938-2023

Long time neighbor and friend, Richard Garza, died on February 1, 2023 at the age of 84. Richard and his wife, Irene, who survives him, were married over 64 years. Richard was six years old in 1944 when his parents purchased the house at 226 City Street and moved there from the city’s west side. As a boy Richard was a “newsie,” delivering papers in and around his neighborhood. As a result, he had many memories of the area before it changed in later years. He graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1957 and married Irene in late 1958. Like his father who repaired hydraulic systems at Kelly Air Force Base, Richard also worked at Kelly, retiring after 36 years.

Richard and Irene became founding members of the King William Association after it was formed in 1967. Over the years they purchased various properties in the neighborhood, and in 1976, bought their home at 216 West Johnson where Richard lived for the rest of his life. Draw-

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At the February 15 Board Meeting, Fair Director John Costello gave progress updates for the 2023 Fair. Sponsorships and advance sales are progressing nicely. Paid volunteer opportunities are available for local companies and nonprofits if interested. Executive Director Lisa Lynde updated the Board on employee benefits. The Finance Committee did not meet this month. President Shawn Campbell spoke on the various committees for the new year. Committee members from the Architectural Advisory Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, Membership Committee, and Nominating Committee all reported active and engaged work in support of the KWA. A new ad hoc committee regarding at-risk trees in the neighborhood has been created. More to follow! The next General Membership Meeting will be at the SARA Headquarters at 100 E. Guenther in their new conference room at 6:30 p.m. on March 1. Hope to see our neighbors there.

Tina Garza, Board Secretary
Join us for our March General Membership Meeting! This is an opportunity to meet neighbors and get updates on what is happening in KW. You may park in the SARA parking lot and enter at 100 E. Guenther, or if you walk up the river there will be someone to let you in on the river side.

I’m Shannon Stephens, one of the new KWA Board members. I’m excited to be part of the dynamic group working to keep King William King William-y. Rather than details about me, I decided to share what I love most about this neighborhood and what I hope to support in my time on the Board.

The people. Everyone in KW is different in so many wonderful ways, and the people who live down here embrace the differences. If I don’t see someone who’s made a particularly bold wardrobe choice, walking around with a cat in a backpack, or roller skating in a tutu, every single day, I feel a little sad.

The vibe. This neighborhood is bursting with things to do and see - the party that’s First Friday, the quiet of the river, funky shops and hip galleries. It’s never, ever boring.

The architecture. The history of the neighborhood is writ large on every street. From the homes of the wealthy German settlers to the working-class boarding houses, there’s a micro-cosm of early San Antonio in just a few blocks.

The Fair. We started coming to the KW Fair when we were in college, and I absolutely love that I live right in the middle of it now.

The food. Come on. I love noisy bars and quiet restaurants, and KW has them all.

Beethoven. This place gets its own line because it’s the greatest gathering of characters in town. Everyone is nice. The beer is cold. The music is good. Strangers are welcome. What’s not to love?

I hope my time on the Board allows me to learn more about the neighborhood and my neighbors. I already like you just because you choose to live down here. If there’s anything I can do for you, don’t hesitate to ask. And if I haven’t met you yet, I can’t wait!
of Mildred Mueller. Deb is family. We grieve the loss of this beautiful and wonderful neighbor and friend.

John and Deb moved into their home at 309 King William in 1999 and eventually expanded to bring Mildred’s home on Washington St. into their family enclave. Their family has enjoyed actively fostering neighborhood activities from Easter egg hunts, to Halloween hospitality, to the King William Fair extravaganza. In spite of their demanding professional lives as surgeons, and their active involvement in family life, both Deb and John have applied their brilliance and dedication to excellence as leaders in the King William Association. As President of KWA 2012-2013, intrepid warrior Deb took on the herculean task of updating the KWA Bylaws. The achievement, which seemed big on the local level, pales in comparison to her accomplishments world-wide as a humanitarian, an advocate for women, a scientist and a pioneer in the field of medicine. To know more about Deb and her desire to make our world a better place, you may read her story in her own words at https://sapeopleproject.org/dr-deborah-mueller-trauma-surgery/.

Dr. Deborah Mueller, Air Force Colonel, will be missed deeply on many levels according to what she has meant to each who knew her. For me, I miss my dear neighbor.

A light has gone out in King William.

Margaret Leeds
Houses hold memories, but so do yards—a mother’s iris, a grandmother’s amaryllis remain like calling cards, thriving in beds, or accidental, forgotten spots, slicing up through dead leaves and bare dirt, their green sword blades fanning out, clear foliage, tough and resilient.

Bulb plants reproduce when daughter bulbs grow off of the mother bulb, forming a new plant. Gardeners can dig up the plants and break the smaller bulbs off to plant in a new area, giving the original parent bulb space. Since bulb plants are asexual, they are clones, which means many of these bulb plants were here before us.

Jessie Simpson has lived in King William since 1985. “I have added bulbs over the years as I found them—a lot of them came from Mary Anne Ohlenbusch (243 Madison) who was a great ‘plant wrangler.’ Lots of old fashioned amaryllis in the front beds—drought and heat tolerant, they multiply rapidly. A little alum with white blooms that spreads slowly. Snow drops from my mother’s garden that multiplied at first but have slowed over the years. I have added several kinds of crinums, also drought and heat tolerant—no care needed. Little ‘Bright-Eye’ that have totally naturalized and spread about the yard. Probably the loves of my life are the irises and flags. I have ones collected from the neighborhood—334 King William and 528 King William (this one originally came from Roz Cogburn’s mother’s garden) and cemeteries around San Antonio.”

Roselyn Cogburn’s garden includes an iris “given to me years ago by Nile Norton who, with his wife Mary Joy, owned for many years the cottage…cater-corner from Villa Finale. Nile was retired military and kind of a grouch, but his blue iris put on a Van Gogh show. When I stopped one day to compliment, Nile told me the originals came from his family’s Kansas wheat farm—and isn’t that a beautiful picture? Golden wheat and blue iris! At season’s end, and without a word (ever), Nile brought me two big grocery bags full of iris….every spring when I see that beautiful blue, I remember Nile.”
KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ SIGN ME UP OR RENEW MY DUES TO BE A KWA MEMBER IN 2023

Dues for 2023 were payable by January 15 in order to receive complimentary King William Fair admission and be included in the printed directory. We nominate voting members in good standing to serve on the Board of Directors and nominating committee. A voting member must be current with annual dues 30 calendar days prior to any vote. The membership year runs January 1 to December 31. Dues may be paid any time but will not be prorated. The King William Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).

VOTING MEMBERS: Select a category:
☐ Individual ($30/1 vote) ☐ Business/Organization ($50/1 vote)
☐ Patron ($75) ☐ Family ($40/2 votes)
☐ Benefactor ($250) ☐ Lifetime ($1,000)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Select a category:
☐ Individual (Free) ☐ Family (Free) ☐ Business/Organization (Free)

INDIVIDUAL NAME(S):_______________________________________________
(For voting business members, list the designated person and alternate who may cast a vote.)

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE ON THE...
☐ Architectural Advisory ☐ Board ☐ Cultural Arts ☐ Home Tour ☐ King William Fair
☐ Newsletter Committee ☐ Other:_______________________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please fill out the KWA membership form above and mail to the KWA office. You may also drop your KWA membership form in the mail slot in the door facing Madison (not the parking lot entrance). You may also email us at info@ourkwa.org, or you may become a KWA member online by going to https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join.

Shawn Campbell
KWA Board President

Renew your membership today or join King William Association for the first time! The membership year begins in January, but it is never too late to renew or join.

The more numerous and diverse our members the more powerful our voice in the effort to advance the KWA mission of preserving and protecting our historic residential environment. We encourage you to become involved in the work of KWA and to participate in KWA sponsored events that offer an opportunity to strengthen a sense of belonging by building relationships with neighbors. Your membership offers other benefits in the form of discounts on KWA merchandise and at businesses in the area.

Equally important, your membership helps support KWA programs, including the King William Fair!

Joining for the first time or renewing your membership is quick, easy and secure online by visiting our website at www.ourkwa.org.
FAVOR DE ACTIVAR O RENOVAR MI MEMBRESÍA DE KWA PARA EL 2023

Para recibir la entrada gratuita a King William Fair y ser incluido en el guía impreso, favor de pagar la cuota antes del 15 de enero del 2023. Solamente, se nominan miembros activos para servir en la Mesa Directiva y el comité de nominaciones. Para poder votar, el mismo debe estar al día con las cuotas anuales 30 días corridos antes de cada votación. La membresía es efectiva del 1 de enero al 31 de diciembre. La cuota se puede pagar en cualquier momento, pero no se prorrateará. La Asociación King William es una organización sin fines de lucro 501(c)(3).

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Por favor llene el formulario y envíelo por correo a la oficina de KWA. También puede depositarlo en la ranura de la puerta que da a Madison (no en la entrada del estacionamiento). También puede enviarla por correo electrónico a info@ourkwa.org, o puede activar su membresía en línea en https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join.
Spring is just around the corner. Jump start the garden's spring growth by applying an organic fertilizer to lawns, and around shrubs and trees if it has been more than two months since the last application.

Also apply a top dressing of one-to-two inches of compost into flower beds. Make a note to do it again in the fall.

This is a time when nurseries will be getting new plants. Replace plants that froze over the winter or have just out-lived their welcome. Select easy to grow annuals such as zinnias, begonias, impatiens and periwinkles. They will provide color in the garden for several months. Freezing weather in early March is possible. So buy plants while supplies are available and selection good, but hold off planting until the danger of cold weather is past.

Shrubs bought in containers can still be planted. Evergreen shrubs that make good hedges or that can be used as stand-alone specimens are eleagnus, xylosma, and green or variegated pitosporium. All can grow to be large but can be maintained at any height.

Spring is a time to take walks through the neighborhood, armed with pad, pen, and camera. It is a good way to discover new plants to add to your own garden. And maybe even to meet kindred spirits who also enjoy "playing in the dirt."

Garden Note

Your landscape is your canvas, your picture to paint.
KWA NEWSLETTER

KWA 2023 GRANT SIDEWALK PROGRAM

The King William Association is dedicated to making our neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place for pedestrians. For almost 20 years, we have been investing in improving the area’s sidewalks, one bit at a time. In 2015, we were able to leverage our sidewalk program with a city program to add an entire sidewalk to the north side of Eageland Drive, across from Brackenridge High School.

We encourage residents to participate in the city’s "Sidewalk Cost Sharing Program." Because the KWA is in a non-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) area, the city will pay for 50% of the cost to replace sidewalks. Typically, the city will install ADA compliant corners without cost to the homeowner. At this time, the city's program addresses repair and not installation where sidewalks did not previously exist. KWA will pay $25 per linear foot to help King William residents repair their sidewalks, regardless of participation in the city’s program.

The King William Association is here to help residents navigate this process! For questions, please contact KWA Board Member Brad Shaw at sa_brad@me.com.

For more detailed information on the city’s sidewalk rebate program and information to get started, visit https://www.sanantonio.gov/PublicWorks/Projects/Sidewalk-Rebate-Program#188562027-program-overview.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS!

SHOW YOUR KWA MEMBERSHIP CARD AND GET REWARDED!

Being a member of the oldest historic district in Texas has its rewards! When you become a member of the King William Association you are awarded with an official King William Membership Card to use at various businesses to receive discounts! Members will soon receive their 2023 Membership Card to use at the locations listed below. Thanks to our members for helping the King William Association preserve the historic nature of the King William neighborhood and thanks to our Business Sponsors who reward our members for their support!

Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum: $10 off BSC’s Friends & Family Annual Membership

Caliente Hot Glass: 10% off gallery pieces

Energy X Fitness: 10% off all products & services

Halcyon Coffee, Bar, Lounge: 10% off total purchase

Iron Clad Metal Roofing: Deductible discounts available

MBS Fitness, Yoga, & Pilates: 10% off membership

Pharm Table: 10% off total purchase (excluding Happy Hour)

San Antonio BCycle: 20% off total purchase

San Antonio’s Gourmet Olive Oils: 10% off total purchase

SANA Wellness & Health: 10% off total purchase

Sexology Institute and Boutique: 10% off total purchase

Small Planet eBikes: 10% off Bicycle Tune Up

South Alamide Panini & Gelato Company: 15% off total purchase

Stella Public House: 10% off total purchase

Sweat Equity Infrared Saunas: 10% off total purchase

The Guenther House River Mill Store: 15% off total purchase
Daniela Oliver de Portillo

Did you know a visit to the Contemporary at Blue Star can improve your health? Taking a break from your daily routine to visit a museum or gallery can help decrease your stress by improving your mood and increasing relaxation. You can also boost your mental health by inviting a friend or relative to tag along, a perfect plan to tackle social isolation and loneliness. You can even exercise to improve your physical health by adding a nice power walk to and from the Contemporary along the King William neighborhood.

Last month we debuted JooYoung Choi’s Songs of Resilience from the Tapestry of Faith. Through painting, video, sculpture, animation, music and installation art, multidisciplinary world builder JooYoung Choi documents the interconnecting narratives of a highly-structured, expansive, fictional land she has created and titled the Cosmic Womb.

Juan de Dios Mora and Zeke Peña’s two-person exhibition explore themes of belonging and community through vivid and fantastic imagery. Zeke Peña and Juan de Dios Mora have cultivated distinct, graphic styles to build worlds which expand time and space to address immigration and human rights, influenced by science fiction and satirical and cartooning traditions.

Artist Hiromi Stringer revisits her ongoing project Umeyama Reports, which chronicles the travels and observations of Shoei Umeyama, Stringer’s fictional character. Umeyama is a Japanese man from the mid-1800s using time-teleportation to visit today’s modern world.

The People’s Homes project, a project of artists Emily Fitzgerald and Molly Sherman, is a collaborative effort that celebrates the lives and experiences of longtime aging residents, while also examining expanded ideas of home. The project aims to bridge the often-indistinguishable line between the personal and political, using creative practices to humanize, visualize, and reflect on the complex issues of gentrification, aging, and isolation.

So, come see us this month and give your health a boost with our thought provoking and engaging exhibitions!

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Mitch Webb and the Swindles

Sunday, March 26
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Opportunity Home’s Beautify San Antonio Park
801 S. Main Ave.

The King William Association’s Cultural Arts Committee presents Mitch Webb and the Swindles as they perform a Concert in the Park on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Opportunity Home’s Beautify San Antonio Park, 801 S. Main Ave.

The concert is FREE and open to the public of all ages. Arrive early and bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic if you would like and revel in the music in the park. We hope to see you there!

“We are a small band out of San Antonio filled with great musicians. We have recorded six CDs and charted highly in many Americana and Roots reviews. We have managed to carve our own niche in the Americana music scene by embracing the rich musical heritage of San Antonio’s conjunto and rock ‘n’ roll history. This band sounds like San Antonio, a mixture of cultures and generations colliding and embracing each other.”

– Mitch Webb and the Swindles
CULTURAL ARTS PRESENTATION

“Mary Maverick and Her Accounts of 19th Century San Antonio & Texas”

Presentation by Amy M. Porter, Ph.D.

Thursday, March 9, 2023

7 p.m.
The Mennonite Church
1443 S. St. Mary’s St

Come and Celebrate Women’s History Month at a Presentation by Dr. Amy Porter, Professor of History at Texas A&M University – San Antonio.

Mary Maverick spent much of her adult life in San Antonio and other parts of Texas. She kept diaries of her experiences and later compiled them into her memoirs, which are important sources for historians. She also played a role in historic preservation through her participation in organizations such as the San Antonio Historical Society. This presentation will examine the life of Mary Maverick, her writings, and women’s experiences with important events in Texas history that have often been told through the eyes of men.

Dr. Amy M. Porter is a Professor of History at Texas A&M University-San Antonio where she teaches classes on early America and Texas. She received her Ph.D. in History from Southern Methodist University. Dr. Porter’s research focuses on women in the Spanish borderlands, and her 2015 book is entitled Their Lives, Their Wills: Women in the Borderlands, 1750-1846. She also published a chapter on the Tejana rancher María del Carmen Calvillo in the 2019 book Texas Women and Ranching: On the Range, at the Rodeo, and in Their Communities, edited by Deborah M. Liles and Cecilia Gutierrez Venable.

The presentation is FREE and open to the public of all ages. Invite your neighbors and friends. We hope you will join us at the Mennonite Church!

CULTURAL ARTS INVITES YOU

March 9
Women’s History Month: Dr. Amy M. Porter, Professor of History at Texas A&M University-S. A. where she teaches classes on early America and Texas, will talk about ”Mary Maverick and Her Accounts of 19th Century S.A. & Texas” - 7 p.m. at The Mennonite Church, 1443 S. St. Mary’s St.

April 6
Author Paul Allen will discuss his biography of Jack Kent, local cartoonist, and prolific author-illustrator of 40 children’s books

June 8
Opening of Art Exhibit featuring artist Terry Ybanez

September 14
Opening of Art Exhibit featuring artist Doerte Weber

Events courtesy of the Cultural Arts Committee. • FREE and open to the public of all ages.

Save the Dates!

March 26
Concert in the Park featuring Mitch Webb & the Swindles

April 16
Concert in the Park featuring Agarita Chamber Players

May 21
Concert in the Park featuring Mariachi Damas de Jalisco

September 17
Concert in the Park featuring Dirty River Jazz Band

October 22
Concert in the Park featuring Youth Orchestra of S.A.

November 12
Concert in the Park TBA

KWA NEWSLETTER 11
The King William Fair is Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Admission**

Advance General Admission is $20 for ages 12 and up, and children 11 and under enter FREE. Buy early, the General Admission price will increase from $20 to $25 on Fair Day.

Advance General Admission can be purchased online ONLY at https://www.kwfair.org/p/admission. Fairgoers must bring their online purchase confirmation to the event as Admission wristbands will not be used this year. No exchanges or refunds, and the event is rain or shine. Day of the Fair General Admission can also be purchased at an Admission Gate for $25.

**Blast Pass**

BlastPass is a cashless wristband used to purchase food and beverages as well as Kid’s Kingdom attractions at the Fair. Credits are stored on your wristband, and 1 credit = $1.

**ADVANCE:** You can order your wristband in advance in 25, 50, or 100 credit amounts on the King William Fair website at https://www.kwfair.org/p/admission.

**DAY OF FAIR:** BlastPass wristbands can be purchased with any credit amount on the day of the Fair at any of our seven BlastPass booths located in the Fair Zone.

**LOAD CREDITS:** Credits can be loaded and re-loaded at any of the seven BlastPass booths or by creating an account through the new Customer Portal, which will launch soon!

**KWA Members**

Voting Members: In early April, you will receive a letter in the mail about the 2023 King William Fair regarding your Admission into the Fair and parking if you live within the Fair Zone. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for an envelope from the King William Association coming soon!

Stay tuned for the next King William Association newsletter, the Fiesta Fair edition – with all the latest news and information related to the Fair!

Show your Fiesta spirit and purchase your KWF medal at the KWA Office or online at https://www.kwfair.org/p/other. $10