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From the President...

Dear Members,

The time has finally arrived, Texas Deep Time, that is, in the New Witte. Exhibition, Curatorial and Program professionals from the Witte and from throughout the country are busy putting the finishing touches on dioramas, labs and media decks.

The Witte Team is training and prototyping, and preparing for your sneak peek during the last week of February. As members and donors, you have special times to take a look, give us feedback, and help "test drive" the New Witte.

Thank you all for your patience and enthusiasm during the last two years of construction. Most of all, thank you for your generosity during capital campaign request tours and lunches, requests for annual and special appeals (all of which came in over budget every time!) and sustaining the Witte during a tumultuous period of transformation.

We are anxious for you to experience the change!

Witness the Texas Deep Time themes of Land, Sky and Water, from the H-E-B Lantern through the Valero Great Hall and beyond. Experience millions of years in the Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery, thousands of years in the Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery and hundreds of years in the Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center. For contemporary encounters, wander through the sumptuous dioramas, both historic and new, in the McLean Family Texas Wild gallery and the H-E-B Body Adventure.

To remember your New Witte experience, please visit the Bolner Family Museum Store, with amazing new products inspired by new museum content. To have your children remember the Witte for the rest of their lives, consider enrolling them in the Witte Museum Camp this Spring Break (Dinosaurs!) and throughout the summer (Texas Wild, Whales, Dinosaurs and other adventures), for full time experiences every week.

I will be in the galleries, so come find me and let me know what you think about the New Witte. You may need more than a few days to explore, so take your time this month, this summer, and from here on. Welcome to your Witte Museum, where Nature, Science and Culture meet!

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.



Witte Members
Sneak Peek!

**Test Drive New Witte galleries
before they open to the public on March 4!**

*** Member Preview ***

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27 –

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*** Ribbon Cutting/Opening Day ***

Saturday, March 4, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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If it happened on Texas land, water, or sky, you can experience it at the New Witte.



This once-in-a-lifetime transformation of the Witte Museum is a culmination of two years of construction and more than 174,000 square feet of renovation and expansion.

Your adventure begins as soon as you arrive on the Witte Museum campus at the Adventure Walk filled with fossils and Texas native plants, which leads to the amazing Susan Naylor Center. As you enter the H-E-B Lantern, Quetzly, a life-size, fleshed-out Quetzalcoatlus will greet you as giant pterosaurs fly overhead. Enter the Valero Great Hall and explore the K.K. Amini and Gayle and Walter Embrey Texas Deep Time Walls for perspective about what Texas looked like millions, thousands and hundreds of years ago. These massive road cuts will highlight the geological history of the region, complemented by the Cabinets of Wonder where you can orient yourself with a touch screen map and view a variety of Witte artifacts and images. Sit down at the Gates Mineral Company Orientation Theater to discover how nature, science and culture meet at the Witte.

Marvel at full-size dinosaur skeletons, cast footprint fossils, and learn about the animals that once roamed this land in the new hands-on Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery. Learn how the land you love was inhabited by giant creatures that lived in Texas during the Cretaceous period more than 110 million years ago. At the Laura and Sam Dawson Encroaching Seas diorama, encounter the 39-foot-tall skeleton of a carnivorous Acrocanthosaurus and revel at the ferocity of a full-size Tyrannosaurus rex that lived in the river valleys of West Texas 70 million years ago in the Zachry Family Dry Land Diorama. Dive into the Michele and Ethan Walsh Deep Ocean Exhibit to experience South Texas covered by water. Look overhead to witness the skeleton of the largest pterosaur ever found, the Marty and Steve Hixon Quetzacoatlus. Expand your experience in the Dinosaur Lab where you can excavate dinosaur bones, compare jaws and teeth, and learn what ancient footprints can tell us about dinosaur behavior.

The beloved historic dioramas of the Witte will make a triumphant return in the McLean Family Texas Wild Gallery, where a state-of-the-art, high-tech space with immersive galleries will showcase the uniqueness of Texas. See the flora and fauna from all the varied regions of Texas, and listen to the voice of country music legend George Strait as he guides you through the expanded and enhanced Mary West and Richard Traylor Sounds of South Texas. Enter the SWBC Live Lab and the East Foundation Land Stewardship Lab to participate in hands-on activities, learn about the rich variety of environments in Texas and how you can do your part to help preserve and conserve our state's rich outdoors and natural resources.

Travel back thousands of years in the Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery and experience a unique look at a fascinating civilization. Walk upstairs through a life-size replica of the Barbara and George Williams Fate Bell Shelter. Enter a theater with a ceiling on which is projected a night sky that would have been visible 4,200 years ago. Learn about the prehistoric people in a gallery spanning much of the second floor of the New Witte with interactive shelter overhangs, which provided a way of life more thousands of years ago and an artistic record unmatched in North America. See realistic sculptures of ancient people and witness how they hunted, cooked and socialized. Think like an archaeologist as you try out ancient peoples' tools and technology, and explore the rock art of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands in the expansive Lifeways and Rock Art Labs.

Continue your adventure in six major gardens and riverside landscapes, including The Zachry Family Acequia Garden, Aqueduct Plaza, the Catto Garden and the Tex Elliott Family Courtyard. Explore the excavated 1719 Acequia Madre which carried water across what is now the Witte Museum campus down to the Presidio de Béxar and Mission San Antonio de Valero (which eventually became the Alamo).

Remember the Witte with unique treasures from the new Bolner Family Museum Store! Opening with the New Witte is an 1800 sq. ft. store with custom fixtures using reclaimed pecan trees. The Bolner Family Museum Store is filled with wonderful Witte branded items and a wide array of books, science kits, and jewelry along with a dazzling assortment of rocks, fossils and Texas made products.



EXPLORE TEXAS DEEP TIME







WHAT'S IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

with illustrations by Peter Dink
Illustrations: ALBERT, 1987, p. 17
and 1988, p. 17



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6th Annual Trailblazers Luncheon



April 11, 2017 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mays Family Center

The Witte's 6th Annual Trailblazers Luncheon will be held on April 11, just after the opening of the New Witte, and will highlight this exciting time in the museum's history. The event will honor Susan Naylor for her unparalleled support of the Witte Transformation. The Trailblazers luncheon brings together 600 business and community leaders and raises over \$100,000 for the museum.



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WHALES

Giants of the Deep

May 27 – September 4, 2017
Mays Family Center

Whales: Giants of the Deep dives into San Antonio this May in the Mays Family Center. Developed by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, *Whales* explores both the latest research about the marine animals, including their evolution and biology, as well as the important role they have played in human cultures. The exhibition uses an engaging blend of science, storytelling, and innovative interactive exhibits and gives visitors the opportunity to discover more about the world of whales and what lives in the oceans' depths.



Natural Beauty: Fiesta of Land, Water and Sky



Natural Beauty: Fiesta of Land, Water, and Sky celebrates the natural beauty of Texas at a time of great significance for the Witte Museum. Come see the first Fiesta exhibition in the New Witte. The exhibition celebrates the unique land, water and sky of Texas, which serve as a permanent theme at the Witte. From rolling prairies filled with wild flowers to starry skies that spark the imagination, Natural Beauty will spark the imagination with a stunning selection of the Witte's collection of Order of the Alamo coronation robes and gowns.

Members' Fiesta!
An Exclusive Member Event
Wednesday, April 19
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Kick off the Fiesta® season with your fellow Witte members at the annual Witte Members' Fiesta! Hobnob with Fiesta® royalty in real life and on display as you preview this year's exhibition Natural Beauty before it opens to the public on April 20th.

Musical entertainment and refreshments will put you in the mood to fiesta!



The 2017 Witte Fiesta® Pin and Medal will be available for purchase in the NEW Bohrer Family Museum Store.

Call 210.357.1863 or e-mail Membership@WitteMuseum.org for more information. *Natural Beauty: Fiesta of Land, Water, Sky* is generously supported by the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission, Inc.

WILD WEATHER

The following is a severe weather alert from the Witte Museum. Tornadoes, hurricanes, heat waves, thunderstorms and severe winter storms will be affecting both residents and visitors until September 4.

Wild Weather reveals how scientists are working to better forecast these events and help mitigate the impact on communities, infrastructure and lives. Enjoy extreme weather patterns from the safety of the exhibition hall and discover the effects of climate change around the globe and learn how you can weather the storm!



From dinos to cowboys and whales to wild weather, the possibilities for learning are limitless. Find your child's favorite camp and register today!

Spend your Spring Break and Summer at the Witte!

Cost

**\$330/week, \$65/day for members
\$380/week, \$75/day for non-members**

Schedule

NEW for 2017! 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

***Drop-off between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
and pick-up between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.**



SPRING BREAK

March 13-17

Planet Dinosaur Camp, ages 6-8

What did Earth look like millions of years ago when the dinosaurs roamed? What creatures were found right here in what is now Texas? In this camp, be among the first museum visitors to explore the brand new Dinosaur Gallery and Dinosaur Lab! Come discover while learning about the awesome animals that walked on the land, swam in the deep ocean, and flew in the open skies millions of years ago.

Creatures of the Cretaceous Camp, ages 9-12

Dinosaurs weren't the only animals living during the Cretaceous Period! In this camp, come face to face with the creatures of the land, water and sky that made their home millions of years ago in what is now known as Texas. Dinosaurs, mosasaurs, pterosaurs, crocodiles and more are waiting for you in the brand new Dinosaur Gallery and Dinosaur Lab!

SUMMER

June 5-9

Next-door Nature Camp, ages 6-8

You don't have to look far to find amazing discoveries in nature! Explore the world around you and learn just how important it is to care for our planet. In the Texas Wild Gallery and Live Lab, discover the many different habitats found in Texas and get up close and personal with the critters that make it their home. Expect to explore Brackenridge Park and discover what our San Antonio habitat can teach us about the natural world.

Wild about Texas Camp, ages 9-12

Get outside and into nature! Discover how the many different eco-regions of Texas make it one of the most amazing places for animals to survive and thrive. Explore the Texas Wild Gallery and Live Lab, get up close and personal with native Texas creatures and observe their features and behaviors. We will even venture away from the museum to use our observation skills in the "wild" Brackenridge Park. Get ready for a wild adventure!

June 12-16

Under the Sea Camp, ages 6-8

Reveal the mysteries of the deep in our summer exhibition, Whales: Giants of the Deep! Meet whales from all over the world and even the ones that existed millions of years ago, when this part of the planet was under water! Of course, no Under the Sea camp would be complete without some wet and wild water activities in River Alive! to help beat the summer heat.

Giants of the Deep Camp, ages 9-12

Whales have long captured the imaginations of people all over the world. Take your imagination into the depths of the ocean as we explore Whales: Giants of the Deep, our special summer exhibition! Discover the sights and sounds of the whales we know in the oceans today and find out what kinds of "giants" can be found in our very own Riverwalk!

June 19-23

Wrangler Camp, ages 6-8

What did it take to wrangle a horse and live off the land in 1800's South Texas? What sort of food did they eat on the Trail Drive? Learn this and so much more all week long while exploring the South Texas Heritage Center and the wild Witte Museum grounds.

Cowboy Camp, ages 9-12

Grab your Stetson and your favorite pair of boots and join us in the South Texas Heritage Center to become an authentic 1800's cowboy or vaquero! Learn how to care for your horse, eat like a Trail Driver and even dress like one!

June 26-30

Dino Explorers Camp, ages 6-8

Ever wonder how fossils end up in museums? Discover what it takes to be a paleontologist, starting with the most important skill you must already possess—

curiosity. This camp will give you the tools to explore that curiosity in the Dinosaur Gallery, Dinosaur Lab, and many other parts of the museum while they find out if you have what it takes to be a paleontologist in training.

Junior Paleontologist Camp, ages 9-12

What does it mean to work like a paleontologist? What discoveries, big and small, are paleontologists making that shape our understanding of the time of the dinosaurs? Explore the Dinosaur Gallery, observing the different habitats of prehistoric animals living in what is now called Texas over millions of years. Pick up the tools of a paleontologist and discover just how much work goes into making new discoveries and what those discoveries can teach us about the prehistoric world.

July 10-14

Live off the Land Camp, ages 6-8

Let the sun keep track of time during this camp at the Witte Museum! Living off the land isn't only important if you want to survive in the wilderness. When we choose fruit at a grocery store, we are living off the land. The water we drink is clean and plentiful if we care for the land, aquifers, rivers and lakes. Explore how the land is essential for our survival. Through hands-on activities, experience the work and rewards of caring for the land.

Secrets of Survival Camp, ages 9-12

How do you know if river water is safe to drink? If necessary, would you be able to build a shelter in order to sleep in the wild? Learn techniques and skills that generations of Texans had to master to survive in our sometimes harsh landscape. Get ready to learn how to track animals and identify edible plants! By exploring our Land Stewardship Lab, discover just how much of Texas is still wilderness and what it takes to conserve and care for the land.

July 17-21

Learn the Ropes Camp, ages 6-8

What happens behind closed doors at the Witte Museum? Go behind the scenes of our brand new building during Learn the Ropes Camp! Help care for the critters in the Live Lab, compile photos for your own museum archive and explore what the public never gets to see! Wrap up the week by presenting your very own exhibit created with Witte curators and educators!

Backstage Pass Camp, ages 9-12

What does it take to build and maintain a museum exhibit? What about taking care of the animals in the Live Lab? Get an all-access pass to see what it takes to be a member of the Witte Museum team! Together with Witte curators and educators, the week will end with presenting your very own exhibit museum-wide!

July 24-28

Dinolympics Camp, ages 6-8

Walk through time as dinosaurs! Discover the fastest, largest and smallest creatures of their time. Find out how pterosaurs flew, theropods ran and mosasaurs swam. What made these amazing animals so successful in their environments? Match up dinosaurs and other creatures to determine who gets the gold, while also learning how their bodies were meant to perform certain movements that make them the best of the best.

Tracking Dinosaurs Camp, ages 9-12

What can tracks teach us about the lives of dinosaurs? Believe it or not, these trace fossils help paleontologists discover the size, speed and even behavior of these prehistoric creatures. During this hands-on camp, get ready to be put into the "shoes" of dinosaurs while you determine how they moved and have the opportunity to reconstruct the behaviors of these fantastic animals.

July 31-Aug 4

Mini Meteorologist Camp, ages 6-8

Become a mini meteorologist and discover why and how the weather around us changes. Alongside our special exhibition Wild Weather, measure, record and report on the weather all week long and even create "snow" in the middle of San Antonio! Before you know it, your Mini Meteorologist will be on the 6 o'clock news!

Wild Weather Camp, ages 9-12

Dodge torrential downpours, trek through tornadoes and beat the summer heat during Wild Weather Camp! Get ready to explore our special exhibition Wild Weather to see how science and climate collide. As mighty meteorologists, we will track the week's weather and even create some of our own!

Book the entire Summer, get one camp free!

Register online at www.WitteMuseum.org or by calling at 210.357.1910.



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SAN ANTONIO

In 2018, San Antonio will celebrate its 300th anniversary. The Witte Museum will participate by organizing and hosting an immersive and multi-faceted exhibition that will reveal the legendary and complex history of San Antonio as the hub of the frontier under many flags over three centuries. The Witte has been given a generous grant from the San Antonio Area Foundation and the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation to create *300 Years of San Antonio History: Confluence and Culture*. This seminal exhibition will give visitors an opportunity to learn about the city's complex and diverse history.

300 Years of San Antonio History will begin with the relocation of Missions in 1718 to an area of springs and fresh water now called San Antonio. The exhibition is over 6,000 square feet and will move forward in time to the present. Artifacts, paintings and documents, as well as a specially produced film and interactive media, will place San Antonio in an international context, while celebrating what San Antonio has become. Other activities will be held at the Museum as well as throughout the City of San Antonio in this historic celebration.

Hosting the official Tricentennial exhibition will strengthen the Witte Museum's commitment to innovative exhibitions in history and culture informed by scholarship, community-wide dialogue, and the Witte's renowned, singularly important collection of historical artifacts. The Witte's San Antonio history and art collection comprises almost 100,000 artifacts from which curators will choose. The Museum is uniquely positioned to help visitors explore San Antonio's complex and intricate historical narrative. Among the iconic artifacts in the Witte collection are 19th century paintings; hundreds of multicultural, period textiles; the keys to the Alamo; David Crockett's fiddle; photographs and artifacts from the Tejano era; family artifacts from the 1910 Mexican Revolution era, which saw a massive relocation to San Antonio; and the Battle of Flowers Archives, among other highly important materials.

300 Years of San Antonio History: Confluence and Culture is presented by the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, and generously supported by Texas A&M University-San Antonio.



The Rock Art Foundation White Shaman Preserve of the Witte Museum

By Bryan Bayles,
Curator of Anthropology and Health

In January 2017, the Rock Art Foundation officially transferred its administration and activities into the capable hands of the Witte Museum. This momentous gift includes ownership and protection of one of the most significant archeological sites in North America: The White Shaman Preserve, located near the Seminole Canyon State Historical Park. For decades, the Rock Art Foundation has led the way in promoting stewardship, access and passion about the ancient people of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands. The Rock Art Foundation includes more than 900 members, two of whom, board members Gale and Connie Galloway, purchased and then donated to the Foundation the truly irreplaceable White Shaman paintings. The Witte Museum has a long and esteemed history of excavation and study in the Lower Pecos region of Texas since the 1930s and houses more than 20,000 artifacts from these ancient sites. With the opening of the New Witte, visitors have unparalleled opportunities to be transformed through personal experience with these artifacts and sites.

Among the New Witte's spectacular new features and labs is the Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery. This major, permanent exhibition features life-size, immersive dioramas such as the Patty and Robert Hayes Habitation Diorama and the Barbara and George Williams Fate Bell Shelter. The Nancy Smith Hurd Rock Art Lab, the Capital Group Companies Outdoor Lab and the Lifeways Lab, provide even more opportunities for schoolchildren and entire families to experience and investigate the lifeways and stories of the people who lived in one of the best-preserved and most significant archeological regions in the entire world. For thousands of years, these people left awe-inspiring art narratives in limestone rock shelters, as well as exquisite artifacts that attest to stunningly efficient ways

of hunting animals and gathering plants for food in what is now southwestern Texas.

To prepare for this major exhibition, Witte President and CEO Marise McDermott and Curator of Archeology Dr. Harry J. Shafer brought together 14 renowned scholars for a series of colloquia and a subsequent ground-breaking book, *Painters in Prehistory: Archeology and Art of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands* (Trinity University Press, 2013), available for purchase at the museum store. Lower Pecos paintings, exemplified by the White Shaman site, are considered the oldest illuminated manuscripts in the New World: they contain compelling narratives of the lifeways, beliefs and sacred cosmologies of the area's earliest inhabitants. While their precise interpretations continue to be studied, they are without doubt among the most superb rock art sites in the entire world. The Witte Museum is proud to offer access to the White Shaman Preserve, as well as numerous additional prehistoric and historic sites throughout the Lower Pecos region of West Texas. Witte Curator of Anthropology and Health, Dr. Bryan Bayles, works closely with current Rock Art Foundation leaders, members and guide teams to offer educational hiking tours. The Rock Art Foundation Tour Guide Team includes a dedicated guide staff of over 20 people, all of whom volunteer their time to the cause.

Witte Museum members will receive discounted tickets to all Rock Art Foundation guided tours. The New Witte galleries, together with the truly life-transforming tours of the White Shaman Preserve and other Lower Pecos Canyonlands rock art sites, foster an appreciation for these endangered artistic treasures, and serve to rally support for their preservation and further study. A full calendar and description of available tours is available on the Witte's website.

www.witemuseum.org/rockartfoundation



TEXAS ART

By Amy Fulkerson,
Chief Curator

The Witte Museum is pleased to announce that it is partnering with the Center for Texas Studies at Texas Christian University to present a comprehensive exhibition and catalog of Texas Art in 2018. Guest Curator, Dr. Ron Tyler, former Director of the Amon Carter Museum, assembled a group of scholars at the Witte Museum in early 2016 with the arduous task of compiling a list of the most important works by Texas artists from the colonial period through the present. Dr. Tyler is also overseeing the compilation of scholarly essays that will help define Texas Art for generations to come.

Since its founding 90 years ago, the Witte Museum has been dedicated to the exhibition and preservation of Texas Art for 90 years.

While there have been previous exhibitions such as *Painting in Texas: The Nineteenth Century* (1967), *Texas Painting and Sculpture: the 20th Century* (1971), and *Texas Images and Visions* (1983), it has been decades since any museum has tackled the true depth, breadth, and diversity of Texas Art as it spans the centuries.

Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming exhibition and catalog.

SUNDAY JAZZ | AT THE WITTE

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday Jazz is back for another exciting season at the Witte Museum. Join us for the 13th Season in the newly opened New Witte campus for 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.



April 9 – Jim Cullum Band
May 14 – Bett Butler & Joel Dilley
June 11 – Adrian Ruiz Quartet
September 10 – Latin Playerz
October 8 – Candy Declue
November 12 – Regency Jazz Band

Blankets and lawn chairs welcome. In case of rain, the concert moves indoors to the Prassel Auditorium. Museum galleries close at 5:00 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.



COCKTAILS & CULTURE

THE WITTE UNCORKED

Evenings will showcase unique experiences and include complimentary beer and cocktails with food available for purchase. Leave the kids at home and meet friends or bring a date!

February 22, 2017 – Lift Off!

Your mission starts on February 22, 2017 for a night of space exploration to space. Above and Beyond features interactive exhibits on aerospace innovation and the science behind flight. Become a virtual bird and learn how they fly through the sky or design and test-drive your own supersonic jet. Dr. Scott Bolton, Vice President of the Southwest Research Institute, will also talk about his experience as Principal Investigator for the NASA Juno Mission which is successfully orbiting Jupiter as we speak! Bring your best space-themed outfit and enjoy with a beer and cocktail under the Texas sky. #AboveANDBeyondSA

March 22, 2017 – The New Witte

You've waited two years for this now it's time for you to explore the NEW WITTE! Take a trip to Texas Deep Time and travel hundreds, thousands and millions of years into history. Enjoy a cocktail or a beer underneath the giant dinosaurs that once roamed Texas in the Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery. Learn how the ancient Texans lived and created rock shelters in the Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos exhibit and listen to the Sounds of South Texas in the much beloved McLean Family Texas Wild exhibit. Our curators have been hard at work now you get a chance to talk to them inside the galleries they designed. With several interactives, delicious food and drinks, you sure wouldn't want to miss this once in a lifetime experience! #NewWitte

May 31, 2017 – Whales and Tales

June 29, 2017 – Wild Weather

July 27, 2017 – Diggin' Up Dinosaurs

August 30, 2017 – Whales pt.2

September 27, 2017 – Cowboys and Campfires

Experience
the Witte Museum after hours,
in an evening exclusively for **adults**
(21 and older) that mixes cocktails,
conversation, and innovative
museum culture.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

This adventure is for guests 21 and over.

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From Dinosaur Bones to Footprints: Over 100 Years of Fossil Discoveries in Texas
Wednesday, April, 12
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Since the late 1800's, dinosaur and other fossil discoveries have been an essential part of Texas science and culture. Over 36 different species of dinosaur are known from Texas, with new ones being discovered every year. Join the Witte's Dr. Thomas Adams, Curator of Paleontology and Geology, as he discusses the history of paleontology and dinosaurs in Texas.

\$9 members, students and educators;

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Healthy Holidays

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 yummy snacks:
March 18 - Scrumptious St. Patrick's
April 15 - Spring Delights



Super Chefs

2:00 p.m.

Become a star chef in the Children's Hospital of San Antonio™ Demonstration Kitchen! Create easy, yummy, and healthy recipes to enjoy with your families. Free with Museum Admission.

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

April 1 - Powerful Pita

Show off your new culinary skills as you and your team create and plate your own delicious creations!

H-E-B Body Adventure operations are generously supported by H-E-B, University Health System, Christus Health Santa Rosa, and the Saint Susie Charitable Foundation.



H-E-B Read 3 Read Aloud

3:30-5:30 p.m.

April 18

Join San Antonio Youth Literacy for a Read 3 Read Aloud and receive a FREE children's book!

Witte Museum Celebrates 46th Annual Witte Game Dinner



On behalf of the Trustees and staff of the Witte Museum, thank you for your support of the 46th Annual Witte Game Dinner! The combination of table sales, sponsorships, auctions and ticket sales resulted in \$577,000 in gross revenue raised toward the essential operations of the Witte Museum. These funds not only support day to day operations of the Witte Museum, but more importantly they ensure no student is ever turned away for a field trip to the Witte. The Game Dinner welcomed 1,300 guests and had a new Presenting Sponsor this year for the first time in 14 years, Pioneer and C.H. Guenther and Son, Inc.

The 2016 Witte Game Dinner Honorees were Mollie and Bartell Zachry and Family. Nancy and Robert Hunt, along with Helen and Paul Rohlf, Jr., served as the 2016 Game Dinner Co-Chairs. KSAT-12 News Anchor, Myra Arthur emceed the event. The night featured a delicious array of wild game cuisine by the RK Group, auctions and a rousing live country music concert by Charlie Robison. This truly spectacular evening wholly embodied the theme of "A Family Tradition" as we celebrated the legendary heritage of San Antonio and Texas families.

The Witte Game Dinner is made possible through the generous sponsorship of these exceptional community partners:

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The Witte Museum recognizes and appreciates these outstanding businesses and organizations for their contributions of services and support:

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Dearest Witte Members,

The past two years in Witte history saw a lot of change. You saw the Witte start construction on your beloved museum. You witnessed walls come down, and new walls go up. You wondered what was in store for your museum, and you kept coming back to check on things like the loving stewards you are. You came in droves to every special exhibition the Witte could fit into its limited space. You stuck with the Witte through everything, and your membership built something amazing. **Thank you!**

The children of San Antonio have you to thank for their field trips, their programs, and their lifelong memories, because your membership made it possible for the Witte to DOUBLE the number of field trips it could welcome last year, even under construction! Two years ago, the Witte was busting at the seams with school kids, and now they will get the most out of their field trips thanks to members like you. **Thank you!**

The citizens of South Texas (and the world!) have you to thank for the amazing blockbuster exhibitions that the Witte hosted during construction. Your membership brought knowledge, wonder, and excitement to San Antonio and put the Witte on the world stage as a top-tier museum. **Thank you!**

Your membership also took care of the logistics of keeping a museum open. You helped the Witte keep the lights on, keep construction moving, keep Family Days and Free Tuesdays accessible to all, and you reminded the Witte Staff why this change was so important. You renewed their excitement and kept them moving forward. You were, still are, and always will be the fire that lights the Witte as a beacon of lifelong learning in South Texas. **Thank you!**

Your membership made all this and so much more possible. Thank you for your passion, your belief in the mission, and for loving the Witte like family. This New Witte is for you.



MEMBERSHIP

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New membership prices and benefits start March 4th, so renew your membership before March 4th to get the old price!

Membership Prices and Benefits starting March 4th:

Member benefits:

- Unlimited free admission to permanent exhibition galleries
- Free admission to special exhibitions on Members Opening Weekend
- Discounted admission to special exhibitions
- Free admission to Sunday Jazz concerts
- Invitations to the members Holiday, Fiesta, and Witte Unlocked parties as well as other special programming
- Discounted children's birthday parties
- Discounted Witte Museum Camp and overnight camp-ins for children
- 10% discount in the Bolner Family Witte Museum Store and exhibition stores

Individual \$50

- Member benefits for one person for one year

Senior Family \$90

- Member benefits for two adults (at least one being 65 years and older) and all related children and grandchildren 18 years and younger for one year
- Reciprocal admission to more than 350 Association of Science and Technology Centers

Family \$95

- Member benefits for two adults and all related children 18 years and younger for one year
- Reciprocal admission to more than 350 Association of Science and Technology Centers

Witte Society Individual \$120

- Member benefits for one person for one year
- Reciprocal admission to more than 350 Association of Science and Technology Centers
- Discounted admission for one person to the annual Witte Game Dinner
- Exclusive invitations for one person to Witte Society events including Jazz in the Treetops, BBQ, Bottles, & Beer, and others
- Reciprocal admission to over 350 Association of Science and Technology Centers

Witte Society Family \$240

- Member benefits for four adults and all related children 18 and younger for one year
- Discounted admission for two people to the annual Witte Game Dinner
- Exclusive invitations for two people to Witte Society events including Jazz in the Treetops, BBQ, Bottles, & Beer, and others

Voyager \$500

- Member benefits for four adults and all related children 18 and younger for one year
- Free admission to the Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Series with reserved seating
- Discounted admission for two people to the annual Witte Game Dinner
- Exclusive invitations for four people to Witte Society events including Jazz in the Treetops, BBQ, Bottles, & Beer, and others
- Exclusive invitations for four people to the VIP opening of the Summer special exhibition in the Mays Family Center
- Reciprocal admission to over 340 Time Traveler Museums
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Renew your membership at the old prices **by March 4th** by calling 210.357.1863, visiting www.WitteMuseum.org, or visiting the Witte Admissions Desk on-site.



With the much-anticipated opening of the New Witte fast approaching, the Quillin Society is transforming as well! In addition to the unlimited free admission for you and your guests, Quillin members receive all of the membership benefits of the other levels of membership and much more. For example, Quillin members receive complimentary reservations to President's Dinner honoring major donors, complimentary tickets to Witte Game Dinner (Patron level and above), and *new this year*, private access to the VIP Quillin Corral at Witte Game Dinner. Also included in your Quillin membership are multiple VIP events, such as exhibit openings, book signings, and special receptions.

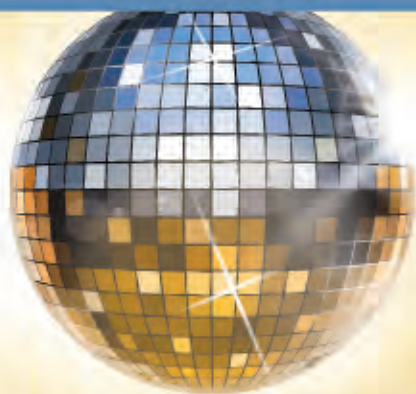
We invite you to join the Quillin Society and the Witte's landmark success before the Museum opens on March 4, 2017, on which date the Quillin Society Sustainer level of membership will increase to \$1,200 a year. This ensures maintenance and conservation of the Witte's ever-growing collections and will continue to bring the greatest exhibitions from around the world to San Antonio. Join or renew your membership early at the current price of \$1,000 and keep your expiration month!

Example: If your expiration date is June 30, 2017 and you renew on February 20, 2017, your new expiration date is June 30, 2018.

If you seek unparalleled access to the New Witte's galleries and spaces, the **Quillin Society Club Levels**, which include Patron level memberships and above, will offer even more exclusive benefits. Similar to the construction-centered Hard Hat memberships, the Quillin Club Level memberships also offer \$500 discounts for multi-year commitments.



For more information on the Quillin Society or to become a member of the Quillin Society, please contact Alexandra Barrett Bynum, Annual Fund Officer, at 210.357.1922 or via email: AlexandraBynum@WitteMuseum.org.



Finale - Disco with the Dinosaurs

Join your fellow Witte Society members and major donors at Disco with the Dinosaurs on March 3, 2017. After the Debut, Disco guests will enjoy dancing, dessert, and cocktails among the dinosaurs and dioramas. Witte Society members are invited to join the festivities at a discount.

For more information, contact Alexandra Barrett Bynum, Annual Fund Officer, at 210.357.1922 or email: AlexandraBynum@WitteMuseum.org.



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Reserve your next Meeting, Wedding or Gala
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The Witte Museum's Mays Family Center is the newest venue along the San Antonio River and perfect for cooperate meetings and events. Nearly 10,000 square feet of indoor space, the auditorium can accommodate up to 800 guests for a banquet-style reception and hold a variety stage and seating configurations. A pre-event can be held in our outdoor area in the Zachry Family Acequia Garden, which seats up to 1,000 or provides space for up to 1,500 in reception-style seating.

Call today to reserve your event or to schedule a tour of our facilities at 210.357.1866 or visit us online at www.WitteMuseum.org

