



August 2015 - Newsletter

MISSION

The Texas Hill Country Trail Region will preserve, protect and promote the cultural, historic and natural resources of its 19 counties.

VISION

The Texas Hill Country Trail Region will develop partnerships to protect our heritage and sustain our natural and cultural resources through promotion, preservation, education and tourism.

DRIPPING SPRINGS VODKA DISTILLERY LAUNCHES SATURDAY TOURS

Hayden Walker July 10, 2015 Drink,
Press Release



The Texas craft vodka and gin distiller now has two weekend tour times available!

Dripping Springs, TX, July 2, 2015: San Luis Spirits, makers of Dripping Springs Vodka, Dripping Springs Orange Vodka, 1876 Vodka, and Dripping Springs Artisan Gin, announced today that they will start conducting Saturday tours as of July 11, 2015, at their distillery located in the Texas Hill Country off U.S. Highway 290 West at 5330 Bell Springs Road in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Founded by brothers Kevin and Gary Kelleher in 2005, the family-owned San Luis Spirits was the second distiller in Texas, and the recipient of the third Distilled Spirits Permit License in the State. San Luis Spirits, Inc. opened their doors for public tours in September of 2014, and continue to offer 3:00 p.m. tastings and tours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Co-founder and CEO Kevin Kelleher said he has thoroughly enjoyed watching their visitors leave as “happy customers,” and said the addition of Saturday tours is simply a means of making the same experience available to “a wider audience.”

The newly available Saturday tours will take place at 12:30 and 2:00p.m and will be conducted by actual San Luis Spirits vodka and gin distillers who oversee the art of small batch distilling. “I enjoy getting to share our process and small batch philosophy with visitors,” said Rikk Munroe, the distillery’s Production Manager. “It is great to meet our customers face to face and give them a ‘behind-the-scenes’ look into how Dripping Springs Vodka and Dripping Springs Gin is made.”

Read More > <http://austinfoodmagazine.com/ripping-springs-vodka-distillery-launches-saturday-tours/>

Featured August Events in the Texas Hill Country

San Marcos

August 8

Art Squared Art Market

San Marcos Downtown Square

Paintings, sculptures, jewelry, crafts, live music and more! Second Saturday art market from 9am-4pm on San Marcos' downtown square. March through December.

<http://artsquaredsmtx.com>



Johnson City

August 13 - 15

85th Annual Blanco County Fair and Rodeo

Johnson City, Blanco County Fairgrounds

Visit their website at www.bcfra.org for most current information.



BLANCO COUNTY *Fair & Rodeo*

Castroville

St. Louis Day Celebration

Sunday, August 23rd, 2015

This fun-filled day is dubbed the "Homecoming for the State of Texas" by the Texas Tourist Agency. The festival is held under the shady pecan trees at Koenig Park on the Medina River. Make a short Sunday drive with your entire family and enjoy a wonderful day filled with great food, fun and entertainment.

For more information visit

<http://www.saintlouisday.com/>



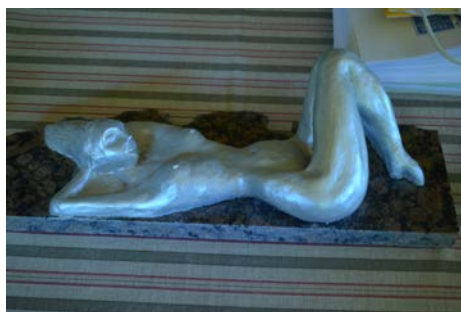
HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....



The Texas Hill Country Trail Region partners met in July at the Historic Moses Hughes Ranch in Lampasas. The 1856 Historic Moses Hughes Ranch is located north of Austin, Texas and is a state historic site and a Texas Wildscape. It was nominated for the prestigious Texas Lone Star Land Stewardship Award for outstanding natural preservation and restoration for 1997-98. The historic home has been restored into the private residence of Pablo and Beverly Solomon who graciously opened up their residence to us for our meeting. We had a good turn out of participants who came early for lunch at Giovanni's and continued on for a wonderful time of networking along with an

amazing tour of the Historic Home!

Pablo is an internationally recognized artist and award-winning designer. He has been featured in 28 books, most of the major magazines and newspapers, TV, radio and film. Pablo's wife Beverly was a model and then an account executive in sales and marketing for Diane Von Furstenberg, Revlon and Ralph Lauren. She currently runs their international art and design business. <http://www.pablosolomon.com>



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....



Texas Hill Country Trail

September Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

To Be Announced

SAVE THE DATE!
Details to come!

Kerrville, TX 78028



Texas Historical Commission Texas Heritage Trails Program Update

Upcoming THC Program Activities:

Texas Treasure Business Award: Ginny Owens administers this award. Please find applications and FAQ on THC website. Check agency Calendar and Facebook for upcoming presentation events.

El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association board meeting dates and latest project information can be found on their website: <http://www.elcaminorealdelostejas.org/>

Marker Dedications, THC Workshops and Webinars: This information is placed consistently on the [THC Calendar](#). Please check regularly for events in your region.

PDF Brochure Downloads

	Statewide	Brazos	Forest	Forts	Hill Co.	Indep.	Lakes	MTN	Pecos	Plains	Trop.
Apr 2015*	471	236	283	217	356	494	200	301	254	233	267
May 2015	500	267	316	219	416	674	180	171	294	243	344

Note: Due to report timing issues, brochure PDF downloads are for the previous month.

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

Tarpley Recipe

Yield: 6 servings

ANCHO CHILI AND HONEY-BASTED QUAIL

12 semi-boneless quail
1 garlic clove, peeled
1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 ancho chili, seeded and soaked in 1 cup of hot water for 30 minutes
2 tablespoons honey

In a blender combine the ancho chili and soaking liquid, garlic, honey, and salt; puree until smooth. Heat a gas grill to hot. Place the quail, breast side down, on the hot grill and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, or until skin is crisp. Turn over and baste with the ancho chili sauce. Cook for an additional 3 to 4 minutes. Move quail to cooler part of grill, turning them over so breast side is down and baste again. Keep turning and basting for 2 minutes more. Serve hot, basting again with the sauce.



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