



Sloping walls kept balls in motion
 The sloping walls kept the ball in motion, preventing it from rolling away. This was a key feature of the game, allowing players to keep the ball in play for longer periods of time.

Lift the heavy rubber ball
 Be careful! It weighs about eight pounds.

Imagine using this ball to play a game like soccer or volleyball. Now, imagine not using your hands or feet to move it, but only bouncing it off your hip.

Levanta la pesada pelota de caucho
 Ten cuidado: pesa alrededor de ocho libras.

Imagínate usando esta pelota para jugar fútbol o voleibol. Y ahora imagina que no usas tus manos o los pies para moverla, sino que solamente la haces rebotar desde tus caderas.

Hernán Cortés was introduced to the ball game that he called *hombre* with central Mexican ballplayers who performed at the court of King Charles V in 1519.



Hernán Cortés could be introduced to a game of pelota by using a ball to communicate with his men. He was a skilled player and a great leader.

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From the President...



Dear Members,

Welcome to the Month of Mays! You have received this newsletter in the month of May, but actually, the celebration of the Mays Family Center will continue for the entire summer, with the opening of *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* in the Mays Family Center. We were thrilled to celebrate the opening of the Mays Family Center in April, with the entire Mays family, at both the opening Gala and the 5th Annual Texas Trailblazers Luncheon when we honored Peggy and Lowry Mays as Trailblazers of the Year. The enormity of the Mays family gift is still humbling to those of us who are now using this glorious building.

Because of the Mays Family Center, we could host both the largest Gala and Luncheon in the Witte Museum's history. As we had hoped, the Mays Family Center will serve as the financial underpinning of the growing museum, but more important, it will provide a place for the largest exhibitions in the world to be displayed on behalf of all Texans and visitors to San Antonio. *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* is such an exhibit, with the Center already offering much needed space for growing educational and special events.

The Mays Center is even more beautiful and gracious along the riverside than we had imagined. The gardens are still being planted and the art is still being installed, so please do plan to come to see the building alone...and while you are at the Witte Museum, see the greatest exhibition ever created on the Maya.

What we learned from Trailblazer Keynote Speaker Dr. David Stuart, world renowned as the Mayan codebreaker, is that we are on the cusp of learning the story of the Maya because we now comprehend their written language. Dr. Stuart reminded us about periods of great discovery when the Egyptian hieroglyphics were deciphered and how much was revealed about the people, and also hidden cities of Romans and Greeks. And now we are finding hidden cities and narratives of the Maya for the first time. This is the age of Mayan discoveries, of history in addition to archaeology, as the Witte's Mind of Maya scholars will share with you in their specially designed presentations and exhibition tours. We have developed a special pull-out section on *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* in this newsletter, with the dates and times for all the Mind of Maya programs, special demonstrations, tours, events, and culinary experiences.

I hope to see you soon in the middle of a Mayan city, creating your Mayan name, or hearing a Mayan scholar or curator revealing a new discovery.

Please plan to spend the entire day at the Witte: *Maya* in the morning, *Mapping Texas* in the afternoon, and if you have not yet experienced the Witte's *Splendor on the Range: American Indians and the Horse*, leave plenty of time for that exhibition as well.

As we now say every day, don't miss Maya!

Sincerely,

Marise McDermott
President & CEO



MISSION STATEMENT

The Witte Museum promotes lifelong learning through innovative exhibitions, programs and collections in natural history, science and South Texas heritage.

Mays Family Center Ribbon Cutting

San Antonio's newest, premier exhibition and event venue is here!

The Mays Family provided \$5 million for the Mays Family Center and asked the Witte to identify matching donors, which the Museum accomplished with generous and enthusiastic supporters.



Lowry and Peggy Mays



Southwest High School Mariachi Band performs for the large crowd



Kathy Mays Johnson discusses her excitement at the opening of the Mays Family Center



Judge Nelson Wolff addresses the crowd

Photos courtesy of Overstreet Photography

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MAYS FAMILY CENTER

Connecting the urban landscape of Broadway, with the historic, natural landscape of the San Antonio River, the Mays Family Center is a place that reveals the beauty of the land, sky and water.

The building is a center for unprecedented exhibitions, with a 10,000 square-foot museum-quality interior space for special events, with outside porch space on the uppermost bend of the San Antonio River, graced by giant Cypress, Oak and Pecan trees.

The Mays Family Center represents a critical phase of the \$100 million, 174,000 square foot reshaping and re-visioning of the 10-acre campus of the Witte Museum. It will serve as a multi-purpose exhibition and special events center in San Antonio for generations to come, whether it be as a legacy-defining gathering place for educational events and social galas or as a destination for the world's best traveling exhibitions.

**Thank you to our amazing donors!
The Mays Family Center is San Antonio's
new cultural landmark because of you!**



**Kathy Mays Johnson, Peggy Mays, Mayor Ivy Taylor,
Randall Mays, Lowry Mays, Bill Johnson**

Photo courtesy of Overstreet Photography



Naylor Family DINOSAUR GALLERY

By Thomas L. Adams, Ph.D., Curator of Paleontology and Health

Several new exhibits designed for the Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery will feature original art work by fantastic artist Karen Carr. In one such exhibit, the new Ethan Walsh Deep Ocean exhibit, Karen's work will transport the visitor into the depths of the ancient seas that covered much of Texas 90 million years ago. Visitors to the gallery will see the skeleton of the marine predator *Tylosaurus kansasensis* as it pursues prehistoric fish and sea turtles, while in Karen's background mural the squid-like ammonites and other ocean inhabitants swim to escape. The exhibit will be one of a variety of new displays that will depict distinctive scenes from the Mesozoic past of Texas.



McLean Family TEXAS WILD GALLERY

Acquiring New Taxidermy for Texas Wild

By Helen Holdsworth, Curator of Texas Wild

The Witte Museum has an impressive collection of Texas wildlife specimens. Many date back to the Witte's beginning in 1923, when Ellen Schultz Quillin raised funds to purchase the H.P. Attwater natural history collection.

As the new Texas Wild dioramas take shape, we are working with various taxidermists and donors to add to the collection. This will provide Witte visitors with exposure to species they may have never seen in the wild!

The goal is to provide a snapshot of various Texas eco-regions. It is impossible to include examples of every mammal, bird, and fish species in Texas, as there are more than 1,245 documented to date. Our recent donations include a 7 ½ foot long alligator harvested at the King Ranch and two badgers.



The Kittie West Nelson Ferguson PEOPLE OF THE PECOS GALLERY

By Harry Shafer, Ph.D., Curator of Archaeology

We are all excited to witness The Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery coming together! The fabricating companies are working diligently on specific components of the gallery. Witte President and CEO Marise McDermott along with Vice President of Exhibitions Randall Webster, Director of Creative Design and Brand Joseph Reyes, and Curator of Archaeology Dr. Harry Shafer, accompanied Donna Lawrence Productions on a recent filming trip to the Lower Pecos. Guided by Greg Williams of the Rock Art Foundation, they collected stunning footage for the People of the Pecos Gallery orientation film and captured the landscape, specifically Halo Shelter, which is one of the more outstanding rock art sites in the region. Dixon Studios of Tucson, Arizona, is recreating the Lower Pecos environment for the People of the Pecos exhibit, and EIS Studio in New York is creating the eight mannequins for three dioramas – a gathering scene, a hunting scene, and a rock shelter household setting. Dr. Carolyn Boyd and the Shumla School in Comstock, Texas, are providing images and content for the rock art sites which will project in a life-size replica of a rock shelter. Dr. Boyd is coordinating the projection details with Gallagher and Associates of New York and will be featured in videos in the Gallery’s Rock Art Lab. Needless to say, the content team, guided by Randall Webster and Jennifer Barron, are very busy coordinating all of this ongoing activity. It is indeed an exciting time at the Witte Museum.



Marise McDermott, President and CEO, views the spectacular landscape at Eagle Nest Canyon.



Curator of Archaeology Dr. Harry Shafer, Marise McDermott, President and CEO, and Randall Webster, Vice President of Exhibitions, inspect the rock art at Halo Shelter.

Splendor on the Range: on the Range:

American Indians and the Horse

Presented by

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***Splendor on the Range:
American Indians and the Horse***
March 5 - August 21, 2016

Splendor on the Range examines the changes among the American Indians who adapted the use of the horse after the Spanish brought the animal to North America in the 1500's. The exhibition not only looks at the plains tribes, but also the tribes of the Southwest both before and after the arrival of the horse. It features a stunning collection of artifacts, many of which have not been exhibited in 20 years or more.

The Witte Museum is proud to have PlainsCapital Bank as the Presenting Sponsor of the exhibition, *Splendor on the Range: American Indians and the Horse*. PlainsCapital Bank, which adheres to the tenets of strength, stability, pride and momentum to help define its community profile, is a generous partner of the Witte Museum; without the Bank's forward-looking support, Witte audiences would not have access to important exhibitions such as *Splendor on the Range*. We know everyone who has seen the exhibition joins us in thanking PlainsCapital Bank for its visionary support.

The South Texas Heritage Initiative at the Witte Museum is generously supported by Richard and Mary West Traylor, The Brown Foundation, Inc., Patrick Burns, and the William Knox Holt Foundation.

Splendor on the Range: American Indians and the Horse is presented by PlainsCapital Bank and generously supported by the City of San Antonio Department for Culture and Creative Development.

Call 210.357.1900 for more information.



MAPPING TEXAS:

From Frontier to the Lone Star State

**Mapping Texas:
From Frontier to the Lone Star State
Now through September 5, 2016
Russell Hill Rogers Texas Art Gallery
Included with museum admission**

More than 40 rare maps from the collections of the Texas General Land Office, the Witte Museum and Frank and Carol Holcomb of Houston, are displayed in this exhibition. Many of these maps are on public view for the first time.

The maps, dating from the sixteenth through the nineteenth centuries, document the birth of Texas, the evolution of the physical and political boundaries of the state and chronicle the rise of the Alamo and San Antonio Missions. *Mapping Texas* also includes artifacts and original documents relating to the creation of select maps.

Mapping Texas: From Frontier to the Lone Star State is presented in collaboration with the Texas General Land Office, and is generously supported by the City of San Antonio Department for Culture & Creative Development.

National Geographic Presents Earth Explorers September 24, 2016 – January 22, 2017 Kathleen and Curtis Gunn Gallery

Mark your calendars for *Earth Explorers*, a world renowned, interactive exhibition with six immersive environments: Base Camp, North/South Pole, Oceans, Rain Forests, Mountains and Caves, and Savannahs. Follow six, National Geographic scientists on their adventures through Earth's diverse eco-zones and discover what it takes to survive and study in some of the planet's most extreme conditions. Through augmented reality and hands-on interactives, you will be surrounded by the plants and animals in each ecosystem and experience the life of a scientist or an explorer discovering the wonders of Earth.

Mark Your Calendars!

Members Opening Weekend
Saturday, September 24-Sunday, September 25
Members enjoy FREE admission to the exhibition on opening weekend!

Saturday, September 24
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Hands-on, family-friendly activities for members only!
Call 210.357.1863 for more information.





The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio™ Demonstration Kitchen Presents:

Healthy Holiday Kitchen Demonstrations
1:00 pm and 2:00 pm

Sample tasty and healthy alternatives to your favorite holiday treats in the Children’s Hospital of San Antonio™ Demonstration Kitchen!
Free with museum admission.

Join us on the following Saturdays to sample fresh, seasonal recipes:

- May 21 – Summer Bites
- June 18 – Savor the Summer
- July 4 – Fourth of July Flavors
- August 20 – Summer Spread



Super Chefs 2:00 p.m.

Become a star chef in the Children’s Hospital of San Antonio™ Demonstration Kitchen!
Create easy, yummy, healthy recipes to enjoy with your family, and show off your new culinary skills as you and your team create and plate your own delicious creations.
Free with museum admission.

Join us and become a Super Chef on the following dates:

- May 7 – Strong Smoothie
- June 4 – Great Wrap
- August 6 – Fierce Fruit Salad
- September 3 – Mighty Mango Salsa



Witte Museum leadership is thrilled to announce the H-E-B Body Adventure has been recognized as the winner of the Inaugural Texas Association of Museums Media Innovation and Excellence Award!

This award compliments the Museum’s exclusive invitation from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) to present the H-E-B Body Adventure to its Annual Meeting. Witte Trustee and H-E-B Vice President Kate Rogers will be among those traveling to Washington D.C., along with Witte President and CEO Marise McDermott, Witte Curator Dr. Bryan Bayles and San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Assistant Director Dr. Anil Mangla, to reveal the innovation and community impact of the highly successful H-E-B Body Adventure in a discussion entitled “Do the Impossible: Transforming with Civic Engagement and Data.”

These awards and acknowledgments on a state and national stage underscore the Witte Museum’s top tier status. The Witte Museum extends a special thank you to its Trustees and to the incredible members for your leadership in sustaining excellence.

Witte Curator to present at Physicians Culinary Medicine Conference



The Witte Museum’s Curator of Anthropology and Health, Dr. Bryan Bayles has been invited to participate in the opening session for the Physicians Culinary Medicine Conference sponsored by the Goldsbury Foundation in joint partnership with the Children’s Hospital of San Antonio.

Dr. Bayles will share powerful local data from the H-E-B Body Adventure POWERpass system, developed in partnership with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, during the opening discussion entitled “The Challenge We Face” led by co-presenters Mark Gilger, MD and Julie La Barba, MD. The conference will be held on Friday, May 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Pearl Stable.



ROBERT J. AND HELEN G. KLEBERG
SOUTH TEXAS HERITAGE CENTER

The Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Series

Connect with curators, scholars and fellow community members through enriching presentations that complement the exhibitions and allow you to deepen your knowledge of history, science and South Texas Heritage.

Mapping Texas: From Frontier to Lone Star State

July 17

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Maps orient and inform, but they also reveal the values, aesthetics, technology and imagination of the people who create them. Join Witte Museum South Texas Heritage Curator Bruce Shackelford, collector Frank Holcomb and Map Curator Mylynka Cardona, PhD. from the Texas General Land Office for a special presentation inspired by the exhibition *Mapping Texas: From Frontier to Lone Star State*. Enjoy this stunning collection of rare maps, some never-before displayed, and follow the transformation of Texas from an unexplored frontier to the modern Lone Star State through the eyes of historical cartographers.

The Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Series is generously supported by the Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Lecture Series Fund.

Saturday Family Day

June 18, Noon-4 p.m.

Free with general admission

Time Travel Saturday Fandango

Party like it's 1835! Join us at the Witte to enjoy period dancing and live music with volunteers from the Bejar Historical Society and the San Antonio Contra Dancers. Interact with historians, try hands-on activities and experience a taste of what life was like in South Texas almost 200 years ago.

Saturdays are better at the Witte Museum! Families are invited to explore, inquire and create together during these fun-filled afternoons of discovery in STEAM science, natural history and South Texas heritage.



*Family Days are generously supported by the City of San Antonio Department for Culture and Creative Development.
STEAM Saturdays are generously supported by The Boeing Company.*



B. NAYLOR MORTON

RESEARCH AND COLLECTIONS CENTER

As the Witte expands during this once-in-a hundred-years transformation, so does the collection. For the first time in decades, the Museum has actively collected specimens for the Natural History Collection in support of the *McLean Family Texas Wild* exhibit. In addition to supporting the *Texas Wild* as part of the Witte Capital Campaign, the McLean family donated a pronghorn, a feral hog, a mule deer, a 12 point white-tailed deer, and two badgers for the exhibit. Chico Barrera has donated an alligator for the South Texas diorama. Helping the Witte showcase the variety of quail native to the state by donating a pair of Montezuma Quail are Ruthie and John Russell; Mike Kelleher donated a scaled quail and Mary West Traylor donated a bobcat chasing a blue quail. Dr. Dan McBride donated a white-tailed doe and Elayne Mills donated a barn owl.

The Archeological Collection has increased with two significant acquisitions. Richard McReynolds and Mike McReynolds have donated their extensive collection of material from the Lower Pecos Canyonlands. The collection is well documented making it a valuable resource for ongoing research and exhibition. In addition, William Calvert and Janie Evans have donated the Eagle Bluff Collection, an impressive assemblage from a site located on their property which was excavated by the Texas Archeological Society Field Schools. Part of the collection is currently on view in *Splendor on the Range: American Indians and the Horse*.

The Witte Museum Archives are growing as well. Patrick Burns donated the Kittie West Burns Family Archive. This extensive collection was featured in the book and recent exhibition, *The Wests of Texas: Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs*, by Bruce Shackelford. The Witte Museum will also become the official repository for the Fiesta San Antonio Commission's collection of Fiesta posters and original artwork, with new material donated annually. Sallie Thomas, Ann Maria Watson Pfeiffer and Mary West Traylor each donated collections relating to the Order of the Alamo coronation. Their contributions, along with the Witte's outstanding collection of Fiesta related material, cement the Witte Museum as the place to learn about San Antonio's unique tradition of Fiesta.

If you have an item that you are interested in donating to the collection, please contact Chief Curator Amy Fulkerson at AmyFulkerson@WitteMuseum.org or call 210.357.1868.



**COCKTAILS
& CULTURE**
THE WITTE UNCORKED

EVENTS

May 26 – Maya! *
June 22 – Texas Wild!
August 31 – Maya, pt. 2*
September 28 – Earth Explorers

*Special pricing of \$15 per person.
Includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed.
Please see pull-out for more information.

Experience the Witte Museum after hours in an evening event exclusively for adults (21 and older) which mixes cocktails, conversation and innovative museum culture. These special nights include complimentary beer or cocktails, with food available for purchase. Leave the kids at home and meet your friends or bring a date!

Admission: \$12 per person or two reservations for \$20
For more information or to purchase tickets visit
www.WitteMuseum.org or call 210.357.1910.

**SUNDAY
JAZZ** | **AT THE
WITTE**

May 8 – Angel Roman & Mambo Blue
June 12 – Glenn Rexach Trio
July 10 – Kirk Covington
August 14 – Mark Little and The Epic Trio
September 11 – Sarah Arenella
October 9 – Henry Brun and The Latin Playerz
November 13 – Regency Jazz Band

Sunday Jazz at the Witte is presented in partnership with Trinity University's KRTU Jazz 91.7.

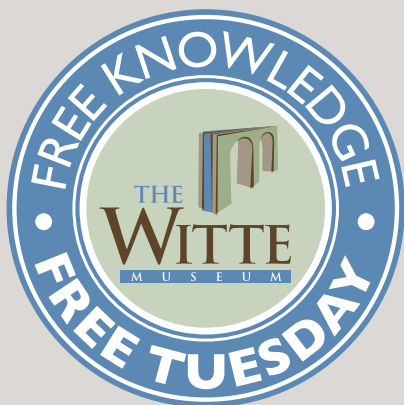


Blankets and lawn chairs welcome. In case of rain, we'll move indoors to the Prassel Auditorium. Museum galleries close at 5 p.m.

Sunday Jazz at the Witte is included with museum general admission. Admission is free for Witte and KRTU members. Schedule is subject to change.

Sunday Jazz at the Witte returns for its 12th Season! Join us on the Second Sundays of the month and enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to jazz under the pecan trees of the Will Smith Amphitheater. Food and beverages are available for purchase from Picante Grill.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



**#FreeKnowledge
#FreeTuesday Family Fun**

We have expanded Free Tuesdays with enhanced educational opportunities!

Join us every Tuesday from 3:00-8:00 p.m. for different activities for the whole family!

Visit the Witte's Facebook page for more information about each Tuesday's schedule. Join the fun on social media with #FreeKnowledge #FreeTuesday

Free Tuesdays are generously supported by Bolner's Fiesta Products, Inc., BBVA Compass Bank, Macy's, NFA Wealth Management and Time Warner Cable Connect a Million Minds.



H-E-B Read Aloud

3:00-5:00 p.m.

May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16
Join San Antonio Youth Literacy for a Read 3
Read Aloud and receive a FREE children's book!

The Witte Museum 5th Annual Texas Trailblazers Luncheon

The 5th Annual Witte Museum Texas Trailblazers Luncheon welcomed a record turnout on April 12, 2016 at the first daytime event held in the Mays Family Center. Peggy and Lowry Mays were honored as this year's Texas Trailblazers by the Witte, in partnership with the Will Smith Foundation and *Texas Monthly*, for their incomparable vision and leadership in imagining the potential for - and completing their dream of - the Mays Family Center for exhibitions and special events.



Dr. David Stuart gives the keynote address

The annual luncheon honors Texas Trailblazers for their continued focus on improving natural history and education for all Texans. The 5th Annual Trailblazers Luncheon raised more than \$175,000, a Trailblazers Luncheon record amount. The co-chairs of the 2016 Texas Trailblazers Luncheon were Tracee and JJ Feik, and Jill and Mark Metcalfe. In preparation for the opening of *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* this May, Dr. David Stuart of the University of Texas at Austin gave the keynote address. Dr. Stuart's world-renowned breakthroughs in decoding Mayan hieroglyphs continue to transform our understanding of Mesoamerican history and culture. He revealed groundbreaking work in archeology and linguistics, and shared tantalizing evidence of ongoing work on the Maya throughout Central America.

This record-breaking luncheon was in large part made possible by Spirit of South Texas presenting sponsor, the **Will Smith Foundation**; speaker sponsor, the **Tobin Endowment**; scholarship sponsor, **Valero Energy Foundation**; and program sponsor, **Steves and Sons, Inc.**



Marise McDermott and Mark Metcalfe

Explorer Tables

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Randall Mays, Mark Mays, Lowry Mays, Kathy Mays Johnson, Linda Mays McCaul, Peggy Mays accept the Trailblazers Award

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The Witte Museum is a unique and picturesque backdrop for your special day or company soiree.

The new Mays Family Center embraces the San Antonio River and wraps around historic cypress trees to create a stunning natural canvas for your important event! The floor to ceiling windows and classic architecture are a beautiful backdrop your guests will be talking about for years to come.

For a limited time, reserve an Event Rental and receive a special discounted group rate to *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*.

Your private event will have a VIP culinary adventure with custom and authentic Maya Menus designed by Rosemary's Catering.

For more information please call the Event Rentals Department at 210.357.1866 or visit us online at www.WitteMuseum.org.



MAYS FAMILY CENTER



Photos courtesy of Ricardo Martinez

Reserve your next Meeting, Wedding or Gala in the New Mays Family Center at the Witte Museum



Witte Museum Birthday Parties!

From to Mini Chefs to Explorers, there is something for every child. The Witte is excited to launch new themed Birthday Party Packages this summer.

WITTE BIRTHDAY PARTY SPECTACULAR

Daytime Parties (starts at \$ 210 for Members/\$ 285 for Non-Members)
Come celebrate your child's Birthday Party at the Witte Museum and let their imagination soar!

H-E-B BODY ADVENTURE:

Mini CHEFS AFTER-HOURS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Exclusive After-Hours Party Package (starts at \$ 500)

With a dash of laughter and a sprinkle of fun we are cooking up a recipe for a yummy good time! Children will take their celebration to the next level when they tie back their hair and roll up their sleeves!

Mini EXPLORER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Daytime and After-Hour Parties available May 14, 2016 until January 22, 2017 (starts at \$ 500)

Dig up some fun and explore our **NEW** birthday party packages at the Witte Museum! Introducing Mini Explorer Birthday Parties in conjunction with *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed* (opening May 14) and *National Geographic Presents: Earth Explorers* (opening September 24). Grab your compass and binoculars and take a journey to uncover hidden treasures!

NEW

TexRex, the resident Tyrannosaurus rex of the Witte Museum, is now available for birthday parties! Add him to any birthday party package for a roaring adventure!



Make your child's birthday a celebration to remember!

Visit www.WitteMuseum.org for a full list of rates and guidelines or call 210.357.1866 to book your party.

MEMBERSHIP

Wednesday, July 27, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join the Witte for
THE

4TH ANNUAL WITTE

UNLOCKED

A Members-Only Exclusive Event

Next up, New Witte! You helped us celebrate the opening of the Mays Family Center in May. Now, join us to learn more about your museum's transformation during President and CEO Marise McDermott's "State of the Witte" address. Explore different stations and programs with exclusive access to Witte curators and collections. Your membership is building something amazing!

**Your membership matters.
Celebrate the New Witte with us;
we couldn't do it without YOU!**

RSVP to 210.357.1930 or
Membership@WitteMuseum.org
by Monday, July 25th.





Soar with Us

In March, members of the Quillin Society enjoyed a VIP reception for *Splendor on the Range: American Indians and the Horse* in March. Quillins were thrilled to tour through the largest American Indian exhibition ever assembled from the Witte Museum Collection. In addition to the delicious food and cocktails generously provided by Absolutely Delicious, guests were treated to a gallery theater piece called "Tasura: A Comanche Remembers," a moving and historically-based performance about how Comanches lived.

Next up, the Quillin Society has an event-packed spring. Mark your calendar for the May 12 VIP Opening of the inaugural Mays Family Center exhibition, *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*. Featuring special Maya inspired cuisine and entertainment, this event will celebrate the new Center.

The reception is designed for a dynamic group of committed patrons who have a passion for the history and ecology of South Texas. Quillin Society membership provides critical annual support for the education, research, and public programs of the Museum.

For more information on the Quillin Society or to set up your membership, please contact Alexandra Barrett Bynum, Annual Fund Officer, at 210.357.1922 or at AlexandraBynum@WitteMuseum.org.



Join the Witte Society!

Save the date for Barbacoa, Bottles, and Beer, this year's take on the Witte Society's annual BBB event, but with a Maya-inspired twist! Come as you are for a fun-filled outdoor party that's great for couples and kids alike. Friday, June 17 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.!

The Witte Society is also excited to announce the availability of new Corporate Memberships are available in addition to the traditional individual membership plans. These new memberships enable companies to involve their employees in the Witte Museum and to network with young professionals in the community.

The Witte Society has a variety of social events scheduled four times a year. Become a member and join us for cocktail parties, family picnics, networking breakfasts and more! Members receive all the benefits of being a Witte Museum member, such as free admission to the Museum and discounts on children's birthday parties and Witte Museum Camp, as well as discounted reservations to the Witte Game Dinner

For more information and to sign up for a corporate membership, please contact Alexandra Barrett Bynum, Annual Fund Officer, at 210.357.1922 or at AlexandraBynum@WitteMuseum.org.

Thank You New Witte Donors!

Thank you to our amazing donors! The Mays Family Center of exhibitions and special events is San Antonio's new cultural landmark because of you. As the first step in the New Witte Phase of the campus expansion, Witte leaders thank the following friends of the museum who have generously contributed to the success of the Mays Family Center:

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The Feik Family Foundation
Feik Family Orientation Pavilion

The Tex Elliott Family
Tex Elliott South Texas Heritage Center
Entry Court

The John H. White Family and
Circle Bar Foundation
Dela W. White Broadway View Gallery

The Zachry Corporation and
The Zachry Foundation
Zachry Family Acequia Garden

Kathleen and Curtis Gunn
Gunn Drive

Barbara and George Williams
Installation of the Spring Scene Mural by Porfirio Salinas,
in honor of their 50th anniversary

Susan Toomey Frost
Mosaic Mural



The success of the Capital Campaign is directly related to the passion and commitment of the Witte Museum Board of Trustees. Each has made a sacrificial commitment to the capital campaign in a rousing show of support for the campus plan.

Top Row, L-R

David Dunham, Jesse Travis, Mark Metcalfe, Betty Feldman, Dirk Elmendorf, John Edwards

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Bottom Row, L-R

Deborah Gray Marino, Peggy Walker, Jack Judson, Mary Arno, Mary West Traylor, Elizabeth West, Susan Moulton



(Not Pictured)

Michael Bolner, Kate Rogers
Sonya Medina Williams, Heather Chandler
Bryan Grundhoefer, Esteban Lopez
Mary Margaret McAllen, Lynn Murphy
Ryan Pape, Richard Prior, Matt Proffitt
Manual Quinones, Jill Vassar

MAY

May 7, 2:00 p.m.
Super Chefs Kitchen Demonstrations
Strong Smoothie
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

May 8, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Jazz at the Witte
Angel Roman & Mambo Blue
 Will Smith Amphitheater
 Included with museum admission

May 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Quillin Society VIP Reception
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Mays Family Center
 For more information call 210.357.1922 or
 email AlexandraBynum@WitteMuseum.org

May 13, 2016
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
Members Sneak Preview Day
 Mays Family Center
 Free admission to exhibit before
 it opens to the public

May 14, 8:00 a.m.
5th Annual Boot Scoot and 5k Run
 Mays Family Center
 Register online at www.WitteMuseum.org
 Call 210.357.1860 for information

May 14 – September 5, 2016
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Mays Family Center
 \$8 members, \$10 non-members,
 plus general admission

May 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
H-E-B Read Aloud
 Witte Campus

May 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Mind of the Maya Series
Making Meaning
 \$16 members; \$10
 students; \$20 adults includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

May 21, 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Healthy Holiday Kitchen Demonstrations
Summer Bites
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

May 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Cocktails & Culture
Maya!
 \$15 per person, includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

AUGUST

August 6, 2:00 p.m.
Super Chefs Kitchen Demonstrations
Fierce Fruit Salad
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

August 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Salud! Culinary Nights: Maya Edition
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 \$45 members, \$50 non-members
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

August 13, Noon – 4:00 p.m.
STEAM Saturday
Amazing Skies
 Witte Campus
 Included with museum admission

August 14, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Jazz at the Witte
Mark Little and The Epic Trio
 Will Smith Amphitheater
 Included with museum admission

August 16, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
H-E-B Read Aloud
 Witte Campus

JUNE

June 4, 2:00 p.m.
Super Chefs Kitchen Demonstrations
Great Wrap
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

June 8
Salud! Culinary Nights: Maya Edition
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 \$45 members, \$50 non-members
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

June 12, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Jazz at the Witte
Glenn Rexach Trio
 Will Smith Amphitheater
 Included with museum admission

June 13 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Break Witte Museum Camp:
Summer with Maya
Ages 8-9
 \$230/members;
 \$280/non-members
 Extended Play till 5 p.m.
 \$100/ week; \$25/ day
 Call 210.357.1910 for information

June 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Mind of the Maya Series
Making a Living
 \$16 members; \$10
 students; \$20 adults includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

June 17, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Witte Society Annual BBQ Event
Barbacoa, Bottles, and Beer
 Witte Campus
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June 18, 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Healthy Holiday Kitchen Demonstrations
Savor the Summer
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

June 18, Noon – 4:00 p.m.
Time Travel Saturday
Fandango
 Witte Campus
 Included with museum admission

June 20-24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Break Witte Museum Camp:
Summer with Maya
Ages 10-11
 \$230/members;
 \$280/non-members
 Extended Play till 5 p.m.
 \$100/ week; \$25/ day
 Call 210.357.1910 for information

June 21, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
H-E-B Read Aloud
 Witte Campus

June 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Cocktails & Culture
Texas Wild!
 \$12 per person or two people for \$20
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

June 27-July 1, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Break Witte Museum Camp:
Summer with Maya
Ages 12-13
 \$230/members;
 \$280/non-members
 Extended Play till 5 p.m.
 \$100/ week; \$25/ day
 Call 210.357.1910 for information

August 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Mind of the Maya Series
Maya Today
 \$16 members; \$10
 students; \$20 adults includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

JULY

July 4, 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Healthy Holiday Kitchen Demonstrations
Fourth of July Flavors
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

July 10, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Jazz at the Witte
Kirk Covington
 Will Smith Amphitheater
 Included with museum admission

July 11-15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Break Witte Museum Camp:
Summer with Maya
Ages 8-9
 \$230/members;
 \$280/non-members
 Extended Play till 5 p.m.
 \$100/ week; \$25/ day
 Call 210.357.1910 for information

July 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Salud! Culinary Nights: Maya Edition
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 \$45 members, \$50 non-members
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

July 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Series
Mapping Texas: Frontier to the Lone Star State
 Suggested donation \$5 members and students
 \$10 adults
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

July 18-22, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Break Witte Museum Camp:
Summer with Maya
Ages 10-11
 \$230/members;
 \$280/non-members
 Extended Play till 5:00 p.m.
 \$100/ week; \$25/ day
 Call 210.357.1910 for information

July 19, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
H-E-B Read Aloud
 Witte Campus

July 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Mind of the Maya Series
Master Builders
 \$16 members; \$10
 students; \$20 adults includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations

July 25-29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Break Witte Museum Camp:
Summer with Maya
Ages 12-13
 \$230/members;
 \$280/non-members
 Extended Play till 5 p.m.
 \$100/ week; \$25/ day
 Call 210.357.1910 for information

July 27, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
4th Annual Witte Unlocked! A Members'
Exclusive Event
 Members enjoy FREE admission to exhibit
 Call 210.357.1930 for reservations

August 20, 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Healthy Holiday Kitchen Demonstrations
Summer Spread
 H-E-B Body Adventure
 Included with museum admission

August 31, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Cocktails & Culture
Maya Part 2!
 \$15 per person, includes admission to
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
 Call 210.357.1910 for reservations



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Make sure you are there! The Witte Game Dinner is the museum's largest annual fundraiser for operational support, and we expect to sell out of Boone & Crockett tables again!

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