



February 2014 - 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.



Texas Hill Country Named One of 10 Best Wine Travel Destinations in 2014 By Wine Enthusiast Magazine

FREDERICKSBURG, TX --- The Texas Hill Country was named one of the [“10 Best Wine Travel Destinations in 2014”](#) by *Wine Enthusiast* Magazine in its February print edition and online.

The article states, “Each year, our editors scour the globe to suss out the absolute must-visit spots. To a few traditional wine regions, we’ve added several modern classics and a sprinkling of up-and-comers, making a compelling list of destinations.”

“For the Texas Hill Country to be listed with wine travel destinations around the world such as Mendoza in Argentina, Languedoc in France, the Aegean Islands in Greece, the Barossa Valley in Australia, as well as Sonoma County in California and Walla Walla in Washington state, is a wonderful testament to the dedication and hard work by Texas grape growers and wine makers over the last decades,” noted Ernie Loeffler, president/CEO of the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau.

The Texas Hill Country is commended in the article for maintaining its Hill Country charm while experiencing extensive growth in the wine industry, especially along the scenic Highway 290 between Fredericksburg and Austin.

Featured February Events in the Texas Hill Country

Cedar Park

SATURDAY JAN 4, 2014 TO SATURDAY MAY 31, 2014

Hill Country Flyer Winter/Spring 2014

SHOW 10:00am



The 66 mile round trip aboard the Hill Country Flyer is our original and most popular train ride! The train, pulled by our 1960 Alco diesel locomotive, departs from our Cedar Park depot at 10:00am and travels to Burnet through the Texas Hill Country, crossing the wooden trestle bridge over the S. San Gabriel River and traveling through Short Creek Canyon. Enjoy lunch on your own, a leisurely stroll around the square, and the Wild West gunfight during the two and a half hour layover in Burnet. Train returns to Cedar Park, arriving at about 4:00pm. 401 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste A-103, Cedar Park TX 78613
<http://austinsteamtrain.org/events>

San Antonio

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo / \$10 - \$27
Thursday, Feb 6, 2014 - Sunday, Feb 23, 2014

10:00 AM - Midnight

AT&T Center/Freeman Coliseum Grounds

3201 E Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas 78220

☞ 210.225.5851 [Visit Website](#)



Overview

Held annually in February, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is the largest regular season PRCA rodeo and one of the top 3 richest rodeos in North America. The event offers a family-friendly carnival, family fair, interactive and educational exhibits, a wildlife area, over 650 vendors for shopping, horse and livestock shows, auctions and sales of horses and other livestock, high impact PRCA Rodeo action, and live concert entertainment following each Rodeo performance.

Since 1949, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, formally known as the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE), has kept western culture in San Antonio by hosting one of the world's largest junior livestock shows, and 18 days of PRCA Rodeo performances featuring the top contestants and the best bucking stock in North America. Each year the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo also brings over two weeks of highly acclaimed entertainers for post-Rodeo performances. The Rodeo offers artists and comedy acts from many different genre of music including traditional Country, Texas Country, Rock, Pop, Latin and Norteno. For information on the complete 2014 Lineup, visit www.sarodeo.com. The complete lineup is announced in November of the preceeding year, and all tickets go on sale at this time. The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is one of the largest educational assistance providers in the State, with \$134.6 million committed since inception.

Uvalde - Sahawe Indian Winter Ceremonials

The Sahawe Indian Dancers are members of Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 181 in Uvalde. The Ceremonials feature dances of the Southwest Pueblos in a 2-hour program. Dances from the Taos, Hopi, Santa Clara and San Juan Pueblos are presented. The elaborate costumes, songs, dances, history and folklore are enjoyed by audiences of all ages. They will perform 3 times each weekend, the last weekend of February and the first weekend of March.

Winter Ceremonials are held inside the Weston Hall at Uvalde's First United Methodist Church. 301 North High Street.

Fees/Admission

Adults \$6. Children 4-11 & seniors \$3. Children under 4 and uniformed boy or girl scouts free.

Contact

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HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....

The Texas Hill Country Trail Region partners met in January at Villa Finale located at 401 King William Street in San Antonio. Villa Finale was the last home of local preservationist, Walter Nold Mathis who was instrumental in the revitalization of the historic King William neighborhood. Our partners were able to experience the exquisite tour of this lovely historic home.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tours of Villa Finale

Tickets sold at Villa Finale Carriage House

Guided tours:

Tuesday at 1:00pm & 2:30pm

Wednesday - Saturday at
10:00am & 2:30pm

Self-guided tours (first floor only):

Wednesday - Saturday 11:30am - 2:00pm

Grounds: Tuesday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday - Saturday 9:30am - 4:00pm

Note: All bags and cameras must be left in secured lockers at the Carriage House.

Space for GUIDED tours is limited. Reservations are recommended for guided tours. Call ahead (210) 223-9800 to reserve your guided tour.

Villa Finale Visitor Center

(Exhibits and more)

122 Madison Street

Tuesday: 12:00 - 4:30pm; Wednesday - Friday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

CLOSED SATURDAYS



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....

Texas Hill Country Trail

March Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Host:

To Be Announced

Fredericksburg, TX

SAVE THE
DATE!



Texas Historical Commission Texas Heritage Trails Program Update

Advertising/Public Relations/Travel Shows/Other:

- As added value to the ad in the Fall TTIA See Texas First newspaper insert that ran in September, THTP had continued presence on VacationFun.com in December
- The full page advertisement in the Texas State Travel Guide continued running in December
- Online banner advertisements ran in December on a select variety of lifestyle, travel, outdoor/activity lifestyle, news/info, and local media websites
- Advertisements on Facebook continued to run in December
- THTP had a continued presence on TourTexas.com in December

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

San Antonio Recipe

MUSHROOM SOUP

1 lb. mushrooms	1 bay leaf
1/2 lb. onions	4 c. chicken broth
2 T. oleo	1/4 tsp. grated nutmeg
1/2 tsp. finely minced garlic	Fresh black pepper
1/4 c. flour	1/2 c. sour cream

Thinly slice the mushrooms. There should be about 6 cups. Quarter the onions; slice them crosswise as thinly as possible. There should be about 2 cups. Heat the oleo; add the onions and garlic. Cook until wilted. Add the mushrooms and cook until they almost start to turn brown. Sprinkle with flour and stir. Add the bay leaf. Stir in the chicken broth and nutmeg. Add a generous grinding of pepper. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 30 minutes. Using a food processor, process the soup to a coarse puree. Return to a saucepan and reheat. Add the sour cream. Yield: 12 servings.



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