



November 2016 - 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.

2,402,199

“THANKS” FOR THE BEST STATE FAIR IN 130 YEARS!



They say all good things must come to an end, but goodbyes are never easy. As Big Tex bids his final farewell for the year, it's hard to believe that the 2016 State Fair of Texas is coming to a close. This year the Fair welcomed 2,402,199 people through the gates, as of the time of this release. Proving to be the most successful year in Fair history, the 2016 event brought big crowds and an even bigger community impact. With the majority of funds going to participating vendors, the Fair generated in excess of \$56 million in gross coupon sales for food, beverages and rides – an all-time record, making the event the most successful in its 130-year history.

This year's results serve as proof of the Fair's continuous growth, however the measurement of success goes far beyond these numbers. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization the Fair aims to support the community, both locally and statewide. The net proceeds from the Fair are reinvested in Fair Park, in the form of capital improvements; given as scholarships to deserving youth throughout the state of Texas; used to support Fair Park museum facilities and community outreach programs; and used to improve the State Fair's operation. A successful 24-day run for the Fair means more support for the surrounding community.

Read More > <http://bigtex.com/most-successful-fair-in-130-year-history/>

Featured November Events in the Texas Hill Country

Georgetown

Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair

November 5-6, 2016

2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, Texas

512-948-7731

Come see the newest ceramic techniques, latest in jewelry, current décor, stained glass and one-of-a-kind gifts at this two-day event, featuring Texas and surrounding area artists. In the Craft Center, the Creative Clay and China, Fabric and Fiber, Photography, Stained Glass, and Visual Arts Clubs will offer astounding crafts for amazing prices. In the Social Center Ballroom, more than 50 exhibitors will display their handmade items and crafts, plus many exhibitors will be stationed outside in the parking lot and in front of the Craft Center! This event is only once a year, so don't miss it!



<https://visit.georgetown.org/upcoming-events-calendar/>

Llano

Western Trappings on The Llano Exhibit & Sale

October 7th - November 19th

Llano County Historical Museum 310 Bessemer, Llano, Texas

Wed - Sat 11:00 am to 5 pm

325-247-3026

Bring the family to enjoy Llano's history at our wonderfully remodeled Llano County Historical Museum right on the bridge! This building that was once Bruhl's Drugstore still boasts the original soda fountain & counter and the museum houses impressive military, unique polo exhibits and much more!



<http://llanochamber.org/civCRM/event/info?reset=1&id=1040>

Hondo

South Texas Maize

September 17th - November 20th

US Highway 90 East, Hondo, Texas

830-741-3968

7 Acre maze – Farmer Ken's Kiddie Korral – Goat Walk – Wiggle Worm Slide Corn Poppers – Paw Paw's Pig Races – Hay Bale Jump – Twin Cow Train Tether Ball – Wheel Barrow Races – Corn Hole. NEW in 2016: The Whacky Whizzer!



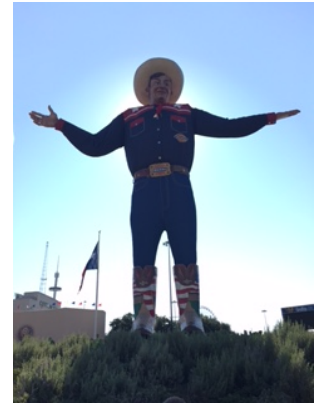
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HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....

A BIG TEXAS THANK YOU goes out to all of the Texas Hill Country Trail Region Partners that sent their brochures to the State Fair for the loads of people that came by to visit our booth!

City of Buda
Fredericksburg Convention & Visitors Bureau
Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools
Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau

Kyle Chamber of Commerce
Llano Chamber of Commerce
San Marcos Convention & Visitors Bureau



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....



Texas Hill Country Trail

November Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2016

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Texas Museum of Science and Technology
1220 Toro Grande Dr
Cedar Park, TX 78613

512-961-5333

<http://www.txmost.org>

Optional Tour and Lunch
Listed Below:

11:00 - Austin Steam
Train Tour located at 401
E Whitestone Blvd C-100

11:45 - Dutch Treat Lunch
at Blue Corn Harvest
located at 700 E
Whitestone Blvd #204

Please RSVP to
hctrail@verizon.net so
we can have plenty of
seats available for
everyone!



Texas Historical Commission Texas Heritage Trails Program Update

THC Updates:

Mark Wolfe expressed his appreciation and respect for the Texas Heritage Trail regions for their hard work on Real Places 2016.

Visitation of historic sites is up from last year and is approaching the levels seen in FY13. Fort Lancaster visitor center remodel is complete. Phase I is complete and Phase 2 is going strong at the Museum of the Pacific War. Levi Jordan Plantation visitor center is nearing completion and will be open soon. The design work for the San Felipe de Austin visitor center has been completed and construction will begin in the next few months. Mission Dolores in San Augustine became a THC state historic site this month. The THC has also finished acquiring the archeological site of the original Socorro Mission for preservation in the El Paso area.

Texas has portions of two Camino Reals; Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and the Camino Real del los Tejas. Last month Brad, Mark and archeologist Pat Mercado-Allinger attended the National Park Service (NPS) multi-national workshop on the two Camino Reals in Laredo. Representatives from Texas, New Mexico, NPS & INAH from Mexico were in attendance.

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

Lampasas Award-Winning County Fair Recipe

BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE

3 cups sugar	1 cup buttermilk
1 cup shortening	1/4 teaspoon baking soda
3 cups flour	1/8 teaspoon salt
6 eggs (separated)	1 Tablespoon lemon extract

Glaze: 2 Tablespoons fresh orange juice 1 1/4 cups orange marmalade

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Cream the sugar and shortening, and then add the egg yolks to bowl and cream. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with buttermilk to creamed mixture. Add extract. Beat and fold in beaten egg whites. Cook in greased and floured tube pan for 1 1/2 hours. For glaze, melt juice and marmalade in a saucepan, stirring often. When all is melted together, spoon over pound cake in pan. After all has cooled, remove the pound cake from the pan and enjoy!



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