



January 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.

BRISCOE - GARNER MUSEUM NOW OPEN



BRISCOE-GARNER MUSEUM
BRISCOE CENTER FOR AMERICAN HISTORY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Exhibit Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday: 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The [Briscoe-Garner Museum](#) in Uvalde, Texas, reopened Tuesday, December 10, 2013. The occasion was marked by a celebratory open house at the museum from noon to 4 p.m. Later that evening, a special screening of a new Briscoe Center-produced [documentary](#) about John Nance Garner premiered at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House.

The Briscoe-Garner Museum is dedicated to the remarkable lives of [John Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner](#) and [Dolph Briscoe Jr.](#) Garner served as the 32nd vice president of the United States under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Briscoe was Texas governor from 1973 to 1979. The Briscoe Center plans to maintain the existing exhibit space (devoted to Garner) on the museum's first floor and create new exhibits (dedicated to Briscoe) on the second floor, which previously had been closed to the public.

Garner represented Uvalde in Congress for 30 years before becoming the nation's vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt. He transformed the vice presidency into a powerful executive office and was responsible for shepherding through much of Roosevelt's early New Deal legislation.

Briscoe served as Texas governor from 1973 to 1979. He led a distinguished career in public service, business, and ranching. During his six years as governor, Briscoe presided during a period of reform in state government as Texas's population and commerce boomed. Following his two terms as governor, Briscoe returned to the cattle ranching and banking business in Uvalde.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Featured January Events in the Texas Hill Country

Kerrville

January 11th - Symphony of the Hills-Symphony-America's Favorite Music

7:30pm

America's favorite music, from big bands and rock 'n roll featuring Nancy Zhou & Kevin McCormick. For ticket information please call 830-792-7469 or visit www.symphonyofthehills.org

Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St.



Georgetown

Guided Tours of Williamson County Courthouse

When

Every Friday 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 3:30pm

Where

716 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, TX ([map](#))

Description

Free-guided tours of Williamson County's recently restored Courthouse are available courtesy of the Williamson Museum. Visible for miles around, the imposing beautiful neoclassical structure is the focal point of the central business district and the fifth structure to serve as a county courthouse. Austin architect C.H. Page designed the building, projecting porticoes supported by Ionic columns, and classic pediment and balustrade detailing. The \$9 million courthouse restoration was successfully completed in 2007 through a joint effort of Williamson County and the Texas Historical Commission, returning the structure to its original splendor. The pediments and balustrade were removed in 1965.

Please arrive at the museum a few minutes before tours are scheduled to begin. The museum is located on the Square at 716 South Austin Avenue, just across the street from the Courthouse. Tours are given on Fridays and Saturdays at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 pm with the exception of holidays. For tour information, call (512) 943-1670, or visit: www.WilliamsonMuseum.org

Bandera

Sat

01/11/14 **Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters**

Time: 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Gunfight re-enactments at Western Heritage Plaza downtown Bandera.

Western Heritage Plaza, Main Street

Bandera, TX 78003

830-796-3045 - See more at: www.banderacowboycapital.com

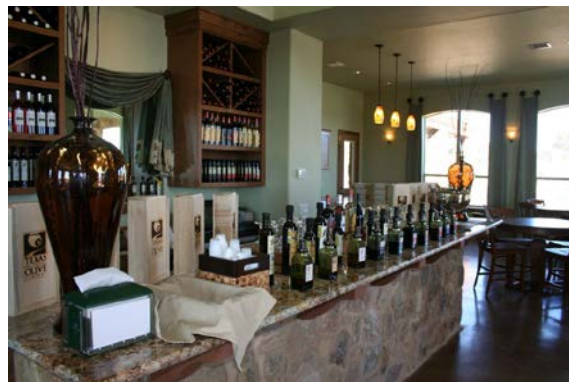


HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....



The Texas Hill Country Trail Region partners met in November at The Texas Hill Country Olive Company in Dripping Springs for a wonderful time of networking, olive oil tastings, balsamic vinegar tastings, a delicious lunch and our regular bi-monthly meeting!

The Texas Hill Country Olive Company is a family-owned business committed to supplying the highest quality olive oil produced in the United States, located in Dripping Springs, TX. The certified organic olive orchard is adjacent to a Tuscan-inspired mill house, with a state of the art Italian olive press, and a large tasting room open to the public. Opened December 2011.



www.texashillcountryoliveco.com

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....



Texas Hill Country Trail

January Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2014

1:00 p.m. – Note New Time

Meeting Host:

Villa Finale

401 King William Street

San Antonio, TX 78204

210-223-9800

www.VillaFinale.org



Texas Historical Commission Texas Heritage Trails Program Update

Combined Travel Guide:

Staff is moving forward on a combined travel guide featuring cities and sites from all ten regions. The RFP (Request for Proposal) for production of the travel guide is complete and has been through the first part of the approval process. We are awaiting final comments from TxDOT regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contract language and goals (which is new to the THC), after which the RFP will be posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD), located here: <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/>

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

Boerne Recipe

GROUND MEAT CASSEROLE

1 lb. ground meat	1/2 tsp. black pepper
2 c. grated potatoes	1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 c. grated onions	1 soup can milk
1 tsp. salt	

Mix meat, potatoes, onions, salt and pepper. Make into patties. Brown on both sides. Place in a 2 qt. casserole; pour soup mixed with milk over patties. Bake 35 minutes at 375 degrees. Yields: 6-8 servings.



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