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SPRING 2021



Dallas Blooms Festival

Feb. 20–April 11
Dallas

On a chilly day last December, about 50 Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden workers headed into the manicured gardens along White Rock Lake, carrying hundreds of flower bulbs. Over the next three weeks, they planted half a million, all perfectly timed to burst into rivers of color during the Dallas Blooms festival.

Since 1985, Dallas Blooms has drawn thousands of visitors to the arboretum.

This year's show, themed "America the Beautiful," runs Feb. 20 to April 11. "It's the quintessential thing to do in spring in Texas," says Dave Forehand, vice president of gardens at the arboretum.

Tulips make up about two-thirds of the bulbs, but daffodils, hyacinths, and irises, plus thousands of azaleas and Japanese cherry trees, contribute to the display. Most of the bulbs are imported from Holland. Because Texas doesn't get cold enough naturally, the bulbs are pre-chilled in large coolers for six weeks before they go in the soil.

"Our horticulture team can average planting 20,000 to 25,000 bulbs a day," Forehand says. "Once we plant [them] underground, we top them with pansies and violas."

Tulips of all hues are planted just 2 to 3 inches apart to create nearly solid pools of color. "That's what makes it so stunning and dramatic," Forehand adds. "When you can combine all those colors into different patterns, it's pretty amazing."

The exhibit features early blooming, mid blooming, and late blooming flowers to produce a succession of blooms that lasts for weeks. "I say it's the most tulips you're ever going to see besides going to Holland," Forehand says. "If you can't have the trip to the Netherlands this year, just come to the arboretum."

During the pandemic, masks are required to be worn, and with capacity limited to 50 percent, tickets for specific times should be purchased in advance at dallasarboretum.org.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

MARCH



2nd

DALLAS: “Out of Many, One: Portraits of America’s Immigrants” A new exhibition featuring President George W. Bush’s portraits of immigrants opens at the George W. Bush Presidential Center. The collection provides an in-depth look at the issues surrounding the immigration debate in the United States. **214-200-4300; bushcenter.org**

4th–7th

FULTON: Oysterfest Head to Fulton Harbor for family fun including live entertainment; food; arts and crafts; a carnival; a parade; and men’s and women’s oyster eating, shucking, and decorating contests. The opening-night festivities include fireworks. **361-463-9955; fultonoysterfest.org**

11th–14th

SWEETWATER: World’s Largest Rattlesnake Roundup Events include the Miss Snake Charmer Pageant, chili and barbecue cookoffs, carnival rides, a dance, and contests for snake eating, most pounds of snakes, and the longest snake. **rattlesnakeroundup.net**

Feb. 23rd–March 6th

AN ANTONIO: Commemoration of the Battle of the Alamo Visit the Alamo to honor the anniversary of the 1836 Battle of the Alamo with 13 days of special events and programming, both in person and virtual. **210-225-1391; thealamo.org**

26th–28th

TOMBALL: German Heritage Festival On the last weekend in March, festivalgoers break out their lederhosen and dirndls for the area’s largest festival celebrating the heritage of the original German families who settled in the community beginning in 1840. **281-379-6844; tomballgermanfest.org**

27th–28th

FORT DAVIS: The Southwest 100 Endurance Run This race starts on the legendary San Antonio–El Paso Road in the heart of Fort Davis National Historic Site and winds through the Davis Mountains, with racers taking in the thin mountain air at over a mile high. **432-426-3015; ultraexpeditions.com/the-southwest-100**

APRIL



4th–11th

POTEET: Strawberry Festival Held annually in the “Strawberry Capital of Texas” for more than 70 years, the festival features concerts with national and local bands, gunslingers, a carnival, various contests, and rodeo performances. **888-742-8144; strawberryfestival.com**

9th–10th

HUMBLE: Good Oil Days This festival was created to celebrate Humble’s rich history in the oil industry. Over the years, more than 80 vendors have lined Main Street alongside live entertainment, food, and a free kids’ zone. **281-446-4140; goodoildays.com**

10th–11th

CHAPPELL HILL: Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas Declared the official State of Texas Bluebonnet Festival by the Texas Legislature, the festival boasts more than 250 juried exhibitors, country-style food, artists, jewelry, clothing, live entertainment and music, and tours of the historic community. **979-203-1242; facebook.com/bluebonnetfestival**

10th

FREDERICKSBURG: Tractor Ride The Hill Country Antique Tractor and Engine Club presents this event that features antique tractors, cars, trucks, and a “people carrier” that all make a 20-mile loop through scenic Gillespie County during the height of bluebonnet season. **830-889-0070; rustyiron.org**

16th–18th

LUBBOCK: Arts Festival Celebrating its 43rd year, the annual Lubbock Arts Festival is the largest fine art and fine craft event in West Texas. The event includes artist demonstrations, performing artists, a children’s area, and a juried gallery. **806-744-2787; lubbockartsfestival.org**

23rd–24th

DEL RIO: George Paul Memorial Xtreme Bull Riding Named after the late bull-riding champion George Paul, this annual bull-riding competition brings out the mightiest riders and toughest bulls. **830-775-9595; georgepaulmemorialbullriding.com**

FIND EVENTS ONLINE

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MAY



7th-9th

CRYSTAL BEACH: Texas Crab Festival With a crab gumbo cookoff, carnival rides, arts and crafts, crab legs contest, two-step dance contest, wiener dog races, and live music all week-end long, this festival is full of family fun on the Texas Gulf Coast. texascrabfestival.org

7th-9th

FREDERICKSBURG: 175th Anniversary Opening Weekend Ceremonies

Fredericksburg is throwing a big three-day bash for its 175th birthday with festivities including a community picnic and ice cream social at Marktplatz; Founders Day activities at the Pioneer Museum; and a beard contest, dance, and fireworks at Gillespie County Fairgrounds. **830-998-473; 175th.org**

13th-15th

GIDDINGS: Lee County Fair Enjoy carnival fun, shopping, kids' activities, live music, an antique carousel ride, and the Charcoal Challenge Barbecue Cookoff, with food and beverage teams competing. **832-444-9535; leecountyfairtx.com**

15th-16th

JEFFERSON: Train Days

Everyone is welcome aboard this two-day event that features four in-town destinations: the Historic Jefferson Train Show, RD Moses Railroad display, a Jefferson Historic Railway excursion, and the "Atalanta" railway car tour. **903-665-3733; visitjeffersonontexas.com**

27th-31st

KERRVILLE: Folk Festival

Featuring songwriters of national and international acclaim, the Kerrville Folk Festival is the oldest continuously running music festival in the United States. Each day has activities for all ages with a focus on artistic expression in a loving family-friendly environment. **830-257-3600; kerrvillefolkfestival.org**

28th-30th

ENNIS: National Polka Festival Celebrate Czech heritage in Texas with polka music, Czech food, a king and queen contest with traditional costumes, a parade, and Czech customs. **972-878-4748; nationalpolkafestival.com**



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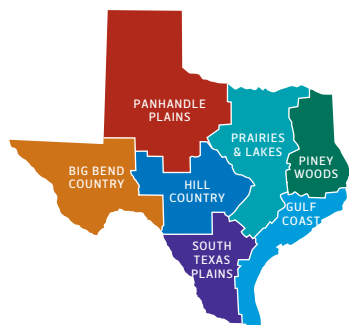
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MARCH



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Due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, some events may be postponed or canceled. Please check an event's website or call ahead to confirm it is taking place if you're interested in attending.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: Through March 25 **"WWII Heroes"** This exhibit is the culmination of a four-year project by photographer Zach Coco, who interviewed and photographed men and women who served in the military during World War II. Incorporated into the exhibit are materials drawn from the Museum of the Big Bend's collection of World War II savings bonds posters, maps from the Yana and Marty Davis Map Collection, military uniforms, and other artifacts. *Museum of the Big Bend*, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-8143; museumofthebigbend.com

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 **Sun City Scavenger Hunt** Have some fun in the sun while exploring the westernmost city in Texas. On this culture-filled El Paso scavenger hunt, discover iconic buildings, landmarks and great green spaces around downtown. *Let's Roam*, 111 W. Mills Ave. 833-202-7626; letsroam.com/scavenger_hunt/el_paso_scavenger_hunt

FORT DAVIS: March 27-28 **The Southwest 100 Endurance Run** Nestled in the historic Davis Mountains, this race starts on the legendary San Antonio-El Paso Road in

the heart of Fort Davis National Historic Site. This remote outpost in the 1800s was set up by the U.S. Army as a refuge for travelers making the 600-mile journey by horse or wagon train through hostile Indian country. It was also home to the famous Buffalo Soldiers. From Fort Davis racers climb through a rocky single track farther into the Davis Mountains as they enter Davis Mountains State Park. As vast panoramas open up, racers take in the thin mountain air at over a mile high. *Fort Davis National Historic Site*, 101 Lt. Flipper Drive. 432-426-3015; ultraexpeditions.com/the-southwest-100

ODESSA: Through March 7 **"Betrothed: 250 Years of Wedding Fashion"** Few garments are chosen with as much care as the clothes a person wears on his or her wedding day. They are a symbol of love and commitment and of the beginning of a new phase in a person's life. This exhibition draws on the extensive collection of clothing expert and historian Steven Porterfield and showcases the ever-changing fashion trends of the past two centuries. It also explores the compelling history of the white wedding gown and its iconic stature in Western cultures. *Ellen Noël Art Museum*, 4909 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org

GULF COAST

BAY CITY: March 1-6 **Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show** Organized in 1944, the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Exposition Association has produced a local county fair and livestock show continually since that year. Activities include a talent show, public speaking, team roping, a heifer show and sale, food show and auction, a rodeo, an agricultural mechanics show, rabbit and poultry shows, lamb and goat judging and showmanship, steer and swine judging and showmanship, a craft show, carnival, and clown and coloring contests. *Matagorda Fair Grounds*, 4511 FM 2668. 979-245-2454; matagordacountyfair.com

BRAZORIA: March 13 **Free Paddling** Join the Brazoria County Parks Department for a paddling event on one of the area's waterways. Borrow one of the department's boats or bring your own for an outdoor ad-

venture that's fun for families and first-time paddlers. Launch sites vary per month. 979-864-1541; visitbrazosport.com

CORPUS CHRISTI: March 20 **Kitchen Herbs** Nueces County master gardener Deb Holliday and her "herbie" friends offer expertise into selecting and growing culinary herbs to spice up recipes. Tastings of select dishes are provided, as well as insight on the ways to use herbs in meals. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center*, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100; stxbot.org

FULTON: March 4-7 **Oysterfest** This event features live entertainment; food; arts and crafts; a carnival; a parade; and men's and women's oyster eating, shucking, and decorating contests. The opening-night festivities include fireworks. *Fulton Harbor*, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-463-9955; fultonoysterfest.org

HOUSTON: Through March 6 **"Weave Houston: Celebrating 71 Years of the Contemporary Handweavers of Houston"** This exhibit showcases the history and diversity of Contemporary Handweavers of Houston's members and features works from emerging practitioners and longtime fiber artists. Noted fiber artist Dr. Mary Ruth Smith juried several awards for these works that highlight exceptional craftsmanship and innovative use of materials. *Asher Gallery, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft*, 4848 Main St. 832-767-5441; weavehouston.org

HOUSTON: Through April 23 **"Estructuras Monumentales"** Buffalo Bayou Partnership presents *Estructuras Monumentales*, a major exhibition of outdoor sculptures by 105-year-old artist Carmen Herrera (born in 1915 in Havana, Cuba). Featuring four newly created sculptures that were first envisioned nearly five decades ago, *Estructuras Monumentales* is Herrera's first public art exhibition in Houston, and this is only the second time that these large-scale works have been presented globally. Organized in partnership with the New York City-based nonprofit Public Art Fund, the exhibition was first presented at Manhattan's City Hall Park in 2019. It offers Houston audiences a powerful and reflective experience that celebrates the full breadth of Herrera's work in three dimensions.

Fondren Foundation Meadow in Buffalo Bayou Park, Allen Parkway at Gillette Street. buffalobayou.org

HOUSTON: March 9 Viano String Quartet in Concert Storming the world stage since winning the 2019 Banff Competition, the Viano Quartet premieres with Chamber Music Houston as part of the organization's Emerging Young Ensemble of the 2020-21 season. The group's blended sound and huge range of dynamics come together in a performance of Debussy's Quartet in G Minor, a new work by Caroline Shaw, and Beethoven's Quartet No. 6 in B-Flat. *Stude Concert Hall, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org*

HOUSTON: March 25 Quatuor Modigliani in Concert Back by popular demand, this Parisian ensemble does not disappoint with its lush playing and stylish precision. From Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's bright and youthful Quartet No. 7 in E-Flat to the demanding rhythmic elements of Béla Bartók's Quartet No. 5 to Franz Schubert's beloved "Death and the Maiden," this group puts on an impressive show. *Stude Concert Hall, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org*

PALACIOS: March 19-21 Matagorda Bay Birdfest The fourth annual festival is three fun-filled days that include professional birding tours, kayak tours, speaker sessions, book signings, vendors, art contest winners, children's events, a VIP dinner, and the Parade of Birds. *East Side Elementary Annex, 901 Second St. 956-285-3234; matagordabaybirdfest.org*

PEARLAND: March 27-28 Houston Music and Arts Festival Enjoy major concerts, fine art displays, a classic car show, and dozens of fun attractions and contests. Check out the Taste of Texas Food Garden, with delicious cuisine, and cold domestic and craft beers. (The first weekend of this event takes place in Conroe on March 20-21.) *Independence Park, 3919 Liberty Drive. 855-586-8852; houstonartsfestival.com*

PORT ARANSAS: March 6 First Friday On the first Friday of each month, art lovers are invited to enjoy the latest works of art on view, sometimes voting on favorite pieces. The event is free and includes refreshments, live music, and opportunities to speak with the artists. *Port Aransas Art Center, 104 N. Alister St. 361-749-7334; portaransasartcenter.org*

ROCKPORT: March 6 Whooping Crane Strut The 33rd annual strut features a 2-mile walk and 5K and 10K runs. The walk remains in the beach area while the 5K and 10K continue to Austin and Water streets. Awards are usually offered to the first three finishers in each age category, overall male and female top finishers, and Master/Grand Master age brackets. *Rockport Beach, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-727 2158; www.rockport-fulton.org*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through March 31 Port of Brownsville Nature Tours Take a four-hour narrated tour down the Port of Brownsville ship channel. On this unique trip, see dolphins, local and migratory birds, decommissioned naval vessels, ships in port from all over the world, and the SpaceX launch site. While on the tour, learn about the lower Laguna Madre's rich history. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Sept. 30 Dolphin Watching and Eco Tours Enjoy a 1.5-hour dolphin watch aboard the *Murphy's Law* and see bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. You also have the opportunity to view local and migratory birds, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Boca Chica Beach, and the South Padre Island

10 OUTLAWS LEGENDS ANNIVERSARY music festival

March 19-20

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Radney Foster

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jetties. During the Eco Tour Dolphin Watch, a specialized net is dragged along the bay floor. Sea life captured during the tour is brought on board and viewed up close. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

TOMBALL: March 26-28 German Heritage Festival You do not have to be German to enjoy this festival. Founded with one oompah band on a flatbed trailer, it has become an annual tradition in Tomball and one of the liveliest music/street festivals in Texas. Every year, on the last weekend in March, festivalgoers break out their lederhosen and dirndls and “go German” for the area’s largest festival celebrating the heritage of the original German families who settled this area beginning in 1840. *Downtown Tomball, 201 S. Elm St. 281-379-6844; tomballgermanfest.org*

VICTORIA: Through March 7 “JHoward Organic Pastels: Selected Works” Acclaimed for her vitality of colors, strength of composition, and variety of subject matter, JHoward expands her range with this exhibit that features her organic pastels and includes colorful landscapes, vibrant still lifes, and lifelike portraits that reflect a great understanding of storytelling. *Nave Museum, 306 Commercial St.*

361-575-8228; navemuseum.com

VICTORIA: Feb. 25-March 1 Victoria Livestock Show The largest event held in Victoria has been pared down this year, with the 75th livestock show having a limited schedule that includes livestock and ag mechanics judging, shows, auctions, virtual events, and a Queen Victoria pageant. *Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. 361-485-3116; victorialivestockshow.com*

VICTORIA: March 25-May 16 “Carole Myers: Selected Works” See paintings by the late artist Carole Myers. Her works, as she once described them, were inspired by the beauty of landscapes and “express both the vast panoramic views and intimate bits of nature with a spiritual response, rather than a literal interpretation.” *Nave Museum, 306 Commercial St. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com*

VICTORIA: March 27 “Idyllic Nature Celebration” The Victoria Symphony presents this performance that features works by composers Richard Wagner, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com*

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through March 7 “Design Shine” Created to showcase emerging talent in the fields of architecture and design, this annual competition is presented by the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum and AIA Austin. The jury yielded many impressive proposals, with two winning projects from two local teams. Drawing on themes of resiliency and empathy in times of uncertainty, each installation reinvigorates the visitor’s experience with captivating, family-friendly sculptural art works. *Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum, 605 Azie Morton Road. 512-445-5582; umlaufsculpture.org/design-shine-2020*

AUSTIN: Through May 9 “After Michelangelo, Past Picasso: Leo Steinberg’s Library of Prints” Beginning in the early 1960s with only the meager budget of a part-time art history professor, Leo Steinberg amassed a collection that comprehensively illustrates the history of European printmaking. Akin to books on a shelf, Steinberg’s prints formed a visual library that shaped his scholarship in fundamental ways. Selections from his over 3,500 prints illuminate the collector’s insight that prints are the “circulating lifeblood of ideas,” disseminating compositions, motifs, and




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styles across geographic, material and temporal boundaries, while also presenting highlights of the European printmaking tradition. *Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org*

AUSTIN: Through May 30 "Mexico, the Border and Beyond: Selections from the Juan Antonio Sandoval Jr. Collection"

Juan Sandoval, a now-retired reference librarian and subject specialist for art and Chicano studies at the University of Texas at El Paso, donated to Mexic-Arte Museum his vast collection amassed over 30 years. The Sandoval Collection is composed of more than 1,500 artworks, many of them created by Mexican and Latinx artists. It includes prints, photographs, paintings, sculptures, and popular art from the El Paso region and from Mexico. The collection also contains hundreds of publications and other ephemera. *Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave. 512-480-9373; mexic-artemuseum.org*

AUSTIN: Through Dec. 31 Virtual Exhibit:

"The Brush Is a Bow" Texas Folklife presents this exhibition featuring works by Howard Rains, an artist and master fiddler originally from Texas who now lives in Kansas. Rains performs, records, and collaborates

with his wife, fellow artist and musician Tricia Spencer. The portraits seen in this collection are all from the last two years and represent both where the artist has been with his work and where he is going. The abandonment of touring and the quiet hours in the studio during the pandemic have begun to shift Rains' portraits into the realm of the surreal, as can be seen in some of the work. *Virtual, 512-441-9255; texasfolklife.org*

AUSTIN: March 13-27 Rodeo Austin Grab your boots and cowboy hat for the capital city's largest annual rodeo, livestock show, carnival and fair, and series of concerts featuring a mix of top country and popular music acts. *Travis County Exposition Center, 9100 Decker Lake Road. 512-919-3000; rodeoaustin.com*

AUSTIN: March 16-21 South by Southwest The tech, film, and music festival in the capital city moves to an all-online format. The list of featured speakers this year includes Cynthia Erivo, Wyclef Jean, David E. Kelley, Michael Lewis, Mark Mothersbaugh, Maria Sharapova, Baratunde Thurston, and Andrew Zimmern. The film portion is slated to include virtual speaker sessions, screenings, showcases, and networking opportunities. *Virtual. sxsw.com*

BANDERA: March 4-6 Fiber and Arts Festival This Texas Hill Country experience celebrates sheep and wool, with attendees welcome to participate in virtual and in-person fiber arts classes, shop from vendors, visit with farm animals, and enjoy a cast-iron cookoff. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 949-400-4225; banderafiberandarts.com*

BANDERA: March 6 Women's Ranch Rodeo and Kids' Mutton Busting Capping off a weekend of events, this rodeo is presented by the Bandera ProRodeo Association and features an evening with a kids' mutton-busting contest followed by an all-women rodeo that includes steer roping and branding and a cowhide race. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-460-1071; banderaprorodeo.org*

BANDERA: March 12-13 Ham Rodeo This annual rodeo features vendors, wild hogs, barbecue, a Friday night concert, and interactive activities on Saturday. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 515-554-2027; banderawranglers.com*

BANDERA: March 25-28 Texas Hill Country Bike Week Along with the Thunder in the Hills motorcycle rally, this event offers rides throughout the region, top entertainment, vendors, and on-site camping.



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Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 409-655-8800; bikerralliesoftexas.com

BULVERDE: March 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturday Night Rodeo The family-friendly rodeo and live music series starts the first weekend in March and continues each Saturday through the last weekend in November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Following the rodeo, enjoy live music and dancing; beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks; and food, including Texas barbecue, tacos, steak, and burgers. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

BURNET: March 20 Bluebonnet Airshow Bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen for this annual aviation event. Join the Highland Lakes Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force at the airshow. Wings and Wheels once again takes the stage. Included with your ticket is a classic car show hosted by Lake Area Rods and Classics Club. *Kate Craddock Field, Burnet Municipal Airport, 2402 S. Water St. 512-756-2226; bluebonnetairshow.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 5 First Friday Art Walk Tour fine art galleries that offer special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours on the first Friday of every month. *Various locations. firstfridayartwalkfbg.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 15-20 Spring Break at the Pioneer Museum The museum grounds are the setting for living history presenters, including Texas Rangers, activities such as frontier campouts, handicrafts, corn husk doll-making, chuckwagon cooking, Comanche Indian historic interpretations, frontier songs, and games. *Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. 830-990-8441; pioneermuseum.net*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 19-21 Trade Days Shop from more than 350 vendors in seven barns, browse acres of antiques, and enjoy the biergarten and live music. A \$5 parking fee is good all weekend. *Sunday Farms across from Wildseed Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 20 Celebrate Texas 2021 Join the Former Texas Rangers Foundation for this annual event. History comes to life with the Old Chisholm Trail Show, the Traditional American Indian Society, Tales of the Texas Rangers, and other historical festivities. *Texas Rangers Heritage Center, 1618 E. Main St. 830-997-2698; trhc.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 20 Mud Dauber Festival and Chili Cookoff Named in honor of the pesky insect, this open chili cookoff and live music festival shows why Luckenbach has some of the

best mud in the universe. The 10th annual event is slated to have 50 chili teams and live music. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 26-April 11 Texas Hill Country Wine and Wildflower Journey Enjoy the wineries and natural beauty of the Texas Hill Country on a self-guided tour that includes complimentary tastings and wine discounts at dozens of participating wineries. *Various locations. texaswinetrail.com*



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INGRAM: March 19-20, 26-27; April 3-4 "Trying" This play by Joanna McClelland Glass is based on the author's experience during 1967-68 when she worked for Francis Biddle, the United States attorney general under then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, at his home in Washington, D.C. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

KERRVILLE: March 2-19 "America the Beautiful" This is the 51st annual national exhibition of Women Artists of the West, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting female fine artists. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: March 6 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet The Market Days portion of this event continues to feature artists and crafters who bring their own original handcrafted jewelry, fiber, wood, metal, soaps, lotions and other creations. The Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale and flea market with a wide range of merchandise available at bargain prices. *Kerr County Hill*

Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org

KERRVILLE: March 21 Celtic Angels Ireland The Irish group celebrates its cherished heritage through traditional dance, music, and song. The Celtic Knight Dancers, featuring two former lead dancers of Riverdance, join the Celtic Angels on this tour. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxtheater.com*

MARBLE FALLS: March 6 Market on Main Come and peruse the work of 70-plus craft makers, bakers, and style creators from around the Hill Country. *Main Street. 830-693-2815; visitmarblefalls.org*

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 6-7 Kinderschuhe 5K Run and Walk Presented by New Braunfels Utilities, the annual Kinderschuhe 5K Run and Walk benefits Communities in Schools by providing funds to buy shoes for children in need. The event is open to all ages. *Gruene Historic District. 830-629-8486; nbutexas.com/kinderschuhe or runsignup.com/race/tx/newbraunfels/nbukinderschuhe*

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 18 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers On the third Thursday of the month, The Grapevine offers opportunities to enjoy Texas wines in Gruene Historic District. For a new virtual spin, the wine tasting room has created a to-go set of featured wines that can be picked up and enjoyed at home while watching a guided tasting video with experts discussing the wines. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; grapevineingruene.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 20 Founders Day Parade Every 25 years since the founding of the city, there has been a parade and celebration in downtown New Braunfels. The 175th celebration is no different and includes a trail ride arrival that leads off the founders parade and a Kindermasken Parade (children's costumed walking parade). *Downtown New Braunfels, 301 Main Plaza. 830-625-2385; since1845.com/event/parade*

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 20-21 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods for sale between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. *Gruene Historic District. 830-832-1721; gruenemarketdays.com*

SABINAL: March 27-28 Wild Hog Festival and Craft Fair This year marks the festival's 30th year and offers a variety of entertainment including wild hog chasing, arts and crafts, games and rides, a carnival, and plenty of food. *Sabinal City Park and Yellowjacket Football Stadium, 1049 N. Center St. sabinalwildhogfestival.com*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: March 2 Virtual Living Room Concert 5 The final Living Room Concert of the season features Abilene Philharmonic musicians Hannah Martineau and Chris Arcy performing viola and bass duets by Gioachino Rossini, Reinhold Gliere, and Johannes Sperger. *Virtual*. 325-677-6170; abilenephilharmonic.org

ABILENE: March 19-20 Outlaws and Legends Music Fest The 10th annual Outlaws and Legends Music Fest, benefiting Ben Richey Boys Ranch, returns to the Back Porch of Texas. Artists include Willie Nelson, Randy Houser, Kevin Fowler, Deana Carter, Lee Roy Parnell, Charley Crockett, the Great Divide, Cooder Graw, Jamie Richards, and Mike and the Moonpies. There are several different ways to enjoy the festival, including general admission tickets to be in the center of the action, a private tailgate with close friends, RVing in the park, or a VIP suite or Skybox. *Back Porch of Texas*, 3350 N. Clack St. 325-260-6054; outlawsandlegends.com/tickets

ABILENE: March 27 Abilene Philharmonic: Masterworks II, Beethoven Triple Hear Kiril Laskarov on violin, Jeffrey Las-trapes on cello, and Steven Harlos on piano as the trio plays Mozart's Symphony No. 29 and Beethoven's Triple Concerto. *First Baptist Church of Abilene*, 1333 N. Third St. 325-677-6710; abilenephilharmonic.org

LEVELLAND: March 26-April 4 American Business Club Pro Rodeo For 78 years, the members of the Lubbock Downtown Chapter of the American Business Club have supported and improved the lives of their community by working to produce some of the greatest western sporting events in the country. Rodeo events include mutton bustin', saddle bronc and bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. *Mallet Event Center*, 2320 US 385 S. 806-794-4161; abcrodeo.com

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 1 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition The sixth annual juried competition presents 12 large outdoor sculptures on view to the public. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts*, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SWEETWATER: March 11-14 World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup Started in 1958 and sponsored by the Sweetwater Jaycees, the World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup features an array of events including the Miss Snake Charmer Pageant; chili and barbecue cookoffs; carnival rides and concessions; a dance; a gun, knife, and coin show; and, of course, lots and lots of snakes. Contests include snake eating,



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PINEY WOODS

CONROE: March 20-21 Houston Music and Arts Festival Enjoy major concerts, fine art displays, a classic car show, dozens of fun attractions and contests, and the Taste of Texas Food Garden, with delicious cuisine and cold domestic and craft beers. (The second weekend of this event takes place in Pearland on March 27-28.) *Heritage Place Park, 500 Collins St. houstonartsfestival.com*

HUNTSVILLE: March 13-14 Rusty, Chippy, Vintage, and Repurposed Show Over 85 dealers from across the country bring their best treasures for this annual two-day show. Antiques, vintage and collectible finds, repurposed items, furniture, estate jewelry, turquoise, sterling silver, holiday décor, glassware, boutiques, yard art, old tools, plants, homemade jams and jellies, and homemade soaps are just some of the things you can find. The facility is indoors and climate controlled. *Walker County Fairgrounds, 3925 SH 30 W. 936-661-2545; huntsvilleantiqueshow.com*

LUFKIN: March 4 Ranky Tanky in Concert This jazz ensemble creates blues-inspired music that has deep roots in the Gullah culture from South Carolina and has had a No. 1 album on iTunes and Amazon Jazz charts. *Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. 936-633-5454; angelinaarts.org*

LUFKIN: March 26 “An Evening With C.S. Lewis” Starring David Payne as C.S. Lewis, this show chronicles a captivating evening in 1963 when the author hosts a group of American writers at his home near Oxford. Throughout the evening he recalls the people and events that inspired his thoughts and shaped his life and reflects on his friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien, why he nearly abandoned the *Chronicles of Narnia*, how

he came to embrace Christianity, and the American woman who turned his life upside down. *Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. 936-633-5454; angelinaarts.org*

LUFKIN: March 26 Steep Canyon Rangers in Concert The Grammy-winning sextet has been fusing bluegrass, pop, country, and folk rock music for more than 20 years. *Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. 936-633-5454; angelinaarts.org*

PALESTINE: March 19-April 4 Dogwood Trails Celebration For more than 80 years, Palestine has celebrated the Dogwood Trails Festival. Enjoy the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park the last two weekends in March and first weekend in April. Activities are scheduled each weekend to complement the celebration, including an all-day festival the first weekend. Don’t miss the Piney Woods Excursion Train at the Texas State Railroad, the Main Street Farm and Flower Market, and a play at the historic Texas Theatre. The hidden Fairy Garden Trails in Davey Dogwood Park are a joy for kids and adults, and the Railroad Heritage Center has scale-model railroad exhibits for train enthusiasts. You can also take a peek inside the Redlands Hotel with the Historic Redlands Tour. *Main Street. 903-723-3014; texasdogwoodtrails.com*

PALESTINE: March 20 Dogwood Festival One of the longest-running festivals in the state of Texas, the Dogwood Festival kicks off the first of three weekends of the Dogwood Trails Celebration, with locals and guests reveling in the beautiful dogwood blooms of East Texas. Enjoy live music, art, specialty products, food vendors, and children’s activities. *Downtown/Old Town Palestine, 401 W. Main St. 903-729-6066; palestinechamber.org/dogwoodfestival*

PALESTINE: March 26-28 Old-Time Music and Dulcimer Festival The dulcimer, a fretted string instrument originally played in the Appalachian region of the U.S., is celebrated at this festival with dulcimer and old-time musicians from around the country, who serve as headliners for festival concerts and workshops. Friday and Saturday are filled with live performances, jam sessions, concerts, and workshops. *The Museum, 400 Mischeaux St. 903-723-3014; oldpalmusic.com*

TYLER: March 4-7, 11-14 Texas Rose Spring Kickoff Hunter/Jumper Horse Show This horse show consists of show jumpers, working hunters, and hunt seat equitation. Show jumpers compete in jumper classes where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—meaning, a smooth



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TYLER: March 19-21 USDAA Agility Dog Trials Dog agility is a competitive sport that tests a person's skills in training and handling a dog over a timed obstacle course as they demonstrate the dog's natural agility and the bond between handler and dog. Competitors race against the clock, directing their dog to jump hurdles, scale ramps, burst through tunnels, traverse a seesaw, and weave through a line of poles on a course designed to challenge a handler's training skills. With scoring based on faults similar to equestrian show jumping, dog agility is an exciting spectator event. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: March 20 Spirits of Oakwood Cemetery Tour Historians dressed in period clothing portray notable Tyler and Smith County citizens buried in the cemetery and tell their individual stories. *Oakwood Cemetery, 714 W. Oakwood. 903-316-2201; cityoftyler.org/government/departments/parks-rec/facilities/cemeteries-mausoleum*

TYLER: March 27-28 Spring Horse Trials and Cross Country Event This is an equestrian sport that could be termed an "equestrian triathlon." It involves working with a horse both on flat surfaces and over fences. The three phases are: dressage, endurance (or cross country), and show jumping. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BELLVILLE: March 6 First Saturday Market Stroll through the market on the downtown square and check out the nearby farmers and artisan market with more than 75 booths featuring craftsmen, woodworkers, retailers, rolling boutiques, produce, honey, and baked goods galore while you enjoy music all day, several food trucks, a photo booth, and activities. *Downtown Square and Pavilion, 1 Main St. 979-270-1434; discoverbellville.com*

BELLVILLE: March 13 Classic Car Stampede The 17th annual Austin County Cruisers Car Stampede is open for trucks, cars, and motorcycles dating from 1976 and older. There is music, food, drinks, and free parking and admission. *Jim Bishop Pavilion,*

100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3187; austincountycruisers.com

BELTON: March 20-21 A Sami Show Since 1975, the Sami Show Marketplace has provided a unique shopping experience. Visit many small businesses all under one roof, including artists, craftsmen, jewelers, boutiques, gourmet foods purveyors, home décor shops, and bath and body specialists. *Bell County Expo Center, 301 W. Loop 121. 512-441-7133; samishow.com*

BELTON: March 21-April 25 Healthy Kids Running Series This five-week running program for kids ages pre-K through eighth grade takes place once a week and offers age-appropriate running events including the 50- and 75-yard dashes, and the quarter-mile, half-mile, and 1-mile runs. Kids compete each week for a chance to earn points. At the end of the series, the boys and girls who accumulate the most points in their respective distance categories are awarded trophies. All participants receive a medal on the last week. *Freedom Park, 8456 Tarver Drive. 254-340-4577; healthykidsrunningseries.org*

BRENHAM: March 18-28 "The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey" One actor portrays every character in a small Jersey

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BURTON: March 13-31 Texas Ranger Day Which famous Texas Ranger lived and died in Burton? Discover the town's unique history at Texas Ranger Day, hosted by the Burton Heritage Society. Celebrate with the Annie Maud Avis Memorial Fajita and Bean Cookoff and experience Texas Ranger camp life as it was in the 1880s. There are folk-life demonstrations, crafts, and tours of the Railroad Depot, as well as Burton Farmer's Cotton Gin tours. Entertainment includes a DJ set by Kountry Chick. All proceeds are used to restore the Mt. Zion Historical Chapel. *Burton Heritage Society and Railroad Museum*, 507 N. Railroad St. 979-353-0050; burtonheritagesociety.org

BURTON: March 26-April 3 La Bahia Antique Show Dealers from across the country sell antiques, collectibles, and repur-

posed and vintage items in the historic 1902 La Bahia Hall. Outside, dealers offer a variety of vintage goods. There is country cooking all day and free admission and parking. The show is part of the famous Round Top Antique Festival weekend. *La Bahia Hall*, 550 SH 237. 979-289-2684; labahiaantiques.com

DALLAS: Through Sept. 26 "Nasher Mix-tape" Visit the Nasher Sculpture Center for this series of "tracks," or micro-exhibitions, that highlight the center's permanent collection, with both old and newly acquired works being featured throughout the center and its sculpture garden. *Nasher Sculpture Center*, 2001 Flora St. 214-242-5100; nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: Feb. 20-April 11 Dallas Blooms Festival: "America the Beautiful" Named by *Architectural Digest* one of the "15 Breathtaking Botanical Gardens to Visit This Season," the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden presents Dallas Blooms, the largest annual floral festival in the Southwest. Themed "America the Beautiful," the spring festival showcases an explosion of color from 100 varieties of spring bulbs and more than 500,000 spring-blooming blossoms, thousands of azaleas, and hundreds of Japanese cherry trees.

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. 214-515-6615; dallasarboretum.org

DALLAS: March 2-Jan. 2, 2022 "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" This public exhibition features several portraits painted by President George W. Bush that are featured in his new book of the same name. The collection provides an in-depth look at the many issues surrounding the immigration debate in the United States. *George W. Bush Presidential Center*, 2943 SMU Blvd. 214-200-4300; bushcenter.org

DALLAS: March 14-June 20 "Building on the Boulevard: Celebrating 20 Years of the Meadows' New Home" This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Meadows Museum's building, one of Southern Methodist University's most iconic structures welcoming visitors onto Bishop Boulevard. The museum celebrates this milestone with a look at the accomplishments of the past two decades, including the historic acquisitions, projects, and partnerships that have shaped its institutional identity and made it a leader in the field of Spanish art history studies. Visitors can see the Spanish collection in a new light while enjoying a museum-wide presentation that

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DALLAS: March 14–June 20 “Fossils to Film: The Best of SMU Collections” This exhibition is a selection of remarkable art and artifacts from eight distinct Southern Methodist University campus collections: Underwood Law Library, G. Williams Johns Film and Video Collection, Bywaters Special Collections, Hamon Arts Library, the Shuler Museum of Paleontology, DeGolyer Library, the Department of Anthropology, and Bridwell Library. Together, they represent one of the most important collections in North Texas, from the earliest scriptural manuscript in the state to an unparalleled collection of Texas bank notes, early photography, and artworks by influential Texas regionalist artists, many exhibited outside of their home departments for the first time. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org*

DENTON: Through May 8 “Materials Hard and Soft” The 34th annual Materials Hard and Soft International Contemporary Craft Competition and Exhibition is a showcase of national and international contemporary craft artists. The juried exhibition includes 77 pieces in glass, clay, fibers, wood, metal, and plastic selected by juror Pablo Barrera. *Patterson–Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/materialshardandsoft*

DENTON: Through July 17 Greater Doughnuts Arts and Crafts Find family fun at the art center each month with free doughnuts, coffee, and crafts, plus art exhibits to stroll through and discuss with your kids. *Patterson–Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center*

DENTON: March 5–Aug. 18 Soul Art Renewal This multi-gallery and multimedia celebration of art and artists comes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the arts community. The project aims to focus on healing, hope, and community resilience and renewal. *Patterson–Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center*

DENTON: March 18–July 15 Crafted Join the Greater Denton Arts Council every second Thursday for arts and crafts and craft beer. Each month features different artists, techniques, and mediums, providing a range of opportunities to learn new skills

and connect with makers over a cold drink provided by Armadillo Ale Works. *Patterson–Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center*

FORT WORTH: Through Dec. 31 “John Wayne: An American Experience”

Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, this exhibit at the Fort Worth Stockyards is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life of Hollywood legend John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and running through his career, the exhibit highlights every aspect of the Duke's legacy, from his most iconic film props and costumes to never-before-seen family photos and correspondences. *Fort Worth Stockyards, Historic Exhibits Building, 2501 Rodeo Plaza. johnwayne.com/experience*

GRAPEVINE: March 5 First Fridays at Nash Farm First Friday of every month features a series of family-friendly educational experiences designed to teach life skills that were important on a Texas farm in the 19th century. *Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. 817-410-3185; nashfarm.org*

HALLETTSVILLE: March 5–6 42 State Domino Tournament Compete in friendly rounds of 42, a domino game loved for decades. On Friday, there are warm-up rounds, and then the tournament takes place all day on Saturday. *Hallettsville KC Hall, 321 US 77 S. 361-798-2662; hallettsville.com*

HALLETTSVILLE: March 26–28 Polka and Sausage Fest Do you love polka music? Do you love sausage? Stop by the Polka and Sausage Fest for both, plus lots of fun. Friday night begins with a fish fry and all the trimmings, followed by a night of polka music and dancing. On Saturday, the festivities begin with a polka mass celebrated at the hall followed by lots of fun, food, and fellowship. The Knights of Columbus serve up a meal of sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, chicken noodle soup, and of course tasty kolaches. Polka music and dancing starts in the evening. Sunday offers fried chicken, and the music continues with various bands. For the finale, all the bands come together for a concert in the late afternoon. *Hallettsville KC Hall, 321 US 77 S. 361-798-2311; kchall.com*

IRVING: March 20 Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra in Concert The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra features its own principal clarinetist, Jonathan Jones, playing Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major. Rounding out the evening, the orchestra presents Schubert's “Overture to the Faithful Soldier” and Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F Major. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N.*

MacArthur Blvd. 972-252-4800;
lascolinassymphony.org

LA GRANGE: March 12-13 Best Little Cowboy Gathering Calling all cowboys and cowgirls or anyone who enjoys all things western: this event is for you. Listen all weekend to older country and Western swing music and have fun while enjoying a singer-songwriter showcase, a barbecue cookoff, western arts and crafts, children's events, and musical performances by Eddie Raven, Rick Treviño, Jake Worthington, Jody Nix, and Jody Booth. *Fayette County Fair Grounds, 400 W. Fair Grounds Road. 979-966-7846; bestlittlecowboygathering.org*

MCKINNEY: March 12-14 Third Monday Trade Days This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. Shop from more than 450 vendors who offer almost anything you can imagine. Find unique gifts, delightful home décor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty goods along with many food concessions at this open-air market. *Third Monday Trade Days, 4550 W. University Drive. 972-562-5466; tmttd.com*

MESQUITE: Through March 27 "Lanny Quarles: Collage Series/Ink Series" The Mesquite Arts Council presents works by artist Lanny Quarles in the main gallery of the Mesquite Arts Center. Originally commissioned by Cecil Touchon's Santa Fe, New Mexico, gallery, Quarles' "Collage Series" focuses on finding ways in which the materials at hand elicit their own voices and expressions in a conversation with the artist or viewer. His "Ink Series" follows a long period of working in asemic (abstract) writing techniques. Originally working on long sumi-e scrolls on rice paper, the artist in these pieces followed an even more all-over approach, while retaining many of the same calligraphy-inspired methods of mark-making. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: Through March 27 "Paige Lehman: Freedom from Grieving" The Mesquite Arts Council presents local artist Paige Lehman to the chamber gallery. *Freedom From Grieving* includes a story series of 12 pieces created by the abstract alcohol ink artist, who shares her story through visual art and poetry about going from an internal place of deep grieving to an external place of joy without ceasing. Each piece is created to inspire joy, connection, and intimacy for viewers. All pieces are created with vibrant alcohol inks, both warm and cool tones, and iridescent



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gold. Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org

MESQUITE: March 6 Mother and Son Dance Moms and sons can spend a fun and memorable evening together at this annual dance. Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest St. 972-216-6273; cityofmesquite.com/pard

MESQUITE: March 13 BullyPedex Kennel Club Fans of the bully dog attend this kennel club expo and show to register their dog, meet other owners, and learn more about this beloved breed. Mesquite Convention Center, 1701 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2355; visitmesquitetx.com or bullypedex.com

MESQUITE: March 16-22 Just Between Friends Save on everything for the kids in your life at this semiannual shopping event. Find new and gently used children's and maternity clothes and other items, including strollers and bouncy seats. Mesquite Convention Center, 1701 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2355; visitmesquitetx.com

MESQUITE: March 20 Eggcitement with the Bunny Celebrate the holiday with the family and participate in this free annual Easter egg hunt. Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest St. 972-216-6273; cityofmesquite.com/pard

MESQUITE: March 20 Heroines in Opera The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents their first spring concert of the spring season. Mesquite Arts Center, Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org

MESQUITE: March 26-28 Nexstar National Talent Competition At this national dance competition, dancers of all levels showcase their hard work and talents in a fun, safe, and family-friendly environment. Mesquite Convention Center, 1702 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2355; visitmesquitetx.com

MESQUITE: March 27 Rodeo Parade Horses, bands, and floats wind their way through downtown Mesquite during this annual parade. The parade follows its traditional route starting on Belt Line at New-some and proceeds through downtown Mesquite, ending on Galloway Avenue at New Market. Downtown Mesquite. cityofmesquite.com/pard

NAVASOTA: March 5-6 Texas Birthday Bash Navasota celebrates Texas Independence with all things Texas, from music and food to fun for the whole family. The Lone Star State was born in 1836, when the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed just seven miles down the road in Washington-on-the-Brazos. Downtown

Navasota. 936-825-6475; texasbirthdaybash.com

PLANO: Through Dec. 31 Plano Scavenger Hunt On this fun-filled Plano scavenger hunt, wind through the storied streets in search of iconic landmarks and great green spaces. *Let's Roam*, 901 18th St. 833-202-7626; letsroam.com/scavenger_hunt/plano_savenger_hunt

PLANO: March 6-7 Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Festival The annual festival offers a one-of-a-kind, family-friendly experience with fly-fishing manufacturers, lectures on techniques and topics interesting to fly anglers of every stripe, and some of the Lone Star State's best microbrewed beer. It's a chance to meet fly-fishing authors, professional guides, expert casters, custom bamboo rod makers, and fly tyers from across the country and to learn more about the sport, from fishing from a kayak to testing out the latest fly rods. *Plano Event Center*, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. txflyfishingfestival.org

ROUND TOP: March 19-20 Herb Society of America: Pioneer Unit Plant Sale Gardeners and plant lovers are invited to bring their wagons for plant hauling to the Herb Society of America's annual plant sale.

Celebrate spring by replacing plants and refreshing beds from the great selection of bedding plants, herbs, shrubs, roses, succulents, and trees. Find new varieties and old favorites as well as garden gifts and food items in the Thyme Well Spent Shop. Admission is free. Proceeds from the sale provide support for the gardens at Festival Hill and the Sensory Garden at Brenham Elementary. *Round Top Festival Institute*, 248 Jaster Road. 832-867-9617; herbsocietypioneer.org/events

SHERMAN: March 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade Sherman Main Street, Texoma Society of CELTS, and the Old Iron Post present Sherman's St. Patrick's Day Parade in the beautiful, historic downtown. The event includes live music. *Downtown Sherman*. 903-892-7230; shermantx.org

SHERMAN: March 20-21 Celtic Festival and Highland Games Come to the Sherman Celtic Festival and Highland Games for traditional Celtic dancing, the Viking Village, Scottish clans, cultural exhibits, competitive games, and lots of entertainment. *2190 Fallon Drive*. 903-892-7230; shermancelticfest.com

SHINER: March 12-13 Pink Chandelier Market Barn Sale Browse a mix of

vintage, repurposed, upcycled, handmade, and homemade items in a barn setting. Concessions are available, and there is live music and free parking. *Wied Hall*, 6301-6399 US 90A. 361-798-0573; facebook.com/pinkchandeliermarket

TEMPLE: Through March 27 "521 All-Stars: A Championship Story of Baseball and Community" Until Jackie Robinson broke the race barrier in 1947, Major League Baseball was the pastime of white players and fans, forcing segregated Black players to form leagues of their own. Based on the 1998 book *The 521 All-Stars: a Championship Story of Baseball and Community*, this exhibit depicts a year in the lives of players on a semiprofessional Black baseball team, the 521st All-Stars of Rembert, South Carolina. The exhibit showcases a group of leaders and role models who impacted their community in ways that often transcend the celebrity and wealth of major league stars. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum*, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5165; templerrhm.org

WAXAHACHIE: March 19-28 Tulipalooza Enjoy 10 days of colorful blooming tulips at this festival founded by Poston Gardens, a tulip field created by John Poston to provide inspiration, work experience, and fi-



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nancial support for adults with intellectual disabilities. *Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. 469-309-4040; postongardens.com*

WEST: March 19-20 West, Central Texas Ceramic Expo and Handcrafted Items

Shop for ceramic supplies from vendors, win door prizes, and compete in judged ceramic art competitions. You can even learn a new hobby while you're here. *Knights of Columbus Club, 2547 Jerry Mashek Drive. 254-716-5227; westceramicshow.com*

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

SAN ANTONIO: Through April 4 "Hollywood's Sistine Chapel: Sacred Sets for Stage and Scene" This exhibition captures the Renaissance in theater and cinema. Six hand-painted, soundstage backdrops from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio "guest star" alongside artworks from the Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts. The backdrops, on loan from Texas Performing Arts at the University of Texas at Austin, were created for MGM's 1968 papal drama *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, starring Anthony Quinn. More than 200 backdrops—including these six replicas of Renaissance masterpieces in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel—were saved through the 2017 Art Directors Guild's Backdrop Recovery Project. *The McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

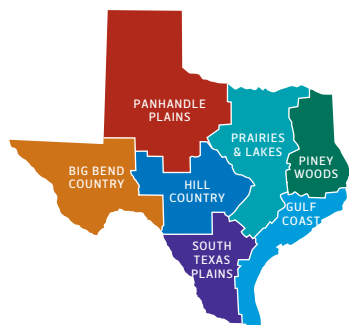
SAN ANTONIO: Through May 9 Origami-intheGarden² Making its Texas debut, this outdoor sculpture exhibition created by American artists Jennifer and Kevin Box captures the delicate nature of the origami paper art form in museum-quality metals. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org/origamiinthegarden2*

SAN ANTONIO: Feb. 23-March 6 Commemoration of the Battle of the Alamo Join the Alamo to honor the anniversary of the 1836 Battle of the Alamo with 13 days of special events and programming, both in-person and virtual. *The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. 210-225-1391; thealamo.org*

SAN ANTONIO: March 29-May 9 Night of Artists Celebrating its 20th anniversary both in person and online, Night of Artists features nearly 300 new works of painting, sculpture, and mixed media by 80 of the country's leading contemporary western artists. Don't miss the largest western art exhibition and sale in Texas and one of the largest in the U.S. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org/noa*



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BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: April 23-24 George Paul Memorial Xtreme Bull Riding Named after bull-riding champion George Paul, who set a world record for successful rides (79) before perishing in a plane crash in 1970 at the age of 23, this bull-riding competition brings out the mightiest riders and toughest bulls. *Val Verde County Fairgrounds, 2006 N. Main St. 830-775-9595; georgepaulmemorialbullriding.com*

DEL RIO: April 29-May 2 Birding the Border Festival Taking place each spring in Val Verde and Kinney counties and hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, this birding festival allows participants the opportunity to see a wide variety of birds, including golden-cheeked warblers and black-capped vireos, in the borderlands of Southwest Texas. Meet experts and fellow birders while spending the mornings guided to inhabitants for prime birdwatching. There is also a photography-focused trip each day, guided by Dr. Dorian Anderson. *Various locations. 830-774-7591; wildlife.tamu.edu/birding*

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 Sun City Scavenger Hunt Have some fun in the sun while exploring the westernmost city in Texas. On this culture-filled El Paso scavenger hunt, discover iconic buildings, landmarks, and great green spaces around downtown. *Let's Roam, 111 W. Mills Ave. 833-202-7626; letsroam.com/scavenger_hunt/el_paso_scavenger_hunt*

MARFA: April 29-May 2 CineMarfa Inspired by a desire to bring artist-made films usually screened in galleries and museums to viewers in Far West Texas, this film fest has hosted a diverse array of talent, including Harmony Korine, Cat Power, and Larry Clark. In addition to the films made by visual artists, the festival focuses on showing unusual and rare archival, experimental, documentary, and narrative cinema. *Crowley Theater, Corner of Austin and El Paso streets. 432-295-0752; cinemarfa.org*

VAN HORN: April 21-23 Building Bridges Art Show Local and regional artists are building the bridge for younger generations to share in the joy of art. Over three days, the show features sculptures, photography, stained glass works, oil paintings, and watercolors. *Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway. 432-283-2682; vanhorn-texas.org*

GULF COAST

ALVIN: April 22-24 Frontier Day The 47th annual Frontier Day, presented by the Alvin Rotary Club, features the popular Frontier Day Parade through the old downtown area of Alvin. The Alvin Rotary Club Gunfighters perform their popular shootout twice during the day, and nearby are children's rides, food concessions, carnival activities, arts and crafts vendors, and an antique car and bike show. Proceeds support scholarships and other charitable activities in the area. *Alvin National Oak Park, 118 S. Magnolia. 713-828-9477; alvinrotary.org*

BLESSING: April 16-17 Palacios Trail Riders' Trail Ride An auction and dinner kick off the festivities before riders set out on this annual trail ride the following day. *Blessing Community Center, 560 FM 616. 972-920-2045; palacioschamber.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 21-25 Birdiest Festival in America Spotting South Texas' peak spring migration in one of the country's busiest flyways, this festival features optional guided birding field trips to regional hot spots, shorebird/wading bird sites, and private ranches. This year's keynote speaker is noted birder, author, and illustrator David Sibley. *South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100; stxbot.org*

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 29-May 9 Buc Days Since 1938, the Buccaneer Commission, a nonprofit organization, has annually staged the Buccaneer Days festival in Corpus Christi in support of bringing entertaining, educational, and cultural events to the Coastal Bend. Beginning in 1996, proceeds from Buc Days have been awarded to students as college scholarships. Held on the Corpus Christi bayfront in the spring, this culturally diverse event grabs the attention of South Texas and has something for everyone, including a rodeo, a carnival, and two parades. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-882-3242; bucdays.com*

GALVESTON: TBD The Grand Kids Festival Presented by The Grand 1894 Opera House, this festival is designed to introduce children and their families to the arts. The festival is being modified this year, but has offered live entertainment and activity booths in past years. *The Grand Opera House and Postoffice Street. grandkidsfestival.com*

GALVESTON: April 9-10 BonTemps Rouler Cajun Throwdown The spicy island event has traditionally featured a crawfish cookoff with up to 60 teams, a variety of Cajun food, and live music. *Highland Bayou Park, 1991 Getty Road. 409-240-9131; btrcajunthrowdown.com*

GALVESTON: April 15-18 FeatherFest The annual birding and nature photography festival offers something for both serious birdwatchers and novice enthusiasts. Expect four days of excellent birding and nature photography field trips on Galveston Island. *Various locations. 832-459-5533; galvestonfeatherfest.com*

HOUSTON: Through April 23 "Estructuras Monumentales" Buffalo Bayou Partnership presents *Estructuras Monumentales*, a major exhibition of outdoor sculptures

by 105-year-old artist Carmen Herrera (born in 1915 in Havana, Cuba). Featuring four newly created sculptures that were first envisioned nearly five decades ago, *Estructuras Monumentales* is Herrera's first public art exhibition in Houston, and this is only the second time that these large-scale works have been presented globally. It offers audiences a powerful and reflective experience that celebrates the full breadth of Herrera's work in three dimensions. *Fondren Foundation Meadow in Buffalo Bayou Park, Allen Parkway at Gillette Street. buffalobayou.org*

HOUSTON: April 6-18 "Sister Act" When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent. Featuring music by Tony and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken, this musical was nominated for five Tony Awards including Best Musical. *Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-8887; tuts.com*

HOUSTON: April 27 Emerson String Quartet in Concert The talents of this legendary quartet are well served with this program, beginning with the lyrical quartet from Alexander Borodin, with its delightful sense of affection throughout, and William Walton's Quartet No. 2, filled with rhythmic energy, followed by Dmitri Shostakovich's Quartet No. 9, dedicated to his dear wife, Irina. *Stude Concert Hall, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org*

HUMBLE: April 9-10 Good Oil Days This festival was created to celebrate Humble's rich history in the oil industry. Over the years, more than 80 vendors have lined Main Street Humble alongside live entertainment throughout the day, plus lots of great food, a free kids' zone with pony rides, train rides, petting zoo, moonwalks, and other attractions. *Main Street. 281-446-4140; goodoil days.com*

McFADDIN: April 10 Polo at McFaddin The annual fundraiser is held for the Nave Museum and Victoria Regional Museum Association. A day of polo includes a professional polo match, gourmet tailgate tastings, beer and wine, live and silent auctions, and live music. *McFaddin Ranch Polo Grounds, 517 McCann Road. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com*

PALACIOS: April 17 Breakfast with the Stars Palacios Area Fund is having a meet-and-greet for families and children with their favorite cartoon characters. The organization provides kids an opportunity to enjoy a great meal, take photos, and be in the company of the cartoon characters.



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PORT ARANSAS: April 23-25 Texas SandFest Enjoy the sounds of the Texas Gulf Coast as you stroll amid the feats of art and architecture. Master sculptors from all over go to Port Aransas to display their skills. Previous festivals have seen larger-than-life sand sculptures of Abraham Lincoln, the Alamo, the Statue of Liberty, and sky-high sandcastles. *Port Aransas Beach, Between Markers 8-18 on the beach.* 361-749-5919; texassandfest.org

PORT ARANSAS: April 30-May 2 Wooden Boat Festival Bring your wooden boats to display. Boats don't need to be fancy, just made of wood. They can even be unfinished. Guests can attend informative programs on boat building and even build their own boats. *Roberts Point Park, 301 JC Barr Blvd.* 210-218-9961; portaransaswoodenboatfestival.org

PORT ARTHUR: April 17 Cajun Heritage Festival Revel in Cajun culture with real Cajun music, dancing, food, and fun. Past festivals have had Cajun waltz contests, crawfish races, crawfish eating contests, and Cajun two-step contests. New this

year is the Cajun Caravan, which takes you to Cajun restaurants plus historical locations and the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Wayne Touns and Royal Blugarou are back as headliners. *Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Drive.* 409-835-2787; cajunheritagefest.com

PORTLAND: April 9-11 Windfest The annual family-fun festival held in the coastal town of Portland has a parade, cookoff, the Dachshund Dash, a doggie costume contest, horseshoe contest, washer tournament, entertainment, food, rides, and shopping. *Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb Drive.* 361-777-4650; portlandtx.org/windfest-2020

ROCKPORT: April 9-11 Tour of Studios Rockport Center for the Arts hosts this annual studio tour that includes a kickoff party on April 9. The tour provides visitors the opportunity to learn more about artists from Rockport-Fulton and beyond. *Rockport Center for the Arts, 406 S. Austin St.* 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com

ROCKPORT: April 17 Rockport-Fulton Pirate Festival Held in conjunction with the Rockport-Fulton Market Days, this new festival features vendors, food, entertainment like pirate ship battles and live music,

and a pirate costume contest. *ACND Festival Grounds, 100 Seabreeze Drive.* 361-729-6445; www.rockport-fulton.org

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Sept. 30 Dolphin Watching and Eco Tours Enjoy a 90-minute dolphin watch aboard the *Murphy's Law* and see bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. You also have the opportunity to see local and migratory birds, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Boca Chica Beach, and the South Padre Island jetties. During the Eco Tour Dolphin Watch, a specialized net is dragged along the bay floor. Sea life captured during the Eco Tour is brought on board and viewed up close. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100.* 956-761-4752; islatours.com

VICTORIA: March 25-May 16 "Carole Myers: Selected Works" View paintings by the late artist Carole Myers. Her works, as she described them, were inspired by the beauty of landscapes and "express both the vast panoramic views and intimate bits of nature with a spiritual response, rather than a literal interpretation." *Nave Museum, 306 Commercial St.* 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com

VICTORIA: April 24 "The Musical Euro-Zone" Victoria Symphony presents "The Musical EuroZone," featuring works by Percy Grainger, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Franz Schubert. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Drive.* 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Dec. 31 Virtual Exhibit: "The Brush Is a Bow" Texas Folklife presents this exhibition featuring works by Howard Rains, an artist and master fiddler originally from Texas who now lives in Kansas. Rains performs, records, and collaborates with his wife Tricia Spencer. The portraits seen in this collection are all from the last two years and represent both where the artist has been with his work and where he is going. The abandonment of touring and the quiet hours in the studio during the pandemic have begun to shift Rains' portraits into the realm of the surreal, as can be seen in some of the work. *Virtual, 512-441-9255; texasfolklife.org*

AUSTIN: Through May 30 "Mexico, the Border and Beyond: Selections from the Juan Antonio Sandoval Jr. Collection" The Sandoval Collection is composed of over 1,500 artworks, many of them created by Mexican and Latinx artists. It includes prints, photographs, paintings, sculptures, and popular art from the El Paso region, as well as Mexico. The collection also contains hundreds of publications and other

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ephemera. *Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave. 512-480-9373; mexic-arte-museum.org*

AUSTIN: April 10-11 City-Wide Vintage Sale Shop from over 100 vendors for vintage clothing, midcentury modern décor, vintage art, collectibles, lighting, upcycled art, and unique finds at Austin's famous vintage paradise open since 1977. *Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. 512-441-2828; citywidevintagesale.com*

AUSTIN: April 16-17, May 15-16, June 25-26 Moontower Comedy Festival Founded in 2011, this festival offers a diverse mix of comedians, podcasts, and performers from around the world, as well as a lineup of local and regional talent. Rescheduled from 2020, the ninth annual Moontower Comedy Festival takes place at the Paramount and Stateside theaters, with the headliner shows initially scheduled for last April now taking place across three weekends. The headliners include Maria Bamford, Todd Barry, Ronny Chieng, Chris Fleming, Nikki Glaser, Nick Kroll, Middle-ditch and Schwartz, Jacqueline Novak, Roy Wood Jr., and Andrew Schulz. *Various locations. 512-472-5470; moontowercomedyfest.com*

AUSTIN: April 21 Taste of Mexico Since 1998, Mexic-Arte Museum's Taste of Mexico has become one of the state's leading Mexican-inspired culinary events of the year, with 1,200 attendees sampling dishes from 50 restaurants in the Austin area. *Brazos Hall, 204 E. Fourth St. 512-480-9373; mexic-artemuseum.org*

AUSTIN: April 25 Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K The annual race attracts more than 20,000 participants from around the world and finishes at the Texas State Capitol. *Various locations. youraustinmarathon.com*

BOERNE: April 3 Bierfest The fourth annual Bierfest serves up great brews, food, live music, games, art displays, and an auction of beer-related art from professional artists, all benefiting the Hill Country Council for the Arts. Your ticket gets you 10 pours in your sampling stein from more than 25 of the best craft breweries in Texas. *The AgriCultural, 102 City Park Road. 830-249-7277; ci.boerne.tx.us*

BOERNE: April 17 Spring Tractor Pull and Handcrafted Market Shop for one-of-a-kind items from local artisans selling artwork, woodwork, ceramics, handblown glass, carvings, knitted yarn items, sewn

items, quilts, handmade clothing and dolls, leather items, soaps, and lotions. Stick around for the tractor pull for true Texas fun. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; ci.boerne.tx.us*

BOERNE: April 17 Texas Corvette Association Car Show Main Street in Boerne comes alive with Corvettes of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Shop, dine, and play along the Hill Country Mile in between checking out the classic and late model Corvettes on display. *Downtown Boerne, 100 N. Main Street. 830-226-5386; ci.boerne.tx.us*

BROWNWOOD: April 16-25 "Rumors" At a large, tastefully appointed Sneden's Landing townhouse, the deputy mayor of New York, Charlie Brock, has just shot himself—though it's only a flesh wound. Four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce. Before gathering everyone for his 10th wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding, and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer and wife must get the story straight before the other guests arrive. *Brownwood Lyric Theatre, 318 Center Avenue. 325-998-2801; brownwoodlyrictheatre.com*

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BULVERDE: April 3, 10, 17, 24 Saturday Night Rodeo The family-friendly rodeo and live music series starts the first weekend in March and continues each Saturday through the last weekend in November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Following the rodeo, enjoy live music and dancing; beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks; and delicious food, including Texas barbecue, tacos, steak, and burgers. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

CASTELL: April 10 Castell Grind The Castell Grind is a bicycle race composed of three separate endurance gravel races: the Full Grind 100K, 3/4 Grind 75K, and Half Grind 50K. All races begin in Castell and follow remote gravel roads through the rolling Texas Hill Country. Expect great views, wildlife, cattle guards, minimal traffic, adventure, and a gravel challenge worthy of bragging rights. Post-race festivities take place at the Castell General Store. *Castell General Store, 19522 W. RR 152. 512-970-8703; castellgrind.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 26-April 11 Texas Hill Country Wine and Wildflower Journey Enjoy the wineries and natural beauty of the Hill Country on a self-guided

tour that includes complimentary tastings and wine discounts at dozens of participating wineries. *Various locations. texaswine trail.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 2 First Friday Art Walk Tour fine art galleries that offer special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours on the first Friday of every month. *Various locations. firstfridayartwalkfbg.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 3-18 Wildflower Celebration Bring your camera and enjoy viewing wildflower fields in full bloom along with two butterfly gardens. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. 830-990-1393; wildseedfarms.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 9-11 The Texas Vintage Motorcycle Fandango Join in for a vintage swap meet, vintage bike show, and vintage motorcycle races all in one fun-packed weekend. General admission includes access to all events on Friday and Saturday, and kids ages 12 and under get in free. Saturday also includes complimentary seminars on Linkert carburetors, drive chain fundamentals, pocket valves, and total-loss oilers. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. 214-912-9245; thetexasfandango.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 10 Tractor Ride The Hill Country Antique Tractor and Engine Club presents this event that features antique tractors, cars, trucks, and a "people carrier" that all make a 20-mile loop through scenic Gillespie County during bluebonnet season. *Various locations. 830-889-0070; rustyiron.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 11 Spring Fling Art Sale Die Künstler von Fredericksburg (The Artists of Fredericksburg) presents the Spring Fling Art Sale, where club members display original fine artworks and also have an opportunity to show their artistic abilities in other areas. Visitors can browse through fine art pieces as well as giclées, prints, photography, hand-painted notecards and bookmarks, and a variety of other art forms. The artists are present to chat with visitors. *Marktplatz, Main Street. dkfredericksburg.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 16-May 2 "The Sunshine Boys" Fredericksburg Theater Company presents this classic Neil Simon comedy about two top-billed vaudevillians, Al and Willie (aka The Sunshine Boys), who have worked together for over 40 years. Now they aren't even speaking. This hilarious play was a celebrated 1975 film starring two of America's great comedic legends, George Burns and Walter Matthau. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 US 87 S. 888-669-7114; fredericksburgtheater.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 16-18 Trade Days Shop at more than 350 vendors in seven barns, browse acres of antiques, and enjoy the biergarten and live music. A \$5 parking fee is good all weekend. *Sunday Farms across from Wildseed Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 17 Spring Fish Fry This annual fundraiser for the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department features a freshly fried catfish dinner with all the trimmings, raffle, silent auction, and live music. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. fbgtx.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 24 Wildflower 5K/10K Run and Walk and Children's Fun Run Follow a scenic course in and around Fredericksburg and enjoy the gorgeous spring weather and wildflowers along the way. The race begins and ends at Marktplatz. *100 block of West Main Street. hillcountrymemorial.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 25-26 Forging Futures Classic Golf Tournament At this charity tournament, you can play golf; sign up to win prizes; explore local shops, sights, and wineries; and raise funds to provide scholarships and programming for students of higher education and the community at



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large in Fredericksburg. *Boot Ranch, 77 Boot Ranch Circle. forgingfuturesclassic.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 30–May 2 Hill Country Run Motorcycle Rally Along with rides through the scenic Texas Hill Country, this event offers a cowboy breakfast, “Brew & ‘Que,” live music, and surprises for participants. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com*

INGRAM: March 19–20, 26–27; April 3–4 “Trying” This two-character play by Joanna McClelland Glass is based on the author’s experience during 1967–68 when she worked for Francis Biddle, the U.S. attorney general under then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, at his home in Washington, D.C. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

INGRAM: April 30; May 1, 7–8, 14–15 “I Ought to Be in Pictures” In Neil Simon’s play, a struggling writer is forced to come to terms with his aspiring-actress daughter, whom he has not seen in years. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

KERRVILLE: April 2–4 Easter Hill Country Bike Tour Experience the charm and hospitality of the Texas Hill Country and three days of the best riding Texas has to offer. Quiet, well-paved roads, fully stocked rest stops, and panoramic scenery have made this annual bike tour one of the premier cycling events in Texas. Routes are suitable for all categories of participants, from novices to experienced riders. *Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd. ehct.com*

KERRVILLE: April 3 Easterfest A fun-filled community event, Easterfest includes a barbecue and chili cookoff, food, games, rides, vendors, live music, an Easter egg hunt, an open car show, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. *Flat Rock Lake Park, 3840 Riverside Drive. 830-896-9393; www.kerrvilletx.com*

KERRVILLE: April 9–10, 16–17, 23–24 “Little Shop of Horrors” The classic cautionary musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken features people-eating plants, a mild-mannered junior florist in love with his co-worker, and a sadistic dentist. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxtheater.com*

KERRVILLE: April 10 Blooms and Barrels Plant Sale Discover and explore native and adaptive plants, rain barrels, and education stations at this floral-themed show. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-257-6568; hillcountrymastergardeners.org*

KERRVILLE: April 17 Spring Native Plant Sale and Festival At this 17th annual sale and festival, celebrate Earth Day early while browsing through a variety of native plants and receiving expert advice on how to grow and maintain them. *Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. 830-257-4837; riversidenaturecenter.org*

KERRVILLE: April 24–25 Texas Gun and Knife Show Shop for used and new guns, knives and ammo, coins and jewelry and camping gear. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com*

KERRVILLE: April 29 “The Majesty of Brahms” Symphony of the Hills performs concerts that blend classical and contemporary music. This evening’s program, “The Majesty of Brahms,” is preceded by a wine and cheese reception. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org*

LLANO: April 2–3 Llano River Chuckwagon Cookoff Every year since 2005, a group of chuckwagon enthusiasts get together on the banks of the Llano River and take a trip back to an era when the West was settled. These enthusiasts use traditional cooking methods from that era, wear

period costumes, and experience old-fashioned neighborly fun as they compete for prizes in a number of categories. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanochuckwagoncookoff.com*

LLANO: April 3 Fiddle Fest This year, the Llano Fiddle Fest has scaled back its popular weekend event to just one day, but the show goes on. The day is all about capturing and maintaining a musical tradition that comes from our ancestors’ souls. The music and stories tell us today about their lives, and this festival brings it all back in the form of a fiddle competition with youth, senior, open, and accompanist divisions, and an evening concert featuring The Quebe Sisters. *John L. Kuykendall Event Center, 2200 W. RR 152. 325-247-5354; llanofiddlefest.com*

LLANO: April 16–17 Crawfish Open It’s crawfish season and the Llano Crawfish Open celebrates with great food, arts and crafts, the Crawfish Crawler 5K Walk and Run, an auction, a crawfish team roping, live music, a motorcycle fun run, and a golf tournament. The event is held rain or shine and benefits Llano charities. *Robinson Park, 123 Robinson Park Drive. 325-247-5354; llanocrawfishopen.com*



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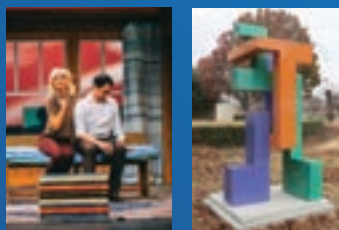
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NEW BRAUNFELS: April 15 *Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers*

On the third Thursday of the month, The Grapevine offers opportunities to enjoy Texas wines in Gruene Historic District. For a new virtual spin, the wine tasting room has created a to-go set of featured wines that can be picked up and enjoyed at home while watching a guided tasting video with experts discussing the wines. *The Grapevine*, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; grapevineingruene.com

NEW BRAUNFELS: April 17-18 *Old Gruene Market Days*

Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods for sale between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. *Gruene Historic District*. gruenemarketdays.com

WIMBERLEY: April 16-17 *Home Tour*

Owners of five unique homes in Wimberley open their doors for the annual Hill Country Home Tour hosted by the Wimberley Community Civic Club. Meet the docents at each home, who can provide details as you walk through at your leisure. Your ticket allows you to tour these homes on one or both days. *Various locations*. 512-461-7633; wimberleyccc.org

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: April 17 *Abilene Philharmonic: Masterworks III, Four Seasons*

Angelo Xiang Yu, a 2019 Avery Fisher Grant Award winner and Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Award winner, plays violin and performs Antonio Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and C.P.E. Bach's Sinfonia No. 5 in B Minor. *First Baptist Church of Abilene*, 1333 N. Third St. 325-677-6710; abilenephilharmonic.org

ABILENE: April 30–May 1 *Dyess Big Country Air and Space Expo*

During this weekend full of flight, see a variety of static and in-air displays, including the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. There is also a kids' area and other activities for the whole family. While admission to the air show is free for the general public, tickets for VIP box seating and the beer garden are available. *Dyess Air Force Base*, 382 Ave. D. 325-696-4820; abilenevisitors.com/dyess_big_country_air_and_apace_expo

BIG SPRING: April 24 *Pops Extravaganza Featuring the Texas Tenors*

The Texas Tenors perform in concert with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. Ranked by *Billboard Magazine* as one of the Top 10 Classical Artists in the World for 2019, the Texas Tenors are considered the most successful touring group in the history of *America's Got Talent*. *Big Spring Municipal*

Auditorium, 310 E. Third St. 432-816-5196; bigspringssymphony.org

COLEMAN: April 23-25 *Great Western Trail Days and Longhorn Show* The Great Western Trail was etched into U.S. history during the late 1800s. Starting in Mexico and ending in Canada, the trail snaked through Central Texas, including Coleman County, and is known to be the longest cattle trail in the world. This community event preserves the western heritage of the pioneers who risked everything to deliver beef to northern markets. Events include a registered Longhorn show, shopping, music, living history, and educational activities. *Various locations*. 325-669-2292; greatwesterntraildays.com

LEVELLAND: March 26–April 4 *American Business Club Pro Rodeo*

For 78 years, the members of the Lubbock Downtown Chapter of the American Business Club have supported and improved the lives of their community by working to produce some of the greatest western sporting events in the country. Rodeo events include mutton bustin', saddle bronc and bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. *Mallet Event Center*, 2320 US 385 S. 806-794-4161; abcrodeo.com

LUBBOCK: April 16-18 *Arts Festival*

Celebrating its 43rd year, the annual Lubbock Arts Festival is the largest fine art and fine craft event in West Texas. The event includes artist demonstrations, performing artists, a children's area, and a juried gallery. *Lubbock Memorial Civic Center*, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. 806-744-2787; lubbockartsfestival.org

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 1 *Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition*

The sixth annual juried competition has 12 large outdoor sculptures on view to the public. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts*, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: April 22–June 27 *Ceramic Invitational Exhibition*

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts hosts a juried ceramic competition every two years. The competition is open to all artists who are residents of the United States, Canada, or Mexico. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts*, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

PINEY WOODS

HENDERSON: April 15–May 31 *East Texas Wildflower Trails*

Drive within a 100-mile radius of Rusk County for a breathtaking wildflower tour. The self-driving tour includes museums, shopping, Martin Creek Lake State Park, and lots of history. A wild-

flower map is available on the website.
Various locations. 866-650-5529;
visithenderson.tx.com/henderson-events

JEFFERSON: April 3-4 City-Wide Rummage Sale Jefferson homeowners go through their closets and storerooms and bring out treasures to sell that might not find anywhere else. Many local businesses participate as well. You might find that perfect item you have had your eye on for sale during this weekend. Maps are available.
Various locations. 903-665-2672;
jefferson-texas.com

JEFFERSON: April 16-17 Outlaw Nationals Car Show Jefferson's longest-running car show includes vintage, classic, rat rod, rusty, dusty, brightly painted, freshly washed, tucked, and rolled automobiles; karaoke on Friday night; and live entertainment, a live auction, and awards on Saturday. *Downtown Jefferson. 903-665-7121;*
outlawnationals.com

JEFFERSON: April 29-May 2 Civil War Living History Day School groups, families, and Civil War enthusiasts can find more than 20 educational stations with artifacts and pictures, cannon demonstrations, a gunboat, alligator viewing, crafts and games, and people in period costumes. An optional train ride lets visitors hear about the Andrews Raid and "The Great Locomotive Chase," the Civil War's most gripping railroad story. *Diamond Don RV Park, 1602 SH 49 E. 866-398-2038;*
jeffersonrailway.com or diamonddonempire.com

JEFFERSON: April 29-May 2 "The Diamond Bessie Murder Trial" This unique theatrical adaptation recreates the last stages of a nationally famous trial that actually took place in Jefferson in the late 1800s. With more than half a century of productions, this play has become a tradition in itself. *Jefferson Playhouse, corner of Market and Henderson streets. 903-665-0737;*
jeffersonpilgrimage.com/diamond-bessie-murder-trial

JEFFERSON: April 29-May 2 Historical Pilgrimage Four of Jefferson's finest historical homes and featured gardens are open to the public on this annual tour, with docents dressed in period costumes to help answer any questions. *Various locations. 903-452-3836;*
jeffersonpilgrimage.com

JEFFERSON: April 30-May 2 Battle for Jefferson Reenactment Come and experience two live full-scale reenactments of Civil War battles, complete with infantry, cavalry, and artillery. This event also offers period encampments, town skirmishes, music, a grand ball, and sutlers selling



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LUFKIN: April 10 “Montopolis: The Legends of Big Bend” Montopolis turns West Texas tales into song in this concert inspired by Big Bend National Park. The performance weaves history, poetry, and personal stories into music inspired by the land and the people who have walked upon it. Actor Jared Austin narrates the journey accompanied by music and breathtaking photography that captures the grandeur of the vast high desert wilderness. *Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. 936-633-5454; angelinaarts.org*

MAGNOLIA: April 23-24 Magnolia Showdown Barbecue Cookoff Held annually, the Magnolia Showdown is sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society. Events that are non-sanctioned take place Friday night with contests for open protein, dessert, margaritas, and the Calcutta auction of teams. Saturday sanctioned events include chicken, pork spareribs, brisket, and beans competitions. *Unity Park, 19450 Nichols Sawmill Road. 281-615-5697; magnoliashowdownbbqcookoff.com*

NACOGDOCHES: April 24 The Old Stone Fort Bicycle Ride Choose between a 10-miler, a 30-miler, and a 63-plus-miler in and near the oldest town in Texas. The ride has an assortment of unique rest stops that offer encouragement all day, in addition to support vehicles and a goodie/swag bag full of fun gear. At the finish line, kick your shoes off and enjoy local music, fajitas, and brewskis. *Nacogdoches County Expo Center, 3805 NW Stallings Drive. 936-564-7351; facebook.com/oldstonefortbicycleride*

PALESTINE: March 19-April 4 Dogwood Trails Celebration For more than 80 years, Palestine has celebrated the Dogwood Trails Festival. Enjoy the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park the last two weekends in March and first weekend in April. Activities are scheduled each weekend to complement the celebration, including a festival the first weekend. Don't miss the Piney Woods Excursion Train at the Texas State Railroad, the Main Street Farm, the flower market, and a play at the historic Texas Theatre. The hidden Fairy Garden Trails in Davey Dogwood Park are a joy for kids and adults, and the Railroad Heritage Center has scale model railroad exhibits for train enthusiasts. You can also take a peek inside the Redlands Hotel with the Historic Redlands Tour. *Main Street. 903-723-3014; texasdogwoodtrails.com*

PALESTINE: April 23-25 1836 Chuckwagon Races Multiple divisions of wagon races take place every year during the celebration of Texas' independence. Visitors can experience a cowboy-style match race, pasture roping, a barrel race, and a mounted shooting competition. This is a unique western event where you can bring your horses, mules, and wagons and enjoy trail rides, Dutch oven cooking classes, herd dog demonstrations, hoof care clinics, a horse auction, barn dances, karaoke, live music, and a cowboy church. *Diamond B Ranch, 11589 FM 321. 903-721-9111; 1836chuckwagonrace.com*



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TYLER: April 10-11 Texas Ponies of America: Horse Show The Pony of the Americas Club is one of the largest and most active youth-oriented horse breed registries in the country. Although mainly bred for western riding, the pony breed has been used for many other disciplines including driving, endurance riding, and some English disciplines. This is an indoor event and fun for the entire family. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: April 22-25 Texas Rose Spring Festival and Hunter/Jumper Horse Show This horse show consists of working hunters, hunt seat equitation, and show jumpers—where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's form—sitting still and quiet handling. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: April 28-May 2 Texas Shootout Hunter/Jumper Horse Show This horse show consists of working hunters, hunt seat equitation, and show jumpers—where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's form—sitting still and quiet handling. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BELLVILLE: April 3 First Saturday Market Stroll through the market on the square and check out the nearby farmers and artisan market with more than 75 booths featuring craftsmen, woodworkers, retailers, rolling boutiques, produce, honey, and baked goods galore while you enjoy music all day, several food trucks, a photo booth, and activities. *Downtown Square and Pavilion, 1 Main St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com*

BELLVILLE: April 3-4 Forged in Fire Meet-and-Greet Cowboy Szymanski from the first season of the History Channel's *Forged in Fire* invites you to meet and interact with many fellow past contestants and champion bladesmiths. See live demonstrations and tour the 1890s blacksmith shop and carriage house. *Phenix Knives, 305 E. Main St. 877-558-7245; phenixknives.com*

BELTON: March 21-April 25 Healthy Kids Running Series This five-week running program for kids ages pre-K through eighth grade takes place once a week and offers age-appropriate running events including the 50- and 75-yard dashes, and quarter-mile, half-mile, and 1-mile runs. Kids compete each week for a chance to earn points. At the end of the series, the boys and girls who accumulate the most points in their respective distance categories are awarded trophies. All participants receive a medal on the last week. *Freedom Park, 8456 Tarver Drive. 254-340-4577; healthykidsrunningseries.org*

BRENHAM: April 10 Blue Bell Fun Run Started in 1978, this race benefits the Brenham High School athletic program through an organization called Run for the Youth of Washington County. Kids and adults can participate in individual and team events in both the 5K and 10K run categories. There's also a kids' 1-mile run. For an even greater challenge, a half-marathon route is part of the schedule. After crossing the finish line, have all the Blue Bell ice cream you can eat. *Brenham High School, 525 AH Ehrig Drive. 979-661-0543; bluebellfunrun.com*

BRENHAM: April 10 Michael Martin Murphey in Concert Delivering songs and stories that have deep meanings for Texans, Michael Martin Murphey puts on a show full of authentic country and Western music. Murphey has been awarded three gold albums and one certified platinum album, has been nominated for multiple Grammys, and won the Academy of Country Music Award for New Male Vocalist of the Year in 1983. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com*

BURTON: March 26-April 3 La Bahia Antique Show Dealers from across the country sell antiques, collectibles, and repurposed and vintage items in the historic 1902 La Bahia Hall. Outside, dealers offer a variety of vintage goods. There is country cooking all day and free admission and parking. The show is part of the famous Round Top Antique Festival weekend. *La Bahia Hall, 550 SH 237. 979-289-2684; labahiaantiques.com*

BURTON: April 17 Cotton Gin Festival The 32nd annual festival traditionally starts off with a Main Street parade that includes a children's bicycle parade. Enjoy family activities and contests like bubble gum blowing, pie eating, and seed pulling, plus food and craft booths, a children's barnyard, antique tractor show and pull, and tours of the historic 1914 Burton Farmers Gin, Wehring Shoe Shop, and Cotton Warehouse. There are also folklife demonstrations and antique engine exhibits. *Texas Cotton Gin Museum, 307 N. Main St. 979-289-3378; texascottonginmuseum.org*

CHAPPELL HILL: April 10-11 Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas Declared the official State of Texas Bluebonnet Festival by the Texas Legislature, the festival boasts more than 250 juried exhibitors, country-style food, artists, jewelry, clothing, live entertainment and music, and tours of the historic community. *Downtown Chappell Hill, 5075 Main St. 979-203-1242; facebook.com/bluebonnetfestival*

DALLAS: Through Sept. 26 "Nasher Mixtape" Visit the Nasher Sculpture Center for this series of "tracks," or micro-exhibitions, that highlight the center's permanent collection, with both old and newly acquired works featured throughout the center and its sculpture garden. *Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. 214-242-5100; nashersculpturecenter.org*

DALLAS: Feb. 20-April 11 Dallas Blooms Festival: "America the Beautiful" Named by *Architectural Digest* one of the "15 Breathtaking Botanical Gardens to Visit This Season," the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden presents Dallas Blooms,



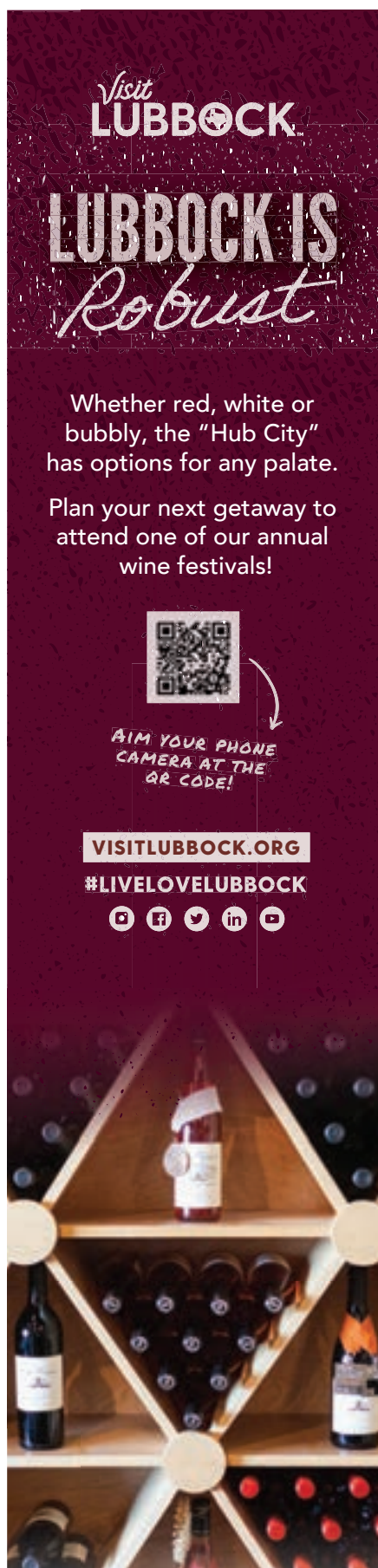
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DALLAS: March 2-Jan. 2, 2022 "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" This public exhibition features several portraits painted by President George W. Bush that are featured in his new book of the same name. The collection provides an in-depth look at the many issues surrounding the immigration debate in the United States. *George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Blvd. 214-200-4300; bushcenter.org*

DALLAS: March 14-June 20 "Building on the Boulevard: Celebrating 20 Years of the Meadows' New Home" This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Meadows Museum's building, one of Southern Methodist University's most iconic structures. The museum celebrates this milestone with a look at the accomplishments of the past two decades, including the historic acquisitions, projects, and partnerships that have shaped its institutional identity and made it a leader in the field of Spanish art history studies. Visitors see the Spanish collection in a new light while enjoying a museum-wide presentation that includes some never-before-exhibited works from the university's art collection and displays related to the history of the building on the boulevard. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org*

DALLAS: March 14-June 20 "Fossils to Film: The Best of SMU Collections" This exhibition is a selection of remarkable art and artifacts from eight distinct Southern Methodist University campus collections: Underwood Law Library, G. Williams Johns Film and Video Collection, Bywaters Special Collections, Hamon Arts Library, the Shuler Museum of Paleontology, DeGolyer Library, the Department of Anthropology, and Bridwell Library. Together, they represent one of the most important collections in North Texas, from the earliest scriptural manuscript in the state to an unparalleled collection of Texas bank notes, early photography, and artworks by influential Texas regionalist artists, many exhibited outside of their home departments for the first time. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org*

DENTON: Through May 8 "Materials Hard and Soft" The 34th annual Materials Hard and Soft International Contemporary Craft Competition and Exhibition is a showcase of national and international contemporary craft artists. The juried exhibition includes 77 pieces in glass, clay, fibers, wood, metal, and plastic selected by juror Pablo Barrera. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/materialshardandsoft*

DENTON: Through July 17 Greater Dents Arts and Crafts Find family fun at the art center each month with free doughnuts, coffee, and crafts, plus art exhibits to stroll through and discuss with your kids. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center*

DENTON: March 5-Aug. 18 Soul Art Renewal This multi-gallery and multimedia celebration of art and artists comes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the arts community. The project's aim is to focus on healing, hope, and community resilience and renewal. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center*

DENTON: March 18-July 15 Crafted Join the Greater Denton Arts Council every second Thursday and indulge in arts and crafts and craft beer. Each month features different artists, techniques, and mediums, giving you opportunities to learn new skills and connect with makers over a cold drink provided by Armadillo Ale Works. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center*

ENNIS: April 16-18 Bluebonnet Trails Festival It's bluebonnet season, and the city of Ennis is celebrating with its Bluebonnet Trails Festival. Enjoy the beauty of the bluebonnets, then head downtown to sample wines from some great Texas wineries. There is also live music, children's activities, arts and crafts, and vendors. *Downtown Ennis. 972-878-474; bluebonnettrail.org*

FORT WORTH: Through Dec. 31 "John Wayne: An American Experience" Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, this exhibit at the Fort Worth Stockyards is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life of Hollywood legend John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and running through his career, the exhibit highlights every aspect of the Duke's legacy, from his most iconic film props and costumes to never-before-seen family photos and correspondences. *Fort Worth Stockyards,*

Historic Exhibits Building, 2501 Rodeo Plaza. johnwayne.com/experience

FORT WORTH: April 8-11 Food and Wine Festival

The event honors the distinctive nature of Fort Worth cooking, food, beverage, and culinary traditions in a festival infusing historic venues with homegrown flavor provided by celebrated local chefs, culinary professionals, and winemakers. *Heart of the Ranch at Clearfork, 5000 Main St.* fortworthfoodandwinefestival.com

FORT WORTH: April 9-11 Fort Worth Show of Antiques, Art, and Jewelry

For the 58th season, this show features 125 premier exhibitors with a curated selection of antiques, fine art, antique and estate jewelry, watches, silver, furniture, sculpture, fine rugs, textiles, garden items, and unique treasures from around the world. *Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive.* 239-732-6866; fortworthshow.com

FORT WORTH: April 18-Aug. 8 "An-My Lê: On Contested Terrain"

Featuring photographs from the Vietnamese-American photographer's five major bodies of work, the nationally touring exhibition considers the artist's nearly 25-year career exploring the edges of war and recording these landscapes of conflict in beautiful, classically composed photographs. *Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd.* 817-738-1933; cartermuseum.org

FORT WORTH: April 24-25 Fortress Festival

Diplo and Miguel are just a couple of the artists scheduled to perform at this year's event that bills itself as "North Texas' destination music festival." *Fort Worth Cultural District.* fortressfestival.com

FORT WORTH: April 29-May 2 Mayfest

Fun for the whole family, the annual Mayfest takes place in Trinity Park located off of University Drive, near the nationally ranked Fort Worth Zoo. The festival features music stages, performing arts stages, a children's area, arts and crafts, and plenty of food and beverages for purchase. There's free admission on Thursday. *Trinity Park, University Drive.* 817-332-1055; mayfest.org

GARLAND: April 24 Wheels of Hope Car Show

See custom and classic cars at this annual car show located on the Garland square. Food, live music, and fun for the whole family are guaranteed. *Garland Downtown Square, 520 W. State St.* 972-205-2749; wheelsofhopegarland.com

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 22-July 11 Live Thoroughbred Racing

Enjoy world-class horse racing at Lone Star Park. It's a good time you can bet on. *Lone Star Park,*

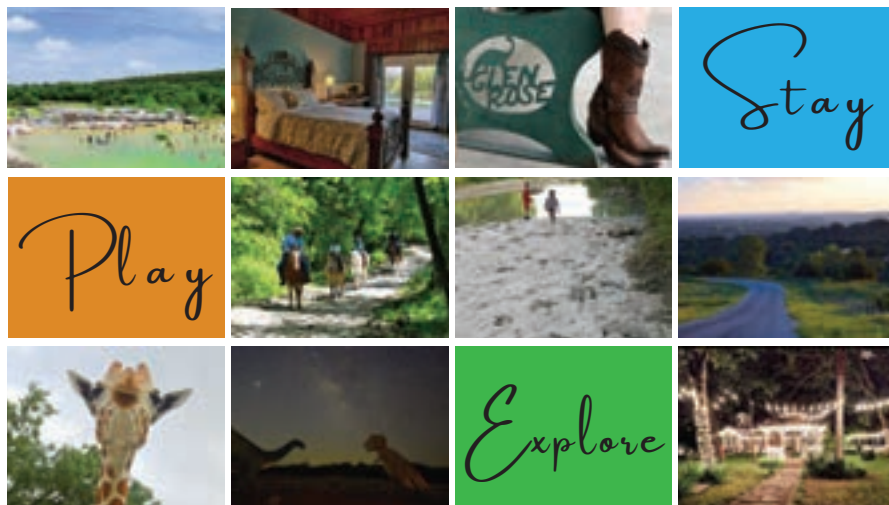


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IRVING: April 17 *Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra in Concert* The Las Colinas Symphony is featuring violinist Kiarra Saito-Beckman. She plays Johannes Brahms' Violin Concerto in D Minor. The symphony also presents Beethoven's "Leonora" Overture No. 1 and Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A Major. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-252-4800; lascolinassympphony.org*

MESQUITE: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 *April Rocks* The Mesquite Arts Council presents its annual spring music series, April Rocks, which features local bands at free weekly concerts. *Mesquite Arts Center, North Lawn, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: April 3 *Mesquite Community Band 35th Anniversary Celebration Concert* The Mesquite Community Band is made up of volunteer musicians from high school through retirement age. The band has performed at numerous events, including the Mesquite Hot Air Balloon Festival, the Mesquite Air Show, and the Mesquite July Fourth Celebration. *Mesquite Arts Center, Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquitartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: April 5-June 12 *"Marshall K. Harris: Well, that's something you don't see every day!"* Marshall Harris creates life-size (or larger) photo-realistic drawings of subjects executed with graphite on Mylar. He chooses everyday people, saddles, skulls, vegetables, or utilitarian objects that he finds intriguing in their complexity. This exhibit features an array of works from his current projects. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: April 9-25 *"The Belle of Amherst"* Mesquite Arts Theater presents this one-woman play about 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson, who reflects on her past through her work, her diaries and letters, and a few encounters with significant people in her life. Williams Luce's classic play shows audiences both the pain and the joy of Dickinson's secluded life. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: April 17 *KidFish* Mesquite Parks and Recreation partners with the KidFish Foundation to provide a free annual youth fishing tournament. The event is designed to educate and provide a hands-on fishing experience and memories for children and families. *City Lake Park, 200 Parkview St. cityofmesquite.com/pard*

MESQUITE: April 17-18 *North Texas Cat Show* More than 200 fabulous felines are on parade and judged on qualities like appearance, agility, and conformation of breed standards in this all-breed cat show. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1702 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2355; visitmesquitetx.com*

MESQUITE: April 24 *Doggy Derby Day* Join the fun that includes the Derby Hat Contest (person and pet), special historical park tours, pet adoptions, and a vaccination clinic. Dogs are welcome, but owners must show proof of up-to-date shot records at the gate. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org*



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MESQUITE: April 28 *Read, Talk, Play In Person* Join the Mesquite Arts Council for this superhero-themed event on National Superhero Day. Activities include making DIY superhero masks. Virtual participants can download the template and create their masks at home. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

NOCONA: April 29-May 1 *Cruisin' Nocona* Three full days of activities start with a cruise through the North Texas hills and end after almost two days of bidding wars during the annual Cruisin' Nocona, the fastest-growing classic car event in Texas. You'll find everything from classic cars to muscle cars during this event. *Downtown Nocona, Clay Street. 940-825-3526; nocona.org*

PLANO: Through Dec. 31 *Plano Scavenger Hunt* On this fun-filled Plano scaven-

ger hunt, wind through the storied streets in search of iconic landmarks and great green spaces. *Let's Roam, 901 18th St. 833-202-7626; letsroam.com/scavenger_hunt/plano_scavenger_hunt*

PLANO: April 24 *Plano Artfest* Built around artistic inclusiveness, creative curiosities, and cultural connection, the Plano Artfest is a free event that includes a week of community art programming that culminates in a one-day festival in the downtown Plano Arts District. Enjoy live music from local arts groups, contemporary art installations, a makers market, and art demonstrations throughout the day. *Downtown Plano Arts District, 998 E. 15th St. visitdowntownplano.com/events/artfest*

SEALY: April 24 *Springtime in the Country* Spring has sprung and Sealy is celebrating with a fun day for the whole family. Partake in an old-fashioned picnic with vintage games and entertainment. There is a car show, chili cookoff, vendors, food trucks, entertainment, and a clay shoot. *Texas Premier Sporting Arms, 7311 SH 36 S. 979-885-3222; visitsealy.com*

SHERMAN: April 9-25 *"A Midsummer Night's Dream"* Sherman Community Players present this production of Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The acting company is celebrating its 72nd season. *Finley Theatre, 500 N. Elm St. 903-892-8818; scptheater.com*

SHERMAN: April 17 *Texoma Earth Day Festival* The family-friendly festival offers an environment where attendees can learn more about their impact on the planet amid live entertainment, educational workshops, food, shopping, and other fun. *Municipal Grounds, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; earthdaytexoma.org*

TERRELL: April 15-18 *Terrell Jubilee* Held the third weekend each April, this four-day festival celebrates Terrell's heritage and includes a carnival, state championship barbecue cookoff, dachshund races, arts and crafts, live music, a car show, a 5K run, games, and contests. More than 12,000 visitors attend each year. *Ben Gill and Lions Club Park, 1039 Ninth St. 972-524-5703; terrelljubilee.com*

WAXAHACHIE: April 10-11, 17-18, 24-25; May 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-31 *Scarborough Renaissance Festival* Celebrating its 40th season, this North Texas tradition is a Renaissance-themed festival set in a recreated 16th-century English village that's celebrating the visit of King Henry VIII, his royal court, and other dignitaries. *2511 FM 66. 972-938-3247; srfestival.com*

WAXAHACHIE: April 22–24 Crossroads of Texas Film and Music Festival This three-day celebration offers movies and music made in Texas by Texans in the town where *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Tender Mercies*, *Places in the Heart*, and other films were shot. Chautauqua Auditorium, 400 S. Grand Ave. 469-309-4040; crossroadsoftx.org

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

HELOTES: April 29–May 2 Cornyval and PRCA Rodeo For more than 50 years, Helotes has been celebrating its corn crops with Cornyval, a growing festival that has seen around 75,000 people attend in recent years. The annual festival has live music, a parade, dancing, a carnival midway with thrilling rides and games, food and drinks, arts and crafts, a rodeo, and the Miss Helotes pageant. *Helotes Festival Association, Inc.*, 12210 Leslie Road. 210-695-2103; cornyval.org

POTEET: April 4–11 Strawberry Festival Held annually in April for more than 70 years, the festival features concerts with nationally known Western and Tejano music stars, regional bands, gunslingers, a carnival, various contests, and rodeo performances. Located in the heart of the Artesian Belt, Poteet is recognized as the

“Strawberry Capital of Texas.” Strawberry Festival grounds, 9199 SH 16 N. 888-742-8144; strawberryfestival.com

SAN ANGELO: April 9–11 Book Festival The ninth annual San Antonio Book Festival takes place virtually, with writers, moderators, attendees, and volunteers meeting online for panels and discussions. Book clubs, groups, and classes can chat and create fun “networking” opportunities. *Online*. 210-750-8951; sabookfestival.org

SAN ANTONIO: Through April 4 “Hollywood’s Sistine Chapel: Sacred Sets for Stage and Scene” This exhibition captures the Renaissance in theater and cinema. Six hand-painted, soundstage backdrops from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios “guest star” alongside artworks from the Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts. The backdrops, on loan from Texas Performing Arts at the University of Texas at Austin, were created for MGM’s 1968 papal drama *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, starring Anthony Quinn. More than 200 backdrops—including these six replicas of Renaissance masterpieces in the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel—were saved through the 2017 Art Directors Guild’s Backdrop Recovery Project. *The McNay Art Museum*, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org

SAN ANTONIO: Through May 9 Origami-in-theGarden² Making its Texas debut, this outdoor sculpture exhibition created by American artists Jennifer and Kevin Box captures the delicate nature of the origami paper art form in museum-quality metals. *San Antonio Botanical Garden*, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org/origamiinthegarden2

SAN ANTONIO: March 29–May 9 Night of Artists Celebrating its 20th anniversary both in person and online, Night of Artists features nearly 300 new works of painting, sculpture, and mixed media by 80 of the country’s leading contemporary western artists. Don’t miss the largest western art exhibition and sale in Texas and one of the largest in the U.S. *Briscoe Western Art Museum*, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org/noa

SAN ANTONIO: April 15–25 Fiesta San Antonio Alamo City’s oldest and biggest festival offers events around town, including pageants, the Taste of the Republic culinary fundraiser, masquerade parties, 5K runs, a flower show, an arts fair, and a pooch parade. It culminates with the Fiesta Flambeau Parade, billed as “America’s largest illuminated parade.” *Various locations*. 210-227-5191; fiestasantonio.org



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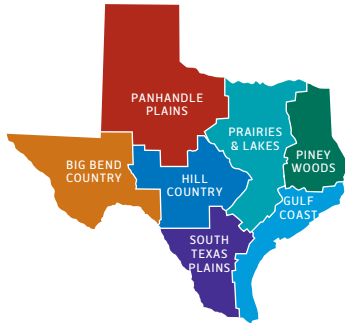
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BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: April 29-May 2 Birding the Border Festival Taking place each spring in Val Verde and Kinney counties and hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, this birding festival allows participants the opportunity to see a wide variety of birds, including golden-cheeked warblers and black-capped vireos, in the borderlands of Southwest Texas. Meet experts and fellow birders while spending the mornings being guided to habitats for prime birdwatching. There is also a photography-focused trip each day, guided by Dr. Dorian Anderson. Various locations. 830-774-7591; wildlife.tamu.edu/birding

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 Sun City Scavenger Hunt Have some fun in the sun while exploring the westernmost city in Texas. On this culture-filled El Paso scavenger hunt, discover iconic buildings, landmarks, and great green spaces around downtown. Let's Roam, 111 W. Mills Ave. 833-202-7626; letsroam.com/scavenger_hunt/el_paso_scavenger_hunt

MARFA: April 29-May 2 CineMarfa Inspired by a desire to bring artist-made films usually screened in galleries and museums to viewers in Far West Texas, this film fest has hosted a diverse array of talent, including Harmony Korine, Cat Power, and Larry Clark. In addition to the films made by visual artists, the festival focuses on showing unusual and rare archival, experimental, documentary, and narrative cinema. Crowley Theater, Corner of Austin and El Paso streets. 432-295-0752; cinemarfa.org

VAN HORN: May 1 Cinco de Mayo Festival Celebrate the culture and traditions of Mexico with food, arts and crafts, mariachi bands, folklórico dancers, and local talent. A colorful, moonlit outdoor dance concludes the celebration. Van Horn City Park, Second and Austin streets. 432-283-2682; vanhorn-texas.org

GULF COAST

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 29-May 9 Buc Days Since 1938, the Buccaneer Commission, a nonprofit organization, has annually staged the Buccaneer Days festival in Corpus Christi in support of bringing entertaining, educational, and cultural events to the Coastal Bend. Beginning in 1996, proceeds from Buc Days have been awarded to students as college scholarships. Held on the Corpus Christi bayfront in the spring, this culturally diverse event grabs the attention of South Texas and has something for all ages and interests, including a rodeo, a carnival, and two parades. American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-882-3242; bucdays.com

CORPUS CHRISTI: May 1 Pollinator Gardens Nueces County master gardener Deb Houlihan shares her expertise on planting a garden to attract a variety of visiting pollinators to your landscape. Learn which plant varieties attract butterflies, hummingbirds, or bees. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100; stxbot.org

CRYSTAL BEACH: May 7-9 Texas Crab Festival Cruise on down to Crystal Beach for the annual Texas Crab Festival. With a crab gumbo cookoff, carnival rides, coastal arts and crafts, and live music all week-

end long, it's full of family fun on the Texas Gulf Coast. Splash into the fun of the crab legs contest, two-step dance contest, winner dog races, tournaments, rides, crabby games, auction, and certified Texas Crab Festival 5K run. Savor a variety of crab specialties and festival favorites as you browse booth after booth of beachy arts and crafts. Bring a beach chair and settle in for an exciting lineup of Gulf Coast music favorites taking the main stage all weekend long. Festival Park, 1605 SH 87. texascrabfestival.org

FULTON: May 14-15 Babes on the Bay This 20th annual event, the largest one-day women angler fishing tournament in the country, features women from all over the state and across the country coming together for a fun-filled weekend that includes live bands, vendor booths, and educational outreach. Fulton Harbor, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-205-0182; babesonthebay.com

HOUSTON: May 4-23 Livestock Show and Rodeo Over the years, more than 2 million people have annually attended Houston's livestock show and rodeo. The event is packed with everything from carnival rides to nightly concerts to championship rodeo competitions. Since its beginning in 1932, the rodeo has committed more than \$500 million to Texas youth and education. NRG Center, 3 NRG Park. 832-667-1000; rodeohouston.com

HOUSTON: May 18-30 "Come From Away" Houston's Theatre Under the Stars presents this *New York Times* Critics' Pick that takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and tensions ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Theatre Under the Stars/Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-2600; tuts.com

HOUSTON: May 21-23 Comicpalooza Texas' largest pop culture festival draws fans of art, celebrity, comics, films, gaming, and literature. Comicpalooza hosts panels, autograph and photograph sessions with celebrity guests, a literature conference, film festival, and cosplay competitions. It also offers special attractions, entertain-

ment, and gaming tournaments. Shoppers can browse for art and handcrafted goods from local and visiting artists in the Artist Alley and stroll through the Dealer's Room to peruse comic books, collectibles, toys, clothing, and other niche products. Young festivalgoers can immerse themselves in interactive exhibits found throughout the hall and in the Innovation Lab. *George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas. comicpalooza.com*

MIDFIELD: May 13 Denim and Diamonds The Boys and Girls Club of Palacios puts on a dinner and dance to raise money for the organization. There are also live and silent auctions. *Beneath the Oaks, 1796 SH 71. 361-972-2642; palacioskids.org*

PALACIOS: May 28-29 Memorial Commemoration Barbecue Cookoff and Coed Kickball Tourney In observance of Memorial Day, the St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Council No. 6889 holds a fundraiser and honors veterans. The event starts with an introduction of the guests, the Pledge of Allegiance, playing of the national anthem, and an invocation. Guest speakers conclude with a roll call followed by a gun salute and taps played to end the ceremony. The event also include a barbecue cookoff, kickball tournaments for

schoolchildren and adults, a washer tournament, bingo, a Texas Hold 'em tournament, and a DJ set. There are also arts and crafts, a bounce house, mechanical bull, and a water bounce house. *Palacios Recreation Center, 2400 Perryman Ave. 361-676-8617; kocpalacios.org*

PORT ARANSAS: April 30-May 2 Wooden Boat Festival Bring your wooden boats to display. Boats don't need to be fancy, just made of wood. They can even be unfinished. Guests can attend informative programs on boat building and also build their own boats. *Roberts Point Park, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 210-218-9961; portaransaswoodenboatfestival.org*

ROCKPORT: May 1-2 Nautical Flea Market This annual market held at Rockport Harbor is hosted by the Rockport Yacht Club and features vendors selling nautical-themed treasures including books and art, fishing gear, and other goods. *Rockport Navigation Circle, 722 Navigation Circle. 361-230-5019; rockportyachtclub.org*

ROCKPORT: May 29-30 Rockport Wine Festival The Texas Maritime Museum celebrates Memorial Day weekend with the 25th annual Rockport Festival of Wines. Enjoy a wide variety of wines, food

demonstrations, and specialty food concessions. Live bands and entertainment make the event lively and fun on the grounds at the museum. *Texas Maritime Museum Grounds, 1202 Navigation Circle. 361-729-1271; texasmaritimemuseum.org*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Sept. 30 Dolphin Watching and Eco Tours

Enjoy a 90-minute dolphin watch aboard the *Murphy's Law* and see bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. You also have the opportunity to see local and migratory birds, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Boca Chica Beach, and the South Padre Island jetties. During the Eco Tour Dolphin Watch, a specialized net is dragged along the bay floor. Sea life captured during the Eco Tour is brought on board and viewed up close. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

VICTORIA: March 25-May 16 "Carole Myers: Selected Works" View paintings by the late artist Carole Myers. Her works, as she described them, were inspired by the beauty of landscapes and "express both the vast panoramic views and intimate bits of nature with a spiritual response, rather than a literal interpretation." *Nave Museum, 306 Commercial St. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com*



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HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Dec. 31 Virtual Exhibit: "The Brush Is a Bow" Texas Folklife presents this exhibition featuring works by Howard Rains, an artist and master fiddler originally from Texas who now lives in Kansas. Rains performs, records, and collaborates with his wife, fellow artist and musician Tricia Spencer. The portraits seen in this collection are all from the last two years and represent both where the artist has been with his work and where he is going. The abandonment of touring and the quiet hours in the studio during the pandemic have begun to shift Rains' portraits into the realm of the surreal, as can be seen in some of the work. *Virtual.* 512-441-9255; texasfolklife.org

AUSTIN: Through May 30 "Mexico, the Border and Beyond: Selections from the Juan Antonio Sandoval Jr. Collection" The Sandoval Collection is composed of more than 1,500 artworks, many of them created by Mexican and Latinx artists. It includes prints, photographs, paintings, sculptures, and popular art from the El Paso region, as well as from Mexico. The collection also contains hundreds of publications and other ephemera. *Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave.* 512-480-9373; mexic-artemuseum.org

AUSTIN: April 16-17, May 15-16, June 25-26 Moontower Comedy Festival Founded in 2011, this festival offers a diverse mix of comedians, podcasts, and performers from around the world, as well as a lineup of local and regional talent. Rescheduled from 2020, the ninth annual Moontower Comedy Festival takes place at the Paramount and Stateside theaters, with the headliner shows initially scheduled for last April now taking place across three weekends. The headliners include Maria Bamford, Todd Barry, Ronny Chieng, Chris Fleming, Nikki Glaser, Nick Kroll, Middle-ditch and Schwartz, Jacqueline Novak, Andrew Schulz, and Roy Wood Jr. Comedy fans can also expect parties and surprises each weekend. *Various locations.* 512-472-5470; moontowercomedyfest.com

AUSTIN: May 21-23 NASCAR at COTA The inaugural NASCAR weekend at Circuit of The Americas features the NASCAR Cup Series, Xfinity Series, and Camping World Truck Series. *Circuit of The Americas, 9201 Circuit of The Americas Blvd.* circuitoftheamericas.com

AUSTIN: May 22-23 City-Wide Vintage Sale Shop from over 100 vendors for vintage clothing, midcentury modern décor, vintage art, collectibles, lighting, upcycled art, and unique finds at Austin's famous

vintage paradise open since 1977. *Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road.* 512-441-2828; citywideovintagesale.com

BANDERA: May 28-30 PRCA Rodeo Bandera ProRodeo presents three exciting evenings featuring top PRCA rodeo cowboys and mutton busting. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N.* 830-460-1071; banderaprorodeo.org

BANDERA: May 29-30 Stampede Days Arts and Crafts Fair Enjoy this arts and crafts fair that features live entertainment on the courthouse lawn. *Courthouse Square, 500 Main St.* 830-796-3280; banderatex.com

BOERNE: May 1 QuiltFest, Vintage Trucks, and Antique Tractor Pull Quilters are encouraged to submit their works of art to be displayed for all to enjoy at this non-competitive outdoor quilt show. Vintage trucks are available for viewing, and an antique tractor pull is also taking place during this event. Artists are welcome to come and paint in the open air. Bluegrass and jazz music is also on the bill, and food trucks are available. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road.* 210-445-1080; ci.boerne.tx.us

BROWNWOOD: May 7 Cinco de Mayo Celebration Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the streets of downtown Brownwood. The outdoor fiesta includes food and craft vendors, activities for children, an area for dancing, live performances in the street, and contests. Mariachi Los Toros and México 2000 Ballet Folklórico are giving free performances in the Lyric Theatre. *Downtown Brownwood, Center Avenue.* 405-830-7413; brownwoodartscouncil.org/cinco-de-mayo.html

BULVERDE: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturday Night Rodeo The family-friendly rodeo and live music series starts the first weekend in March and continues each Saturday through the last weekend in November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Following the rodeo enjoy live music and dancing; beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks; and delicious food including Texas barbecue, tacos, steak, and burgers. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road.* 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com

FREDERICKSBURG: April 16-May 2 "The Sunshine Boys" Fredericksburg Theater Company presents this classic Neil Simon comedy about two top-billed vaudevillians, Al and Willie (aka The Sunshine Boys), who have worked together for over 40 years. Now they aren't even speaking. The hilarious play was also a celebrated 1975 film starring two of America's great come-

dic legends, George Burns and Walter Matthau. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 US 87 S. 888-669-7114; fredericksburgtheater.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 30–May 2 Hill Country Run Motorcycle Rally Along with rides through the scenic Texas Hill Country, this event offers a cowboy breakfast, "Brew & 'Que," live music, and surprises for participants. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 2 Maifest: A German Choral Concert Enjoy an evening of German song and Fredericksburg *gemütlichkeit* (hospitality) featuring two historic choirs. Light refreshments are provided. *St. Joseph's Halle, 212 W. San Antonio St. visitfredericksburgtx.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 6–9 Hill Country Film Festival Celebrate independent film at this annual festival that screens more than 85 independent films and offers Q&As, filmmaker discussions, and nightly festival parties. *Rockbox Theater, 109 N. Llano St. hillcountryff.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 7–9 175th Anniversary Opening Weekend Ceremonies The town of Fredericksburg is throwing a big three-day bash for its 175th birthday with festivities including a community picnic and ice cream social at Marktplatz, Founders Day activities at the Pioneer Museum, and a beard contest, dance, and fireworks at Gillespie County Fairgrounds. *Various locations. 830-998-473; 175th.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 7 First Friday Art Walk Tour fine art galleries that offer special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours on the first Friday of every month. *Various locations. firstfridayartwalkfbg.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 8 Texas Flower Country Women's 5K/10K Run and Walk In Texas' ultimate women's running experience, participants run or walk through the fields of Wildseed Farms and then enjoy the beautiful setting for the decadent after-party. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. runintexas.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 13–15 Waltstock and Barrel Wine and Music Festival Enjoy three days of beautiful, soulful music with more than 20 different performers, food trucks, and great Texas wine. *Texas Wine Country Jellystone Park, 10618 US 290 E. waltstockandbarrel.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 14–16 Trade Days Shop with more than 350 vendors in seven barns, browse acres of antiques, and enjoy the biergarten and live music.

A \$5 parking fee is good all weekend. *Sunday Farms across from Wildseed Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgradedays.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: May 28–30 Crawfish Festival Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Jaycees, this festival serves up great Cajun food, live music, and a kids' carnival. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. fbgjaycees.com/index.html*

HUNT: May 29 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall For 94 years, Crider's Rodeo

and Dancehall has been an entertainment spot along the banks of the Guadalupe River each summer. This is the opening night for its seasonal rodeos, live music, and dancing. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39. 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com*

INGRAM: April 30; May 1, 7–8, 14–15 "I Ought to Be in Pictures" In Neil Simon's comedy-drama play, a struggling writer is forced to come to terms with his daughter, an aspiring actress he has not seen in years. *Hill Country Arts Foundation,*

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September 25: Museum Day
October 2 - 3: Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show
November 20: Candy Cane Lane
December 6: Sunray Lions Christmas Parade



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120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcafc.com

KERRVILLE: May 1, 7 Concerts by the River Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come out to the park to enjoy a free spring concert along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-792-2720; kerrvilletx.com*

KERRVILLE: May 8-9 Hill Country Gun Show Vendors sell guns, knives, coins, cutting boards, ammo, and other merchandise, with all proceeds going to local veterans. *Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadowview Lane. 830-315-3101; gunshowtrader.com*

KERRVILLE: May 27-31 Folk Festival Featuring songwriters of national and international acclaim, the Kerrville Folk Festival is the longest continuously running music festival in the United States. Every day has activities for all ages with a focus on artistic expression in a loving, family-friendly environment. *Quiet Valley Ranch, 3876 Medina Highway. 830-257-3600; kerrvillefolkfestival.org*

KERRVILLE: May 27-July 2 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show Taking place Tuesdays through Saturdays, this show features the nation's finest gourd artists competing in a variety of categories. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kackckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: May 28-30 Texas Masters of Fine Art and Craft At this 18th annual exhibition, some of the finest professional artists and craftspeople from all over Texas display their work. *Y.O. Hotel and Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker St. 469-223-4162; texasmasters.com*

KERRVILLE: May 29-30 Festival of the Arts More than 100 artists working in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, jewelry, glass, and photography participate in the annual two-day juried fine arts show and sale. *Downtown Kerrville. 830-895-7962; kvartfest.com*

MARBLE FALLS: May 1-2 "Howdy-Roo" Regional CASI Chili Championship and Lonestar Barbecue State Championship and Highland Lakes Pod Backbone Creek Chili Cookoff The 49th annual chili championship and 26th annual barbecue championship competitions include chili, barbecue, and bean judging. There are vendors, a silent auction, and a raffle. The event benefits local charities in Marble Falls. *Johnson Park, 230 S. Ave. J. 281-615-2408; marblefalls.org*

MARBLE FALLS: MAY 2-8 Paint the Town Thirty Plein Air artists from across the na-

tion work in various mediums to capture the outdoor sights and scenes of historic Marble Falls and the breath-taking panoramic Texas Hill Country that surrounds it. *Main Street. hlcarts.com/paint-the-town*

MARBLE FALLS: May 5-8 Mayfest Celebrate spring in the Hill Country with local craft beer and wine tents, live concerts, and a carnival. *Johnson Park, 230 Ave. J. 830-693-2815; visitmarblefalls.org*

MARBLE FALLS: May 7-8 Sculpture on Main Downtown Marble Falls turns into a block wide art festival with pieces by the Texas Society of Sculptures and live music. *Main Street. hlcarts.com/sculpture-on-main*

NEW BRAUNFELS: May 7 John Conlee in Concert Country music superstar John Conlee performs a show filled with his classic hits. Conlee's success began in the late '70s with his hit "Rose Colored Glasses," and he later released his inaugural, chart-topping No. 1 album *Back Side of Thirty*. After the success of his debut album, Conlee continued to top charts with hits such as "Lady Lay Down," "Before My Time," "Friday Night Blues," "Miss Emily's Picture," "Busted," "I Don't Remember Loving You," and "Common Man." *Brauntex Performing Arts Theater, 290 W. San Antonio St. 830-627-0808; ci.ovationtix.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: May 15-16 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods for sale between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. *Gruene Historic District. gruenemarketdays.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: May 16 Americana Music Jam Co-sponsored by Gruene Hall and KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels, this is the music jam's 25th annual celebration of Americana music. Featuring exceptional artists of the genre, the show benefits a different local charity each year. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-1281; gruenehall.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: May 20 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers On the third Thursday of the month, The Grapevine offers opportunities to enjoy Texas wines in Gruene Historic District. For a new virtual spin, the wine tasting room has created a to-go set of featured wines that can be picked up and enjoyed at home while watching a guided tasting video with experts discussing the wines. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; grapevineingruene.com*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: April 30–May 1 Dyess Big Country Air and Space Expo During this weekend full of flight, see static and in-air displays, including the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. There is also a kids' area and other activities for the whole family. While admission to the air show is free for the general public, tickets for VIP box seating and the beer garden are available. *Dyess Air Force Base, 382 Ave. D. 325-696-4820; abilenevisitors.com/dyess_big_country_air_and_apace_expo*

ABILENE: May 1 Nelson Coates Meet-and-Greet Meet one of the top production designers in cinema: award-winning movie and TV designer Nelson Coates. A graduate of Abilene High School and Abilene Christian University, Coates spent most of 2020 designing for the film adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's *In the Heights*. He earned the Art Directors Guild Excellence in Production Design Award for *Crazy Rich Asians*. The evening includes dinner, drinks, and photo opportunities with Coates at Prosperity Bank. Dessert follows at Paramount Theatre. *Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St. 325-677-1161; abilenecac.org*

ABILENE: May 6–9 Western Heritage Classic To preserve the heritage of the ranch cowboy, this event features a rodeo, the world's largest bit and spur show, western art, a chuckwagon cookoff, nightly dances, invitational ranch horse sale, a Ranch Horse Association of America working ranch horse competition, and children's rodeo events. *Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 SH 36. 325-677-4376; westernheritageclassic.com*

ABILENE: May 29 Kristen Hertenberg and Her All-Star Band in Concert Kristen Hertenberg returns to Abilene for one memorable night. Best known for her role as Christine in the Las Vegas production of *The Phantom of the Opera*, Hertenberg has proven her ability to sing anything in her concerts, from opera to Broadway to blues. She is accompanied by Abilene Philharmonic music director and conductor David Itkin on piano and backed by a cast of philharmonic musicians rocking the house with hits from the Eagles, James Taylor, the Doobie Brothers, Paul Simon, and Carole King. *Historic Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St. 325-677-6710; abilenephilharmonic.org*

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 1 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition The sixth annual juried competition has 12 large outdoor sculptures on view to the public. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts,*

1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: April 22–June 27 Ceramic Invitational Exhibition The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts hosts a juried ceramic competition every two years. The competition is open to all artists who are residents of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

WICHITA FALLS: May 8–May 5, 2022 Sculpture Garden Exhibit Each year, the new pieces in the sculpture garden go on display for a full 12 months on the grounds of the Kemp Center for the Arts. The artwork is juried by a nationally recognized artist and awards for first, second, and third place are given at the opening of the exhibit. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org/sculpture-garden*

PINEY WOODS

HENDERSON: April 15–May 31 East Texas Wildflower Trails Drive within a 100-mile radius of Rusk County for a breathtaking wildflower tour. The self-driving tour includes museums, shopping, Martin Creek Lake State Park, and lots of history. A wild-

flower map is available on the website. *Various locations. 866-650-5529; visithendersontx.com/henderson-events*

JEFFERSON: April 29–May 2 "The Diamond Bessie Murder Trial" This unique theatrical adaptation recreates the last stages of a nationally famous trial that actually took place in Jefferson in the late 1800s. With more than a half of century of productions, this play has become a tradition in itself. *Jefferson Playhouse, Corner of Market and Henderson streets. 903-665-0737; jeffersonpilgrimage.com/diamond-bessie-murder-trial*

JEFFERSON: April 29–May 2 Civil War Living History Day School groups, families, and Civil War enthusiasts can find more than 20 educational stations with artifacts and pictures, cannon demonstrations, a gunboat, alligator viewing, crafts and games, and people in period costumes. An optional train ride lets visitors hear about the Andrews Raid and "The Great Locomotive Chase," the war's most gripping railroad story. *Diamond Don RV Park, 1602 SH 49 E. 866-398-2038; jeffersonrailway.com or diamonddonempire.com*



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JEFFERSON: April 29–May 2 Historical Pilgrimage

Four of Jefferson's finest historical homes and immaculate featured gardens are open to the public on this annual tour, with docents dressed in period costumes available to answer questions. *Various locations. 903-452-3836; jeffersonpilgrimage.com*

JEFFERSON: April 30–May 2 Battle for Jefferson Reenactment

Come and experience two live full-scale reenactments of Civil War battles, complete with infantry, cavalry, and artillery. This event also features period encampments, town skirmishes, music, a grand ball, and sutlers selling wares. *Downtown Jefferson and Cypress River Ranch. 903-733-1035; battleforjefferson.com*

JEFFERSON: May 15–16 Train Days Everyone is welcome aboard this two-day event that features four in-town destinations: the Historic Jefferson Train Show, RD Moses Railroad display, a Jefferson Historic Railway excursion, and the "Atalanta" railway car tour. *Various locations. 903-665-3733; visitjeffersontexas.com*

LUFKIN: May 8 "Winter Dance Party"

John Mueller's "Winter Dance Party" is the official live and authentic recreation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valen, and the Big Bopper's final tour and the only show endorsed by the late musicians' estates. *Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. 936-633-5454; angelinaarts.org*

TEXARKANA: May 1 Twice as Fine Texarkana Wine Festival

The Alzheimer's Alliance Tri-State Area invites you to join in for the annual Twice as Fine Texarkana Wine Festival, a one-of-a-kind wine, art, music, and food festival for the Four State Area. The festival attracts a highly affluent audience of wine and food enthusiasts. Wineries from across the state, numerous merchants, and local businesses give visitors an opportunity to taste and purchase wines and gourmet treats. Great music, artisan crafts, and food tastings are always "twice as fine when there's wine." *Spring Lake Park, 4202 North Park Road. 903-223-8021; texarkanawinefestival.com*

TYLER: April 28–May 2 Texas Shootout Hunter/Jumper Horse Show

This horse show consists of show jumpers, working hunters, and hunt seat equitation. Show jumpers compete in jumper classes where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's form—sitting still and quiet handling. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: May 8–9 North Texas Hunter Jumper Club May Days Horse Show

See a horse show that consists of show jumpers, working hunters, and hunt seat equitation. Show jumpers compete in jumper classes where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth, comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's form, sitting still, and quiet handling. This is a great outdoor activity for the whole family. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; nthjc.com*



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TYLER: May 15–16 Texas Rose Horse Park Summer Horse Trials and Cross Country Event

This is an equestrian sport that could be termed an "equestrian triathlon." It involves working with a horse both on flat surfaces and over fences. The three phases are dressage, endurance (or cross country), and show jumping. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: May 21–23 Texas Rose Spring Breed Show

Breeds of a variety of colors and sizes compete to prove that they are the best in their class. Breeds such as Andalusians, Friesians, Morgans, Gypsies, and Welshes are shown. Sunday also features western dressage. Spectators are encouraged to come out and enjoy the show, regardless of whether one has prior horse knowledge or experience. Admission is free and concessions are available. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: May 29–30 Dallas Dressage Club Spring Dressage Show

Dressage is

a highly skilled form of riding performed in exhibition and competition, as well as an "art" sometimes pursued solely for the sake of mastery. As an equestrian sport defined by the International Equestrian Federation, dressage is "the highest expression of horse training" where "horse and rider are expected to perform from memory a series of predetermined movements." *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BELLVILLE: May 1 First Saturday Market

Stroll through the market on the square and check out the nearby farmers and artisan market with more than 75 booths featuring craftspeople, woodworkers, retailers, rolling boutiques, produce, honey, and baked goods galore while enjoying all-day music, several food trucks, a photo booth, and activities. There is free parking and admission. *Downtown Square and Pavilion, 1 Main St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com*

BELTON: May 29 ASCO Spartacus Dash

Established by ASCO Equipment in 2012, this is Belton's only obstacle course race that is held annually at Liberty Park. The 3-mile course follows Nolan Creek and is filled with over 15 challenging and fun obstacles designed by ASCO in Belton. *Liberty Park, 700 Veterans Way. 254-340-4577; ascospartacUSDash.com*

BRENHAM: May 6–23 "Barefoot in the Park"

Newlyweds Corie and Paul Bratter are over the moon to begin their life together in their new apartment in Manhattan. It may be small with a six-flight climb, the heating may be busted, and snow may be falling through the skylight, but nothing can quash their newlywed bliss. Paul is a straitlaced lawyer and Corie is a romantic free spirit. Nevertheless, opposites attract and the two are wild about each other. Corie decides to set her conservative, widowed mother up with their eccentric, bohemian neighbor. A wild night ensues and highlights just how different Corie and Paul really are. The young couple must embrace their differences as they learn that marriage is no easy walk in the park. *Unity Theatre, 300 Church St. 979-830-8358; unitybrenham.org*

BRENHAM: May 14 The Funniest Night of Your Life with Todd Oliver

Sidesplitting laughter is guaranteed with an evening of ventriloquism, magic, comedy, and music from Todd Oliver. Meet his sidekick Irving the Talking Dog and a cast of additional animal performers. Oliver was one of the top

four finalists on *America's Got Talent* in 2012 and he has made appearances on *The Today Show*, *The Late Show*, and *The Tonight Show*. *The Barnhill Center*, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com

BRENHAM: May 28 Bob Wills' Texas Playboys with Jason Roberts in Concert

Two-time Grammy winner Jason Roberts was handpicked by Bob Wills' estate to carry on the swing music tradition. Roberts portrayed Bob Wills for eight years in the nationally acclaimed musical theater production *A Ride With Bob*. *The Barnhill Center*, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events

COLUMBUS: May 14-15 Magnolia Days Festival

Held on the courthouse square under the shade of 100-year-old live oak and magnolia trees, the Magnolia Days Festival is fun for the whole family. Take a step back in time and tour several of Columbus' most historic homes, full of beauty, charm, and history. Grab a photo with the Magnolia Belles on the courthouse square, or shop till you drop in the vendor marketplace. Sample tasty food and beverages ranging from sweet to savory. Enjoy a frosty brew or a delicious glass of wine in the beer and wine gardens. Bring the kids and make lasting memories in the Family Fun Zone. Dance the weekend away with a fantastic lineup of free, live concerts. *Downtown Columbus*, 425 Spring St. 979-732-8385; magnoliadays.org

CORSICANA: May 8 AirSho "The Best Little Airshow in Texas" describes this 22nd annual event with historic airplanes on display and airplane rides. View World War II and Vietnam warbirds on the open ramp. Enjoy a show of aerobatic acts, precision flying teams, skydivers, and pyrotechnics, along with vendors, food, and drinks. Veterans and military personnel and their families get in free. Hosted by the Coyote Squadron Unit of the Commemorative Air Force. *C. David Campbell Air Field*, 9000 Old Navarro Road. 903-467-7170; coyotesquadron.org

DALLAS: Through Sept. 26 "Nasher Mixtape" Visit the Nasher Sculpture Center for this series of "tracks," or micro-exhibitions, that highlight the center's permanent collection, with both old and newly acquired works featured throughout the center and its sculpture garden. *Nasher Sculpture Center*, 2001 Flora St. 214-242-5100; nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: March 14-June 20 "Building on the Boulevard: Celebrating 20 Years of the Meadows' New Home" This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Meadows

Museum's building, one of Southern Methodist University's most iconic structures welcoming visitors onto Bishop Boulevard. The museum celebrates this milestone with a look at the accomplishments of the past two decades, including the historic acquisitions, projects, and partnerships that have shaped its institutional identity and made it a leader in the field of Spanish art history studies. Visitors see the Spanish collection in a new light while enjoying a museum-wide presentation that includes some never-before-exhibited works from the university's art collection and displays related to the history of the building on the boulevard. *Meadows Museum*, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org



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DALLAS: March 14-June 20 "Fossils to Film: The Best of SMU Collections" This exhibition is a selection of remarkable art and artifacts from eight distinct Southern Methodist University campus collections: Underwood Law Library, G. Williams Johns Film and Video Collection, Bywaters Special Collections, Hamon Arts Library, the Shuler Museum of Paleontology, DeGolyer Library, the Department of Anthropology, and Bridwell Library. Together, they represent one of the most important collections in North Texas, from the earliest scriptural manuscript in the state to an unparalleled collection of Texas bank notes, early photography, and artworks by influential Texas regionalist artists, many exhibited outside of their home departments for the first time. *Meadows Museum*, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org

DENTON: Through May 8 "Materials Hard and Soft" The 34th annual Materials Hard and Soft International Contemporary Craft Competition and Exhibition is a showcase of national and international contemporary craft artists. The juried exhibition includes 77 pieces in glass, clay, fibers, wood, metal, and plastic selected by juror Pablo Barrera. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center*, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/materialshardandsoft

DENTON: Feb. 20-July 17 Greater Donuts Arts and Crafts

Find family fun at the art center each month with free doughnuts, coffee, and crafts, plus art exhibits to stroll through and discuss with your kids. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center*, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center

DENTON: March 5-Aug. 18 Soul Art Renewal

This multi-gallery and multimedia celebration of art and artists comes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the arts community. The project's aim is to focus on healing, hope, and community resilience and renewal. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center*, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center

DENTON: March 18-July 15 Crafted

Join the Greater Denton Arts Council every second Thursday and indulge in arts and crafts and craft beer. Each month features different artists, techniques, and mediums, giving you a range of opportunities to learn new skills and connect with makers over a cold drink provided by Armadillo Ale Works. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center*, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com/patterson-appleton-arts-center

ENNIS: May 28-30 National Polka Festival

Held every year on Memorial Day weekend, the National Polka Festival celebrates Czech heritage in the Lone Star State and offers an abundance of activities and live musical performances in a small-town atmosphere. Hear polka music and see the King and Queen contest, where participants and nonparticipants are encouraged to dress in traditional Czech *kroj* (costumes). Saturday morning has floats, bands, and colorful costumes in a parade. The Shriners make their annual appearance, as do celebrities, public officials, motorcycles, horseback riders, and clowns. Taste Czech foods and delight in Czech traditions and customs. *Downtown Ennis*, 302 N. Dallas St. 972-878-4748; nationalpolkafestival.com

FORT WORTH: Through Dec. 31 "John Wayne: An American Experience"

Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, this exhibit at the Fort Worth Stockyards is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life of John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and running through his career, it highlights every aspect of the Duke's legacy, from his most iconic film props and costumes to never-before-seen family photos and correspondences. *Fort Worth Stockyards, Historic Exhibits Building, 2501 Rodeo Plaza. johnwayne.com/experience*

FORT WORTH: April 18–Aug. 8 “An-My Lê: On Contested Terrain” Featuring photographs from the Vietnamese-American photographer's five major bodies of work, the nationally touring exhibition considers the artist's nearly 25-year career exploring the edges of war and recording these landscapes of conflict in beautiful, classically composed photographs. *Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. 817-738-1933; cartermuseum.org*

FORT WORTH: April 29–May 2 Mayfest Fun for the whole family, the annual Mayfest takes place in Trinity Park, located off of University Drive near the nationally ranked Fort Worth Zoo. The festival features music stages, performing arts stages, a children's area, arts and crafts, and plenty of food and beverages for purchase. There's free admission on Thursday. *Trinity Park, University Drive. 817-332-1055; mayfest.org*

GARLAND: May 28 Sounds of Summer Concert Series Spend a summer evening under the stars with Garland's annual concert series. These free, family-friendly shows incorporate various avenues of the arts all into one fun-filled series. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; garlandtx.gov/2054/sounds-of-summer*

GIDDINGS: May 13–15 Lee County Fair There are lots of things to like at the Lee County Fair, including carnival fun, shopping, children's activities, live music, food, an antique carousel ride, and the Charcoal Challenge Barbecue Cookoff, where teams compete with a variety of delicious foods. *Fireman's Park/Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena, 2495 SH 290 W. 832-444-9535; leecountyfairtx.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 22–July 11 Live Thoroughbred Racing Enjoy world-class horse racing at Lone Star Park. It's a good time you can bet on. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7221; lonestarpark.com*

IRVING: May 8 Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra in Concert In its closing concert of the 2020–2021 season, the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra is featuring Italian pi-

anist Simone Sala, who presents Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor. The symphony is also playing Beethoven's "Overture to Prometheus" and Symphony No. 2 in D Major. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-252-4800; lascolinassymphony.org*

MADISONVILLE: May 1 Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association Dinner and Dance The Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association was officially organized in 1941 and has been a part of the community ever since. Celebrate its legacy at the 81st annual dinner and dance. *MSCA Pavilion, 800 N. May St. 936-349-0500; sidewalkcattlemens.com*

MESQUITE: April 5–June 12 “Marshall K. Harris: Well, that's something you don't see every day!” Marshall Harris creates life-size (or larger) photo-realistic drawings of subjects executed with graphite on Mylar. He chooses everyday people, saddles, skulls, vegetables, or utilitarian objects that he finds intriguing in their complexity. This exhibit features an array of works from his current projects. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: May 1 Cinco De Mayo Every year the City of Mesquite celebrates Cinco de Mayo with a community event offered in partnership with the Hispanic Forum of Mesquite. *Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. cityofmesquite.com/pard*

MESQUITE: May 6, 13, 20, 27 Courtyard Concert Series Mesquite Arts Council kicks off its annual summer music series this month. The series features a different indie band on the first Thursday of each month inside the Mesquite Arts Center courtyard. Shows are sponsored by Brooklyn Brewery and ACTX Magazine. *Mesquite Arts Center, Courtyard, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: May 8 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: Cover Actions The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra is a volunteer orchestra created to serve Mesquite and surrounding areas. This month they present their concert "Cover Actions." *Mesquite Arts Center, Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: May 12 BullyPedex Kennel Club Fans of the bully dog attend this kennel club expo and show to register their dog, meet other owners, and learn more



about the breed. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1702 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2355; visitmesquitetx.com or bullypedex.com*

NEW ULM: May 1 HoneyBee Jubilee Discover honey- and bee-related food, health, and beauty products, artwork, and fine crafts. Educate yourself about getting started in beekeeping, the importance of bees in agriculture and the economy, landscaping for pollinators, beekeeping equipment, and our solitary bee friend the bumblebee. There is also a special kids' honeybee workshop. Enjoy a judging contest of local honeys, games for the youngest Beelievers, live music, food, and beverages at the New Ulm Bee-Strö. *FM 109. 713-568-5584; newulmtexas.com*

NOCONA: April 29-May 1 Cruisin' Nocona Three full days of activities start with a cruise through the North Texas hills and end after almost two days of bidding wars during the annual Cruisin' Nocona, the fastest growing classic car event in Texas. You'll find everything from classic cars to muscle cars during this event. *Downtown Nocona, Clay Street. 940-825-3526; nocona.org*

PLANO: Through Dec. 31 Plano Scavenger Hunt On this fun-filled Plano scavenger hunt, wind through the storied streets in search of iconic landmarks and great green spaces. *Let's Roam, 901 18th St. 833-202-7626; letsroam.com/scavenger_hunt/plano_scavenger_hunt*

ROUND TOP: May 8 150th Anniversary Celebration Join the Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce as they celebrate 150 years of the town that's big-time small. The party kicks off with live music, food, and fun for all ages. *Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce, 110 Schumann Lane. 949-249-4042; exploreroundtop.com*

SALADO: May 7-9 Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering Join in for three days of cowboy music and poetry while enjoying the Village of Salado. The gathering on the Chisholm Trail brings together musicians and poets dedicated to preserving the culture and heritage of the American West. Concerts with national and local artists are both Friday and Saturday nights with free mini-concerts throughout town. *Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail. 254-702-0979; saladocowboypoetry.com*

SEGUIN: May 29 Lone Star Festival As part of the Book Festival Network, this festival supports Texas authors and readers. The money raised for this event goes to the Texas Authors Institute of History, a nonprofit museum dedicated to preserving the rich history of Texas authors while in-

spiring future writers. *Seguin Arts Complex, 950 S. Austin St. 512-554-9560; lonestar.bookfestival.network*

WAXAHACHIE: April 10-11, 17-18, 24-25; May 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-31 Scarborough Renaissance Festival Celebrating its 40th season, this North Texas tradition is a Renaissance-themed festival set in a recreated 16th-century English village that's celebrating the visit of King Henry VIII and his royal court. *2511 FM 66. 972-938-3247; srfestival.com*



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WAXAHACHIE: May 1 Cinco de Mayo Festival Mexican heritage, culture, and food, are on display at this annual event that includes live music, mariachis, and folklórico dancers. *Railyard Park, 455 S. College St. 469-309-4040; waxahachiecvb.com*

WEIMAR: May 7-9 Gedenke! Festival Honor Texas' German heritage at this local festival. Partake in the 5K run/walk and the barbecue cookoff, and enjoy live music, a parade, silent auctions, a car and tractor show, vendors, and food. *Various locations. 979-725-9511; weimartexas.net*

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

HELOTES: April 29-May 2 Cornyval and PRCA Rodeo For more than 50 years, Helotes has been celebrating its corn crops with Cornyval, a growing festival that has seen around 75,000 people in recent years. The annual festival has live music, a parade, dancing, a carnival midway with

thrilling rides and games, food and drinks, arts and crafts, a rodeo, and the Miss Helotes pageant. *Helotes Festival Association, Inc., 12210 Leslie Road. 210-695-2103; cornyval.org*

SAN ANTONIO: Through May 9 Origami in the Garden² Making its Texas debut, this outdoor sculpture exhibition created by American artists Jennifer and Kevin Box captures the delicate nature of the origami paper art form in museum-quality metals. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org/origamiinthegarden2*

SAN ANTONIO: March 29-May 9 Night of Artists Celebrating its 20th anniversary both in person and online, Night of Artists features nearly 300 new works of painting, sculpture, and mixed media by 80 of the country's leading contemporary western artists. Don't miss the largest western art exhibition and sale in Texas and one of the largest in the U.S. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org/noa*

SAN ANTONIO: May 1 Briscoe Fandango Celebrate the influences of the Hispanic culture of South Texas with a community day of music, art, food, and dance. This day offers families a chance to engage with others in San Antonio to learn more about the culture that helped create what San Antonio is today. Taking various elements of food, music, and dance from Spanish and indigenous cultures has created a lifestyle that is unique to Texas and the American West. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org*

SAN ANTONIO: May 28-Sept. 6 "Still in the Saddle: A New History of the Hollywood Western" In the 1940s and '50s, the Western was the most popular movie genre in America. But by the middle of the 1960s, interest began to wane. This exhibition tells the story of the Hollywood Western from the late 1960s to the 1980s. Against a historical backdrop of social unrest, political turmoil, economic uncertainty, and generational change, competing cinematic visions of the Old West vied for Americans' attention within the popular culture of the day. Yet the Western remained as richly entertaining as at any time in its history. Films such as *True Grit* and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, costumes, props, and vintage movie posters are featured. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org*

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