



May 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.



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City Tours Inc. Named Best Sightseeing San Antonio Specialist in Texas for 2014

NEW YORK, NY / ACCESSWIRE / April 10, 2014 – The 2014 Best Tour Company award fortifies the Texas-based company's nearly three decades of industry leadership as shown in its range of exceptional tour and transportation services.

Over the past 27 years, City Tours, Inc. has been providing tours and transportation services to visitors in San Antonio, Texas. In the recently concluded 2014 Official Best Of, the leading tour and transportation company operator was recognized for its exceptional service and took home the Best Tour Company award.

Official Best Of recognizes the "best official best places to visit" in Texas, among other states across America. Official Best Of solicits nominations for the categories, scours print and online travel resources, consults with local Convention & Visitors Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce and other experts to determine which nominee should be awarded the title.

Visitors who want to tour San Antonio, Texas in all its historical and tourism glory can turn to City Tours Inc. Since 1986, the company has guided our guests to the Missions, El Mercado, Main Plaza, the Spanish Governor's Palace, on the River Boat ride, King William Historic District, Hemisfair Park, Japanese Gardens, Buckhorn Museum, and to the Alamo. Today, Alamo Sightseeing Tours is one of the largest tour operators in the state. Complete Press Release visit <http://www.ktul.com/story/25215469/city-tours-inc-named-best-sightseeing-san-antonio-specialist-in-texas-for-2014>

Featured May Events in the Texas Hill Country

Stonewall

MAY 3-4

16th Annual Becker Vineyards

2014 Lavender Festival

16th Annual Lavender Festival Join us for the 16th annual and best ever Becker Vineyards Lavender Festival. Sip and swirl with live music, artisans and lavender fields in bloom. There will be lavender products, plants, vendors, cooking demos, guest speakers, culinary delights, concessions, wine tasting & tours, vintner luncheons, music and much more. This event is complimentary but there is a \$5.00 parking fee.



Becker Vineyards 464 Becker Farms Road Stonewall, Texas 78671

Phone: 830-644-2681 <mailto:lavender@beckerwines.com> <http://www.beckervineyards.com>

Dripping Springs

Artists Alliance of the Hill Country is hosting "Tour The Talent" Studio Tour, May 17-18, 2014 with 10 Studio Stops and 20+ artists in the Dripping Springs area.



Information and inquiries – please email or call (512) 658-3699. <http://www.artistsalliancehc.com/studiotour.html>

Bandera

Twin Elm Ranch Rodeo Presents.... its new Summer Buckle Series. Every Saturday night from May through July. Gates open at 5:30 pm and the Rodeo starts at 8:00 pm. So come on in early and set up your chairs, back in your truck and let down the tailgate or sit in the bleachers for a great view. Feel free to bring your cooler full of refreshments/adult beverages (no bottles please) or enjoy a snack and cold soda from the concession stand. Then get ready for the excitement with Banderas Best.. Bull Riding, Steer Riding, Barrel Racing and even Mutton Bustin and Mutton Scramble. If you are interested in participating you may sign up at the arena.

Tickets are only \$6.00 a person (kids 6 & under are free).



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HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....

The Texas Heritage Trails Program had a presence at the Texas Travel Industry Association Texas Travel Fair in South Padre Island on April 16-17, 2014. See the One-Pager below designed for the Texas Travel Information Center Travel Counselors for the Texas Hill Country Trail Region spotlighting the historic sites that represent our many heritages!



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HISPANIC HERITAGE

HISTORIC SITES

Casa Navarro State Historic Site - San Antonio	Museo Alameda - San Antonio
Historico Market Square - San Antonio	San Antonio Missions National Historical Park - San Antonio
Institute of Texan Cultures - San Antonio	San Fernando Cathedral - San Antonio
King William and Lavaca Historic Districts - San Antonio	Spanish Governor's Palace - San Antonio
La Villita Historic Arts Village - San Antonio	Texas State Capitol Complex Monuments - Austin
Mexico-Arte Museum - Austin	The Alamo - San Antonio
Mexican Cultural Institute - San Antonio	Witte Museum - San Antonio



GERMAN HERITAGE

HISTORIC SITES

Greene Mansion Inn - Gruene
Institute of Texan Cultures - San Antonio
Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm - Austin
King William and Lavaca Historic Districts - San Antonio
Sauer-Beckmann Farm at Lyndon B. Johnson - Stonewall
Sophienburg Museum & Archives - New Braunfels
The Pioneer Museum - Fredericksburg
Treue der Union Monument - Comfort
Verens Kirche Museum - Fredericksburg
Würstfest - New Braunfels



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

HISTORIC SITES

Institute of Texan Cultures - San Antonio	The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment - San Marcos
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park - San Antonio	Witte Museum - San Antonio
The Alamo - San Antonio	



AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

HISTORIC SITES

African American Heritage Cultural District - Austin	Mt. Horeb Baptist Church - Blanco
Calaboose African American History Museum - San Marcos	Peyton Colony Lime Kiln - Blanco
Clarksville Historic District - Austin	St. Paul United Methodist Church - San Antonio
Institute of Texan Cultures - San Antonio	Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - San Marcos
King William and Lavaca Historic Districts - San Antonio	

ALSATIAN HERITAGE

HISTORIC SITES

French Legation Museum - Austin	
Institute of Texan Cultures - San Antonio	
J.M.Koch's Hotel - D'Hanis	
Landmark Inn - Castrovilla	
Moya Retreat Center - Castrovilla	
Schriner Mansion Historic Site & Education Center - Kerrville	
St. Louis Catholic Church - Castrovilla	
Steinbach Haus Visitors Center - Castrovilla	





POLISH HERITAGE

HISTORIC SITES

Annunciation Church - St. Hedwig	St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Bandera
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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....



Texas Hill Country Trail

May Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Garner State Park - Cypress Springs

234 RR 1050

Concan, TX 78838

830-232-6132

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/garner

**OPTIONAL HAYRIDE TOUR
AND LUNCHEON**

11:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor's Center located in the park for a hayride tour of Garner State Park!

A Complimentary lunch sponsored by the Uvalde CVB will follow the hayride at Cypress Springs. (Lunch will be Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pasta Salad and Fruit.)

RSVP to Joanne Nelson at hctrail@verizon.net

Many thanks to Garner State Park and the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau for hosting our May meeting!



Texas Historical Commission Texas Heritage Trails Program Update

HT Product Development Projects:

Economic Impact Study

The University of Texas with Rutgers University are under contract to research and write a substantial update to the THC's 1999 study, Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in Texas. In addition to an overall update and study of the current data for major impacts covered by the earlier research, this new document will serve as a technical report evaluating the statewide, regional, and local impacts of the Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP) and heritage tourism.

Regional Web Statistics

	Brazos	Forest	Forts	Hill Co.	Indep.	Lakes	MTN	Pecos	Plains	Trop.
FEB Brochure PDF Downloads (AWStats)	168	253	268	389	506	174	133	230	276	309
MAR Referrals from Texas Time Travel (GA)	254	173	237	309	304	265	140	137	137	175

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

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

Bandera Recipe

CORN SLAW

2 cups fresh corn, cooked	1/4 cup sour cream
1 cup carrots, diced	2 teaspoons vinegar
1 cup green peppers, diced	1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 cup onion, chopped	1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1/4 cup mayonnaise	1/4 teaspoon salt

In a salad bowl, toss corn, carrots, green pepper and onion. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients; pour over vegetables and mix well. Refrigerate for several hours before serving.



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