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FALL 2024



## Plano Balloon Festival

Sept. 19–22

Plano

In 1979, local real estate agent Randy Wright thought he saw a UFO flying over Plano. He grabbed a pair of binoculars and realized it wasn't an extraterrestrial takeover but a hot air balloon. Inspired, he bought his own hot air balloon, which he used for advertising purposes. Later, he learned to fly it himself. Within a year, he'd help plan the first Plano Balloon Rally, which lifted off

in 1980 with 50 pilots and five balloon launches. It also propelled the North Texas city's designation as the Official Hot Air Balloon Capital of Texas.

Today, the Plano Balloon Festival celebrates its 45th year, with more than 40 balloons and pilots taking over Oak Point Park. The event expands every year, bringing thousands eager to see the vibrant hot air balloons dot the sky. "It's a kaleidoscope of colors in the air, along with specially shaped balloons that create one of the best family-friendly events in the area," says Jo Via, executive director of the festival.

A must-see attraction is the Balloon Glow, which takes place every evening of the event at sunset. As the sky turns dim, watch as the balloons light up like giant

light bulbs and pilots do "all burns," when they fire their burners all at once. "The best thing about the festival is the smiles on attendees' faces as they marvel at the sight of 40 balloons aglow," Via says. During the Thursday Glow, the Plano Symphony Orchestra performs a special concert. Other evening events include parachute team jumps and drone shows, with over 200 drones creating various shapes and symbols choreographed to music.

More highlights include hot air balloon launches at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday (attendees have the opportunity to interact with pilots as they inflate the balloons on the ground), tethered balloon rides, food trucks, craft vendors, live music, children's carnival rides, and fireworks. [planoballoonfest.org](http://planoballoonfest.org)

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## SEPTEMBER



## OCTOBER



### 4th–8th

**SAN ANTONIO: World Heritage Festival** This annual event celebrates the San Antonio Missions. Visitors can learn about their history and culture through family-friendly events, including the Tour de Las Misiones, a one-of-a-kind bike ride or walk. **210-207-2111; worldheritagefestival.org**

### 13th–15th

**VICTORIA: Viva Texas Film and Arts Festival** This event is a fusion of creativity, showcasing a harmonious blend of film, visual arts, music, and hands-on workshops. Locations include historic sites around the city. **719-722-4115; vivatexasfilmfestival.com**

### 21st

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### 27th

**DALLAS: State Fair of Texas** Celebrate all things Texas and enjoy attractions that include the Texas Auto Show, stages with Texas bands, a nightly starlight parade, over-the-top fair food, and Big Tex greeting visitors. **469-945-3247; bigtex.com**

### 28th

**SAN MARCOS: Mermaid Capital of Texas Fest** The annual festival features the popular Mermaid Promenade with over 100 parade entries and the Downtown Street Faire. Enjoy live music, a kids zone, food, and arts and crafts vendors. **512-214-2589; mermaidsociety.smtx.com**

### 12th

**TODD MISSION: Texas Renaissance Festival** The largest Renaissance festival in the country celebrates its 50th anniversary. Visit a 16th-century European village that has international foods, more than 400 shoppes, multiple stages for music and other entertainment, and camping. **281-356-2178; texrenfest.com**

### 17th–20th

**TYLER: Texas Rose Festival** The event features ceremonial programming including the Queen's Coronation, the rose presentation, the Queen's Tea, and the Rose Parade. **903-531-1212; texasrosefestival.org**

### 18th–20th

**MCALLEN: Fiesta de Palmas** Combining many events into one festive weekend, this annual fiesta includes live music, dance performances, international cuisine, a pumpkin patch, an artisan market, and activities for the family. **956-681-3800; fiestadepalmas.com**

### 19th–27th

**BLANCO: Texas Marigold Festival** Head to the Arnosky Family Farm, where you can find acres in full bloom and attend workshops and classes that explore the importance of marigolds to monarch butterflies. **830-833-5101; texasmarigoldfestival.com**

### 19th–20th

**CANADIAN: Fall Foliage Festival** As autumn rolls in, the Panhandle town of Canadian celebrates leaf-peeping season with quilt exhibits, an art show, a cornhole tournament, and arts and crafts. **806-323-6234; canadiantx.com**

### 26th

**MARATHON: Marathon 2 Marathon** The biggest event that this town of 420 hosts, the M2M is a Boston Marathon qualifier and an international bucket list race, with runners from 25 states and over seven countries participating over the years. **432-386-4366; marathon2marathon.com**

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**NOVEMBER**



## 7th-10th

**CRYSTAL CITY: Spinach Festival** Celebrating the area's history as a top producer of spinach, the festival includes live music plus a parade, carnival, spinach cookoff, pageant, car show, 5K run, and food and vendor booths. **830-374-3161; [spinachfestival.org](http://spinachfestival.org)**

## 8th-10th

**SALADO: Scottish Gathering and Highland Games** The oldest Scottish festival in Texas features entertaining competitions in categories like bagpiping, Highland dance, and heavy athletics. There's also a parade, live Celtic music, and the largest gathering of Scottish clans in Texas. **254-947-5232; [saladoscottishfestival.com](http://saladoscottishfestival.com)**

## 9th-10th

**HOUSTON: Good Brick Tour** Tour homes dating from the Victorian era through the early 20th century. Each location has received Preservation Houston's Good Brick Award for excellence in historic preservation. **713-510-3990; [preservationhouston.org](http://preservationhouston.org)**

## 23rd

**JUNCTION: Hill Country Challenge** Compete in a triathlon with a trail run, bike ride, and paddle down the South Llano River. A meal and live music is waiting at the finish line at the city park pavilion. **512-516-9184; [junctiontexas.com/hill-country-challenge-run-bike-paddle](http://junctiontexas.com/hill-country-challenge-run-bike-paddle)**

## 29th

**VAN HORN: Trans-Pecos Big Buck Tournament** Deer hunting season gets underway at this hunting tournament that starts in November and lasts for two weeks, with animals qualifying from all Trans-Pecos regions. **432-283-2682; [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070124183154](http://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070124183154)**

## 30th

**NACOGDOCHES: Wassail Fest** Enjoy sipping on spiced wassail while shopping. Downtown merchants compete for bragging rights over who serves the best wassail recipe. **936-564-7351; [visitnacogdoches.org](http://visitnacogdoches.org)**

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(March, April, May):  
**Dec. 1**

**FALL**  
(Sept., Oct., Nov.):  
**June 1**

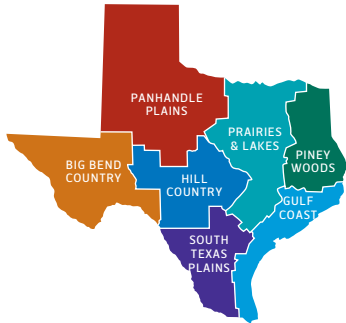
**SUMMER**  
(June, July, Aug.):  
**March 1**

**WINTER**  
(Dec., Jan., Feb.):  
**Sept. 1**

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# SEPTEMBER



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A ♿ denotes accessibility for the disabled. Check venue websites for more information.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE: Sept. 6–Nov. 1 First Friday Song Swap** Players of all skill and experience levels are welcome to share their songs in a monthly music circle in the courtyard behind Far West Guitars. 114 N. Sixth St. 512-470-9455; facebook.com/plfar-west-guitars-100086302976608

**ALPINE: Sept. 12–14 Trappings of Texas** The nation’s longest-running annual exhibit of American Western art and custom cowboy gear kicks off its 38th edition with an opening weekend reception and sale. More than 50 artists display their works. *Museum of the Big Bend*, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-8143; museumofthebigbend.com

**ALPINE: Sept. 26–28 Sul Ross State University Rodeo** See the Sul Ross rodeo team compete in the birthplace of college rodeo. S.A.L.E. Rodeo Arena, US 90 East. 432-208-2333; sulross.edu/rodeo

**EL PASO: Sept. 4–Jan. 26 Tom Lea and Contemporaries** Tom Lea was one of the most prolific Southwestern artists of the 20th century. This exhibit, featuring land-

scapes, portraits, and mural studies by Lea and other artists, tells the story of the tight-knit creative community of El Paso that made the city a central point for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art*, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; epma.art, tomlea.com ♿

**FORT STOCKTON: Sept. 12–15 Barrio Fest** Enjoy educational exhibits, family fun, cultural showcases, historical tours, food and craft vendors, and live music. *Fort Stockton Community Theatre*, 102 S. Nelson St. 432-299-1220; fscommunitytheatre.org ♿

**MIDLAND: Sept. 21 Tall City Blues Fest** With six concerts featuring musicians from six states, festivalgoers can expect new music in a range of blues styles. *The Old Lumberyard*, 1705 W. Industrial Ave. 432-262-0034; tallcitybluesfest.com

**VAN HORN: Through Nov. 2 Farmers Market** Every second and fourth Saturday, find handmade, homegrown, organic, and locally sourced West Texas products. *El Mercado*, 604 W. Broadway. 760-213-9495; vanhorn-texas.org

**VAN HORN: Sept. 21 Our Lady of Fatima’s Kermes** Meaning bazaar in Spanish, a kermes offers traditional Mexican dishes, games like lotería, mariachi music, and a carnival. *Our Lady of Fatima Church*, 308 Almond St. 432-284-0930 ♿

## GULF COAST

**ANAHUAC: Sept. 13–15 Texas GatorFest** Each year, thousands of visitors flock to Fort Anahuac Park for a weekend of family fun and entertainment in celebration of the American alligator. The event includes exhibitors, pageants, and gator contests. *Fort Anahuac Park*, 1704 S. Main St. 409-267-4190; texasgatorfest.com ♿

**BEAUMONT: Sept. 15 Viva Beaumont** Celebrate the vibrant Hispanic culture of Southeast Texas with live music, food, and family-friendly activities. *Main Library Outdoor Plaza*, 701 Main St. 409-838-3435; beaumonteventstx.com ♿

**CLUTE: Sept. 13–15, 20–22 The Odd Couple** Brazosport Center Stages presents Neil Simon’s play about two single pals—a sloppily sportswriter and a fastidious news writer—who strain their friendship by becom-

ing roommates. *Center for the Arts and Sciences*, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 6–7 MusicWalk Festival** Celebrate the city’s designation as a “Music Friendly Texas Certified Community” by attending this event that features more than 60 musicians across 22 outdoor stages and multiple venues. *Chaparral Street*. 361-561-2000 ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 21 Conquer the Coast** The bike ride challenges participants with a 66-mile course that includes pedaling up and over the 243-foot Harbor Bridge. There are also less strenuous 10- and 21-mile routes. *Whataburger Field*, 734 E. Port Ave. 361-881-1800; unitedcorpuschristi.org

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Sept. 28 Run the Runway** Run or walk on one of Corpus Christi International Airport’s runways and get up-close views of planes, trucks, and specialty vehicles. A 1K Kids Fun Run kicks off the race, followed by an out-and-back 5K. 1000 International Drive. 361-826-3232; v-f-productions.raceentry.com

**EDNA: Sept. 21 Fall Golf Tournament** Jackson County Chamber of Commerce hosts this tournament. Entry includes green fees, lunch, two mulligans per 18 holes, and three contests. *Edna Country Club*, 1241 CR 301. 361-782-7146; jacksoncountytexas.com

**FREEPORT: Sept. 2–Oct. 31 Haunting Tales of the Texas Gulf Coast** Spooky videos and creepy displays guide you through scary ghost stories of the Texas Gulf Coast, such as the Lady in the Gray Taffeta Dress and the Fiddler of the San Bernard River. *Freeport Historical Museum*, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeportmuseum.com ♿

**GALVESTON: Sept. 7 Sand Crab Night-time Beach 5K, 10K, and Kids Mile** Bring a headlamp for this run under the stars on Galveston Island’s East Beach. Choose from a 5K or 10K along the water’s edge. The kids mile starts in the evening. R.A. Appfel East Beach Park, 1923 Boddeker Drive. 210-204-7387; runintexas.com/gcrab

**GALVESTON: Sept. 21–22 AIA Sandcastle Competition** Houston-area architects head to Galveston’s East Beach for one of the world’s largest amateur sandcastle competitions. The sculptures remain on



view through Sunday. *East Beach, 1923 Boddeker Drive.* [visitgalveston.com](http://visitgalveston.com) 📍

**GALVESTON: Sept. 27-28 Shrimp Festival** Enjoy fresh Gulf shrimp, a gumbo cookoff, a 5K run, a boat show, vendors, the Lil' Shrimps Parade, and live music. *Historic Strand District, 2302 Strand St.* 409-770-0999; [galvestonislandshrimpfestival.com](http://galvestonislandshrimpfestival.com)

**HOUSTON: Sept. 14-Sept. 13, 2026 Habitat** For its fourth birthday, the Houston Botanic Garden presents installations created by local artists that explore the central idea of "protecting habitats protects life," through the lens of the Gulf Coast environment. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane.* 713-715-9675; [hbg.org](http://hbg.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: Sept. 20-Jan. 26 Fragments of Memory** This selection of works from the Menil's permanent collection explores the ways in which the past imbues the present. In their drawings, artists reimagine how viewers might access fraught memories and contested histories through mediums like scrapbooks and snapshots. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1413 W. Main St.* 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: Sept. 21, Oct. 19 Flea by Night** Hunt for one-of-a-kind vintage, handmade,

recycled, and local goods while enjoying musical entertainment and food trucks. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St.* 713-400-7336; [discoverygreen.com](http://discoverygreen.com)

**HOUSTON: Sept. 28 Take Me Outdoors** Discover the wonders of nature starting with the animals and resources in Houston's own backyard. Texas Parks and Wildlife invites families to get to know the great outdoors at this festival that includes exhibitors, hands-on activities, and educational booths. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St.* 713-400-7336; [discoverygreen.com](http://discoverygreen.com)

**LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 14 Farmers Market** Local vendors sell their homemade goods and farm-fresh items. *Parking Place Pavilion, 110 S. Parking Place.* 409-877-3570; [lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com](http://lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 14, 21 Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza** Bird lovers of all ages can watch hummers in action and the process for bird banding and browse the nature-themed booths and native plant sales. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West.* 979-480-0999; [gcbo.org](http://gcbo.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Sept. 28 Bull Red Run-a-Palooza Fun Run and Youth Fishing** Participate in a 2K fun run around

rearing ponds and bring your own equipment and bait for catch-and-release fishing. *Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive.* 979-292-0100; [tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas](http://tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas) 📍

**PORT ARANSAS: Sept. 14-15 Port A Days** The coastal town of Port Aransas celebrates itself with a vendor market, the Anything That Floats race, food, and a parade. *Roberts Point Park, 301 JC Barr Blvd.* 361-749-3800; [portaransadays.org](http://portaransadays.org)

**PORT ARANSAS: Sept. 28 Port A Surf Fest** This annual surfing competition is open to all age groups. There's also a dog surfing contest. *Horace Caldwell Pier, 230 N. On the Beach Road.* 361-749-3800; [portaransasmuseum.org](http://portaransasmuseum.org)

**PORT ARANSAS: Sept. 27-28 Port A Live Music Fest** The Gulf Coast town invites visitors to experience its live music scene with two days of music featuring a total of 15 shows in five venues. A major concert takes place on Saturday at Palmilla Beach Resort. *Various locations, 750 Channel View Drive.* 361-749-5919; [portalive.com](http://portalive.com)

**ROCKPORT: Sept. 14 Austin Street Art Walk** Rockport Center for the Arts presents this monthly art walk featuring the work of



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Wimberley hosts a variety of events including vibrant farmers' markets, art walks, live music performances, and outdoor recreational activities, all set against the backdrop of the beautiful Texas hill country scenery.

artists representing various art mediums. There are also exhibits, live music, artist demonstrations, and food. *Downtown, Austin Street. [rockportartcenter.com/austin-street-art-walk](http://rockportartcenter.com/austin-street-art-walk)* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Sept. 14 Downtown Farmers Market** The market, held every second Saturday of the month, features vendors selling locally grown produce, jams, jellies, pickled items, fresh baked bread, local honey, hen fruit, and homemade goat soap. *Downtown, 105 S. Austin St. 361-230-0414; [facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket)* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Sept. 14 Makers Market** Find handmade items from local artists and one-of-a-kind home décor at this monthly local outdoor market. *Downtown, 302 S. Austin St. [rockport-fulton.org](http://rockport-fulton.org)* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Sept. 14 Second Saturday in the District** Enjoy live music and special monthly themes to go along with the Art Walk, Farmers Market, and Makers Market. *Downtown, Austin Street. [rockportculturalartsdistricts.com](http://rockportculturalartsdistricts.com)* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Sept. 19-22 HummerBird Celebration** This 36th festival features speakers, shopping, birding trips, hummer home bus tours, and information about the hummingbird migration through Rockport and Fulton. *Aransas County Airport, 421 John D. Wendell Road. 361-729-6445; [rockport-fulton.org](http://rockport-fulton.org)* 📍

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: Sept. 20-22 Market Days** Every third weekend of the month, hear live music, peruse the merchandise of over 150 vendors, and choose eats from food trucks in a pet-friendly environment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 1500 E. Laurel St. 361-314-2226; [rockport-fulton.org](http://rockport-fulton.org)* 📍

**ROSENBERG: Sept. 14 Ride to Rosenberg Car Show** See 150 cars dating from the early 1900s to modern times. There's also a DJ, a local band, food trucks, trophies, and door prizes. *Downtown, 815 Third St. 713-502-3168; [rosenbergartsalliance.com](http://rosenbergartsalliance.com)* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 1 Labor Day Fireworks** End summer with a bang. South Padre Island hosts this fireworks show to celebrate the three-day weekend. *SPI Entertainment District, 211 W. Whiting St. 956-761-3000; [sopadre.com/events](http://sopadre.com/events)* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 6-8 Wahoo Classic** This fishing tournament awards cash prizes to anglers who reel in the largest wahoo, dorado, and blackfin tuna. *Jim's Pier, 211 W. Swordfish St. 956-761-3000; [sopadre.com/events](http://sopadre.com/events)*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 14 Summer Causeway Run and Fitness Walk** The 6.2-

mile (10K) course goes to the Queen Isabel-la Causeway and over the Laguna Madre Bay and ends in front of Louie's Backyard. *Port Isabel Community Center, 213 N. Yturria St. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 14 Tacos and Tequila Festival** The best of Mexico's contributions to the food and beverage industry are savored at this culinary event designed with foodies and tequila connoisseurs in mind. *SPI Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events* 🍷

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 27-28 SPisland Games** At this fitness competition, participants come together and celebrate life and fitness. *SPI Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; facebook.com/spislandgames*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sept. 29 SPI Triathlon** The triathlon offers Olympic and sprint distance courses and challenges all skill levels, from the seasoned veteran to the first-timer. *Jim's Pier, 209 Whiting St. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events*

**SURFSIDE BEACH: Sept. 7 Market in the Park** The market offers handmade, home-made, and homegrown products, along with food trucks. *Stahlman Park, 2211 Blue-water Highway. 979-233-1531; visitsurfsidebeachtx.org* 🍷

**VICTORIA: Through Oct. 5 Carol Koutnik and Irmgard Geul Exhibits** Carol Koutnik's work takes inspiration from exploring the growth patterns and colors of gardens. Irmgard Geul creates stories and adventures with "embroidery paintings," a technique where she applies embroidery and stitching over acrylic paintings on paper. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org*

**VICTORIA: Sept. 13-15 Viva Texas Film and Arts Festival** This event is a fusion of creativity, showcasing a blend of film, visual arts, music, and hands-on workshops. *Various locations, 719-722-4115; vivatexasfilmfestival.com* 🍷

**VICTORIA: Sept. 14 Victoria Symphony in Concert** The symphony presents "Diva Legends," a program that channels the greatest legends of disco, pop, and R&B. Hear hits from Gloria Gaynor, Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Tina Turner, Diana Ross, and Alicia Keys. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 🍷

**VICTORIA: Sept. 22 Czech Heritage Festival** Enjoy Czech music and dancing, traditional arts and crafts, Czech foods, a country store, and games. *Victoria Community*

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 Sept. 6 - Nov. 16

**Texas Trust CU Theatre**  
 Kevin Hart: Acting My Age  
 Oct. 18

**Uptown Theater**  
 Bonnie and Clyde  
 Sept. 13 - 22

**PLAN YOUR STAY!**



Center, 2905 E. North St. 361-571-4777; victoriaczechs.org 📍

**VICTORIA: Sept. 27-28 Quilt Show** Enjoy quilt displays, vendor booths, demonstrations, and a scrap drive. *Holy Family Catholic Church, 704 Mallette Drive. 361-485-3116; quiltguildvictoria.org 📍*

**VICTORIA: Sept. 28 Fall for Dance** Victoria Ballet Theatre opens its 41st season with an autumn performance featuring classical and contemporary pieces. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-485-8540; victoriaballet.org 📍*

**HILL COUNTRY**

**AUSTIN: Sept. 5-7 Texas Tribune Festival** Texas' breakout politics and policy event lets attendees explore the big, bold ideas driving politics, policy, and the day's news. Dig into the 2024 elections, Texas and national politics, and the state of democracy with conversations curated by the *Tribune's* award-winning journalists. *Downtown. 919 Congress Ave. 512-791-9735; tribfest.org 📍*

**AUSTIN: Sept. 7 Bat Fest** Enjoy live music, kids activities, a costume contest, and watching bats as they take flight from under the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. *Congress Avenue Bridge, 100 S. Congress Ave. 512-441-9015; roadwayevents.com/event/bat-fest*

**AUSTIN: Sept. 7 Float Fest** The festival hosts a full-day lineup of hip-hop, rap, and pop sets. Headlining artists include Lil Wayne, The Kid Laroi, Jessie Murph, Anella Herim, Preston Wayne, Sadie Rose Van, and DJ Blackbeard. *Germania Insurance Amphitheater, 9201 Circuit of The Americas Blvd. floatfest.net*

**AUSTIN: Sept. 14 Viva Mexico** Mexican-American Cultural Center's annual celebration explores Mexico's cultural history through visual art, dance, and music. *Oswaldo Cantu Pan Am Recreation Center, 2100 E. Third St. austinTEXAS.gov*

**AUSTIN: Sept. 19-26 Fantastic Fest** The largest genre film festival in the country screens horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action, and other fantastic films from around the world. *Various locations. fantasticfest.com 📍*

**AUSTIN: Sept. 28 Summer Carnival** This samba dance party celebrates African heritage and Brazilian, Latin, and Caribbean music with DJs and guest musicians. *The Venue ATX, 516 E. Sixth St. 317-513-6117; austinsummerncarnival.com*

**BANDERA: Aug. 30-Sept. 1 Labor Day Roundup Musicfest** Listen to a lineup of entertainers all weekend long. *11th St. Cow-*

*boy Bar, 307 11th St. 830-796-4849; 11thstreetcowboybar.com 📍*

**BANDERA: Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Celebrate Bandera Roundup** Bandera honors its cowboy heritage with the Longhorn Cattle Drive Parade, arts and crafts, music, gunfight reenactments, a ranch rodeo, and Lil' Wrangler activities. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 North; 500 Main St. 830-796-3280; banderatex.com 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 7 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up their pop-up shops along Main Street. Artists and craftspeople present original works while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked items. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 19-22 Bandera Brewery Beerfest** Visitors can participate in games and drink craft beer, listen to live music, and indulge in tasty food. *Bandera Brewery, 3540 SH 16. 830-522-4226; facebook.com/banderabrewery 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 21, Nov. 16 Pipe Creek Dancehall Market Days** At this bimonthly event, visitors can enjoy live music, food, shopping, pony rides, and family fun. *Pipe Creek General Store and Dancehall, 9878 SH 16S. 210-854-6577; facebook.com/pipecreekdancehall 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 22 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree** The museum presents this monthly jamboree that includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 10 Sunday Funday Barrel Race** Come see barrel racing presented by Riding on Faith. Watch as the talented youngsters show the adults how it's done. *Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 27-29 Rumble on the River** Biker Rallies of Texas presents this annual event that includes a poker run, bike show, games, a tattoo contest, cowboy rodeo, concerts, and free tent camping. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 North. 832-260-8744; bikerralliesoftexas.com 📍*

**BANDERA: Sept. 19-22 Texas Sportbike Summit in the Hills Rally** This inaugural rally welcomes bike enthusiasts to ride the Three Sisters (ranch roads 335, 336, and 337) in the Texas Hill Country. The event includes vendors and music. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 North. 832-260-8744; bikerralliesoftexas.com 📍*

**BLANCO: Sept. 21 Market Day** Shop from over 70 vendors selling homemade crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidery and crocheted items, and jewelry. *Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; [historicblanco.org](http://historicblanco.org)* 📍

**BOERNE: Aug. 30-Sept. 1 Kendall County Fair** The 118th annual fair offers good old-fashioned fun with a Queen's Pageant, rodeo and livestock show, parade on Main Street, and exhibits in the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall. *Herff Park, 1307 River Road. 830-249-2839; [kcfa.org](http://kcfa.org)*

**BOERNE: Sept. 10, 24; Oct. 8, 15, 22 Art After Hours** Guests get an introduction to fine art techniques in a playful environment. The casual style of exploration and creativity provides an evening of fun and fabrication. Projects and themes change each week. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. [hccarts.org](http://hccarts.org) [art-after-hours](http://art-after-hours)* 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 14-Dec. 28 Bluegrass Jam at the AgriCultural** Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, musicians and music lovers are invited to bring their instruments and play along—or just come to listen to the jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; [theagricultural.org](http://theagricultural.org)* 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 21 Moondance Outdoor Concert** Bring lawn chairs and coolers for this beloved tradition at the Cibolo that features live music from local bands under the oak trees. *Cibolo Center for Conservation, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; [cibolo.org](http://cibolo.org)*

**BOERNE: Sept. 14, Oct. 12 Market Days** Browse the vendor booths at the market, where you can find a variety of bargains and an assortment of jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, and antiques. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; [eventsoffmain.com/market-days](http://eventsoffmain.com/market-days)* 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 28 Bierfest** Enjoy beer from 30-plus Texas craft breweries, food, live music, traditional feats of strength like the stein-holding competition, art displays, and a live auction. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-844-8193; [hccarts.org/bierfest](http://hccarts.org/bierfest)*

**BUDA: Sept. 21 Arts Festival** Expect live plein-air painting competitions, busking musicians, film screenings, art demos, artisan markets, artist meet-ups, and dance performances. *Inspired Minds Art Center, 121 Main St. 512-364-3630; [budaaf.com](http://budaaf.com)* 📍

**CASTELL: Sept. 21 CockARoo Music Fest** This end-of-summer music festival includes vendors and food. *Castell General*

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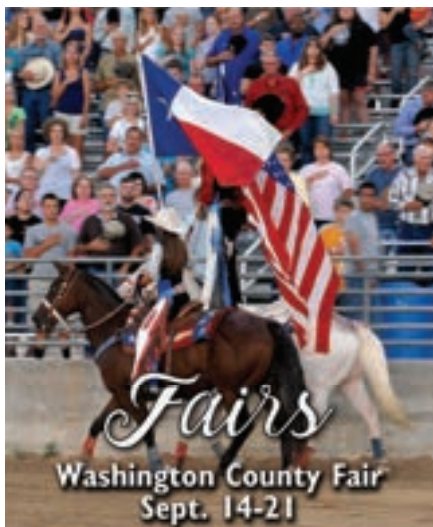
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The Texas Arts and Crafts Fair offers a family-friendly experience with two days of juried art, gourmet food, live music, craft beer, and activities suitable for all ages. Kids and adults will enjoy interactive demonstrations by artists and crafters. [KERRVILLECRAFTED.COM](http://KERRVILLECRAFTED.COM)



Store, 19522 W. RR 152. 325-247-4100; [facebook.com/groups/142869584063](https://facebook.com/groups/142869584063)

**CEDAR PARK: Sept. 27 Chris Cagle in Concert** Born in Louisiana and raised in Houston, the American country music artist's has hits including "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out," "Miss Me Baby," "What Kinda Gone," "Got My Country On," "Let There Be Cowgirls," and "Country by the Grace of God." *Haute Spot, 1501 E. New Hope Drive. 512-986-7411; hautespotlive.com/cagle*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 7 Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library Book Sale** The library holds its annual book sale fundraiser. Shop a wide variety of genres at reasonable prices. *Marktplatz Pavilion, 100 W. Main St. 830-997-6523; fbgtx.org*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 7 Historic Gillespie County Jail Tours** See inside this two-story stone structure that served as the fourth jail for Gillespie County. Constructed in 1885, the building was used as a county jail until 1939. *Historic Gillespie County Jail, 117 W. San Antonio St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 14 Boxstoberfest** This annual event was created specifically for Porsche enthusiasts and started as a celebration of the Porsche Boxster. It has evolved into an event for all Porsches, with activities like scenic drives and attractions. *Hangar Hotel, 1455 Airport Road. 830-997-6523; boxstoberfest.net*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Sept. 20-21 The Manhattan Project: The Beginning of the Nuclear Age** Expect engaging discussions and the chance to ask questions about The Manhattan Project, the secret World War II project to develop the world's first atomic weapons before Nazi Germany. *National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org* 🍷

**INGRAM: Through Sept. 1 Promises, Promises** The musical, based on the 1960 Billy Wilder film *The Apartment*, is about a junior executive at an insurance company who seeks to climb the corporate ladder by allowing his apartment to be used by his married superiors for trysts. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**INGRAM: Through Sept. 20 Fertile Ground** Hill Country Arts Foundation's annual juried exhibit features a range of work from the traditional to the conceptual. This year's theme is "Landscapes of the Mind." *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**INGRAM: Sept. 14 Stonehenge II Half K and Field Day** All underachievers are invit-

ed to this new fundraising event. Wear a silly costume and don't take the competition too seriously because everyone gets a medal. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 1-7 Kerr Arts and Cultural Center Art Exhibits** Three art exhibits are on display: Zena Howe's "Images," a judged membership show, and "Photoquest," a judged exhibit featuring images captured by members of the Hill Country Camera Club. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 3-21 Two Perspectives: Scott Christensen and Quang Ho** The exhibition features the work of two renowned landscape artists who provide differing yet complementary views of the landscapes of the American West. *The Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 7 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Once a month, Market Days features artists and crafters bringing their own original hand-crafted items to sell. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org* 🍷

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 12-Oct. 12 Kerr Arts and Cultural Center Art Exhibits** Tuesdays through Saturdays, visitors can experience three art exhibits: "Our Hectic Lives" by Patty Thomas; Kerrville Art Club Member Show, a local artist exhibition and art sale; and "Magnificent Seven Rides Again." *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 13 Napoleon Dynamite: Film and Conversation** Stars of the cult classic Jon Heder, Efrén Ramirez, and Jon Gries return for an interactive and entertaining conversation following a screening of the movie. *The Arcadia Live, 717 Water St. 830-315-5483; thearcadialive.org*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 14 Run for Riverside 5K** Run or walk on the Kerrville River Trail along the Guadalupe River. There's a pre-race warm-up, refreshments, raffle, and silent auction to benefit the center. *Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. 830-257-4837; riversidenaturecenter.org*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 21 Concert by the River** Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come out to the park to enjoy an end-of-summer concert along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 28–Nov. 9 Al Glann: Poetry in Motion** The solo show features a diverse collection of sculptures by Tucson artist Al Glann. *The Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 28–29 Triathlon Festival** Featuring eight distance events and a free kids run, this event is known for its 70.3 distance triathlon and being one of Texas' most scenic races. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. kerrvilletri.com*

**KINGSLAND: Sept. 28 Taste Highland Lakes** Along with dancing under the huge oak tree, the event has food samplings from barbecue to homemade chocolate. *The Legends Community, 105 Rangeway Circle. 325-388-6211; tastehighlandlakes.com* 🍷

**LAKEHILLS: Sept. 28 Medina Lake Cajun Festival** Enjoy Cajun and zydeco music, a gumbo cookoff, and homemade Cajun food. *Lakehills Community Center, 11225 Park Road 37. 830-751-9904; cajunfestival-medinalake.com* 🍷

**LLANO: Sept. 14 Llano County Wild Game Dinner** Feast on alligator, aoudad, axis, blackbuck, elk, frog legs, quail, and

white-tail deer. Supporting the Llano County 4-H and FFA Youth, the event includes auctions and raffles. *John L. Kuykendall Events Center and Arena, 2200 RR 152. 325-247-5159; llanowildgamedinner.com*

**LLANO: Sept. 27–28 Texas Music Fest** Jason Boland, Bri Bagwell, and Jamie Richards are among the performers at this concert by the Llano River. Food and drink vendors are on-site. *Robinson Park, 123 Robinson Park Drive. 325-247-5354; llanotexasmusicfestival.com* 🍷

**MEDINA: Sept. 14 Main Street Sale** On the second Saturday of the month, visit the shops at this morning market. *Medina Main Street. 830-589-2825; banderacowboycapital.com* 🍷

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Sept. 25–29 Comal County Fair and Rodeo** The 130th annual fair offers classic fair attractions such as carnival rides, fair food, a livestock show, a barbecue cookoff, and a rodeo. *Comal County Fair Grounds, 701 E. Common St. 830-625-1505; comalcountyfair.org*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Sept. 26–29 Holidays Market** With more than 100 merchants, shoppers can browse for new and unique gifts. *New Braunfels Convention*

*Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com*

**ROUND ROCK: Sept. 22 Kalahari Food and (Not Just) Wine Festival** Set out on a culinary adventure with tasty bites from Kalahari's dining outlets. Sip on beverages from top Austin brands, and enjoy an experience with Texas' Michelin-starred chef and *Top Chef* alum John Tesar. *Kalahari Resorts and Conventions Round Rock, 3001 Kalahari Blvd. 877-525-2427; kalahariresorts.com/texas/things-to-do/experiences/food-and-wine-festival*

**SAN MARCOS: Sept. 14 Cottage Kitchen Treasure Sale** Find dinnerware, furniture, small appliances, jewelry, décor, quilts, bedding, books, toys, purses, and gently worn clothing items. *Charles S. Cock House Museum, 400 E. Hopkins St. 956-206-6483; heritagesanmarcos.org* 🍷

**SAN MARCOS: Sept. 28 Mermaid Capital of Texas Fest** The fest features the Mermaid Promenade with over 100 parade entries and the Downtown Street Faire. Enjoy music, a kids zone, food, and arts and crafts vendors. *Hays County Historic Courthouse Grounds, 111 E. San Antonio St. 512-214-2589; mermaidsocietysmtx.com* 🍷



**TARPLEY: Sept. 1 Labor Day Barbecue and Parade** Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department sponsors this Labor Day parade, barbecue, raffle, and auction. *Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department, 264 Valentine Lane. 830-562-3403; tarpleyvfd.org* 📍

**TAYLOR: Sept. 21 Texas Mamma Jamma Ride** Held the third Saturday in September, the Texas Mamma Jamma Ride is an annual bike ride for riders of every ability. *Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Drive. 512-796-0448; texasmammajammaride.org* 📍

**WIMBERLEY: Sept. 5 Art Crawl** Every first Thursday of the month, visitors can peruse Wimberley's downtown art galleries and enjoy live music, food, and drink. *100 Wimberley Square. 979-422-3034; gallerytrail.com/blank* 📍

**PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**ABILENE: Through July 5 Full Steam Ahead: The Texas and Pacific Railway** This exhibition highlights the history of the Texas and Pacific Railway in Abilene through artifacts from the museum's permanent collection. See the impact of the railroad on the growth of the city and its

residents and railroad workers. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

**AMARILLO: Sept. 6-7 American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Induction and Reunion Celebration** Events include a fire-side chat with Hall of Fame members and new inductees, the class of 2024 dedication, and the unveiling of a new museum exhibit. *American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, 2601 I-40 East. 806-376-4811; aqha.com/hall-of-fame*

**AMARILLO: Sept. 13-14 Amarillo Symphony in Concert** The symphony performs Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, featuring digital art by Geoff Case, and Jake Fridkis, principal flutist of the Fort Worth Symphony, performs Kevin Puts' "Flute Concerto." *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-3096; amarillosymphony.org* 📍

**AMARILLO: Sept. 13-21 Tri-State Fair and Rodeo** For more than 90 years, the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo has hosted exhibitors and offered carnival rides, food booths, rodeo excitement, and entertainers. *Tri-State Fairgrounds, 3301 SE 10th Ave. 806-376-7767; tristatefair.com*

**AMARILLO: Sept. 16-Oct. 29 Fall Festival and Giant Maze** Find more than 30 attractions and activities including a pumpkin patch, paintball, cornhole, wagon train rides, and the cornfield maze. *Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm, 12908 S. Bell St. 806-373-9600; maxwellspumpkinfarm.com/fall* 📍

**AMARILLO: Sept. 21-22 Lone Star Reptile Expos** Vendors exhibit and sell snakes, frogs, toads, turtles, lizards, insects, mice, rats, and other kinds of herps from around the world, while also offering supplies, feeders, and valuable information. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; visitamarillo.com* 📍

**AMARILLO: Sept. 27 The Visual Meets the Aural** The Amarillo Symphony presents a collaboration with the Amarillo Arts Institute and Arts in the Sunset that features painters and music by Debussy, American composer Jessie Montgomery, and Shostakovich. *Arts in the Sunset, 3701 Plains Blvd. 806-354-8802; amarillosymphony.org, artsinthesunset.org* 📍

**AMARILLO: Sept. 28 Hoodoo Mural Festival** Each year since the festival's founding, muralists from around the country contribute new murals to downtown Ama-

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rillo as part of an urban beautification project. There's also a downtown celebration with live music and DJs. *Various locations. hoodoomural.com* 📍

**JACKSBORO: Sept. 28, Oct. 27 Farmers Market and Craft Vendor Show** Various vendors set up around the Jack County Courthouse lawn the last Saturday of the month through October. *Jack County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksborochamber.com*

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 First Friday Art Trail** The self-guided art tour is held in the Lubbock Cultural District. Visit a variety of art centers, museums, galleries, and businesses. There's also live music and food trunks. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; ffat.org* 📍

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 7 Buddy's Birthday Bash** Buddy Holly was from Lubbock, and the city honors the rock 'n' roll legend with live music, special screenings, and kids activities. *Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Crickets Ave. 806-775-3560; ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/buddy-holly-center/events* 📍

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7 Un(wine)d with the Arts** The event allows attendees to learn about currently displayed work at a slower pace and gives them access to exclusive insight from the LHUCA curator and staff. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; lhuca.org* 📍

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 16–Nov. 5 At'l Do Farms Fall Season** Bring the family to enjoy a corn maze, barnyard, cow train, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, campfires, and the Fairy Tale Trail. *At'l Do Farms, 6323 FM 1294. 806-787-4241; atldofarms.com/the-maze*

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 26–28 Flatland Film Festival** The festival cultivates an appreciation for film, video, and the digital moving image. See a diverse collection of feature films, documentaries, shorts, animations, music videos, and art installations. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; lhuca.org* 📍

**QUANAH: Sept. 14 Fall Festival** Attendees can browse the car, truck, and tractor shows, shop from vendors, grab a bite to eat, and take museum tours. *Downtown. 940-663-2222; facebook.com/quanahchamberofcommerce* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: Sept. 4, 18, 25 Fort Concho Speakers Series** Hear lunchtime talks on area heritage and history. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: Sept. 6–21 EnPleinAirTexas Exhibition and Workshops** EnPleinAir Texas Ranch Fellowship artists Suzie Baker and Carla Bosch display their art created



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during their fellowship and lead workshops on painting techniques. *Gallery Verde, 417 S. Oakes St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org/gallery-verde*

**SAN ANGELO: Sept. 21 Concho Valley Archeology Fair** Rediscover the past 2,000 years of history in the Concho Valley with displays and activities. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: Sept. 28-Oct. 27 Angelo State University Art Faculty Biennial Exhibition** Angelo State University's art department faculty members present new works created in a broad range of media. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org* 📍

**SNYDER: Sept. 19-21 Canyon Gun Club Gun Show** Buy, sell, trade, shop, or just look. Vendors can answer firearm questions. *The Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive. 325-232-9686; snyderchamber.org/event*

**WICHITA FALLS: Sept. 14-15 Hunting, Fishing, and Farming Expo** Visit vendors specializing in products and services in the hunting, fishing, and farming industries. *MPEC, 1000 Fifth St. 214-507-4287; bandlevents.com* 📍

**PINEY WOODS**

**GLADEWATER: Sept. 21-22 Arts and Crafts Festival** Vendors sell ceramics, candles, dolls, needlework, wreaths, and other handcrafted items. *Broadway School Grounds, 200 Broadway Ave. 903-845-5501; gladewaterartsandcrafts.com* 📍

**HUNTSVILLE: Sept. 21-22 Antique Show** Browse the offerings of over 65 dealers who sell antiques, furniture, costume jewelry, coins, glassware, vintage boots for women, turquoise, linens, stoneware, sterling of all kinds, kitchen collectibles, books, postcards, and art. *Walker County Fairgrounds. huntsvilleantiqueshow.com* 📍

**JEFFERSON: Sept. 14 Antique Tractor Show** See antique tractors and trucks, Model Ts, stationary and working antique engines, antique farm machinery, and displays depicting blacksmithing, ice cream making, and corn processing. There's also a swap meet. *Downtown, Austin Street. 903-445-9796; diamonddonempire.com* 📍

**LUFKIN: Sept. 19-22 Texas State Forest Festival** An East Texas tradition dating to the 1930s, the festival attracts over 13,000 people. Festivities include lumberjack competitions, wood carvers, carnival rides, and comedy shows. *George H. Henderson Jr. Exposition Center, 1200 Ellen Trout Drive. texasstateforestfestival.com*

**JEFFERSON: Sept. 26-28 Fall Citywide Rummage Sale** Homeowners sell unwanted treasures. Many local businesses participate as well. Pick up a map of all the places outside the Chamber of Commerce office on Austin Street. *Various locations. 903-665-2672; visitjeffersontexas.com*

**NACOGDOCHES: Sept. 13-14 Old Town Rig Down** Some of the biggest, baddest rigs in the country are on display on downtown's red brick streets. This event features food, games, a live auction, and live music. *200 E. Main St. 936-615-0580; facebook.com/oldtownrigdown*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 6-8 Piney Woods Express Steam Train** This ride, powered by No. 30, a 1917 Baldwin Locomotive Works engine, takes passengers on a journey through the Piney Woods and 135 years of history. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 Art Walk** The Dogwood Arts Council organizes this monthly art walk that features over 30 local and area artists. Maps with the artists' locations are available the day of the art walk, which begins at Redlands Hotel. *400 N. Queen St. 903-922-5794; dogwoodartscouncil.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7 Dogwood Jamboree** The Dogwood Jamboree is a Branson-style country music show filled with family fun, laughter, and classic country music. *Palestine High School Auditorium, 1600 SH Loop 256. 903-724-2556; visitpalestine.com*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7 Parapalooza** Experience a night of paranormal adventure that includes vendors, food, and guest speakers including Paradocs, Paranormal-Chicks, Haunted Heifer, Darkseid, and The Witch Project. *Texas Jailhouse, 704 Ave. A. 903-480-0212; txjailhouse.com*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7-Nov. 2 Trade Days** Held the first Saturday of each month, Trade Days is a shopping experience with vendors selling everything from crafts to plants to lemonade. The grounds have a kids zone and food trucks. *Trade Days Grounds, 4214 W. Oak St. 903-284-9978; palestinetradedays.net*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 13-Oct. 26 Piney Woods Express Diesel Train** Board a vintage 1920s car and be transported by relaxed seating, thoughtful décor, and responsive car attendants who add to the ambiance of the scenic journey available to travelers a century ago. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 20–22 El Camino Gravel Challenge** The gravel bike race starts and finishes in Old Town Palestine and goes through the Davy Crockett National Forest. Riders have their choice of route length: 25, 65, 105, or 205 miles. *Oxbow Bakery, 215 E. Crawford St. 903-727-2711; runsignup.com/race/tx/palestine/elcamino205*

**PALESTINE: Sept. 27 Wine in the Pines Train Ride** Passengers take a four-hour round-trip journey through the Piney Woods. It includes wines from Red 55 Winery, located in Lindale, and appetizers paired with each wine. At Rusk Railroad Depot, the train stops and passengers have dinner under the stars. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

**SAN AUGUSTINE: Sept. 16–17 Pro Rodeo** The annual rodeo has mutton bustin', a live band on Saturday night, and concession stand treats. *San Augustine Expo and Fair Grounds, 1109 Oaklawn St. 936-275-3610; sanaugustinecochamber.com* 🍷

**THE WOODLANDS: Sept. 7 Young Makers Market** Students ages 8 to 18 sell their artistic creations during this inaugural mini arts festival at Market Street. *9595 Six Pines Drive. visitthewoodlands.com* 🍷

**THE WOODLANDS: Sept. 18 The Woodlands Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The symphony presents *Once Upon a Symphony*, a night of music that takes the audience on a journey of grand storytelling. *The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. woodlandscenter.org* 🍷

### PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**ALLEN: Aug. 31–Sept. 1 PlantCon** Experience an immersive weekend filled with workshops featuring field experts, presentations, community building, and plant exhibitors. *Marriott Dallas Allen Hotel and Convention Center, 777 Watteres Creek Blvd. 740-200-0099; plantcon.org* 🍷

**BASTROP: Sept. 13–29 Young Frankenstein the Musical** Frederick Frankenstein inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked sidekick and a leggy lab assistant Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org* 🍷

**BASTROP: Sept. 21 Music in the Museum** Concerts take place on the third Saturday of every month and offer a unique platform for area artists to share their talent with audiences. *Bastrop Museum and Visitor Center, 904 Main St. 512-303-0904; bastropcountyhistoricalsociety.com* 🍷



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Iranian-American flutist Mehrdad Gholami performs a solo recital accompanied by pianist Tak Yan Yeung as part of a classical music concert series. *Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 2701 Harwood Road. 817-545-0251; emmanuelpc.org* 📍

**BRENHAM: Sept. 14-21 Washington County Fair**

At the “Oldest County Fair in Texas,” visitors can expect rodeos, live music, a carnival, crafts, food, livestock, exhibits, and other attractions. *Washington County Expo, 1305 E. Blue Bell Road. 979-836-4112; washingtoncofair.com*

**BRENHAM: Sept. 28 The Malpass Brothers in Concert**

Regulars at the Grand Ole Opry, this duo performed with Merle Haggard for seven years. The multi-award winners also deliver hilarious off-the-cuff sibling banter. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com*

**CALDWELL: Sept. 14 Kolache Festival**

Enjoy homemade kolaches and activities including the crowning of Miss Kolache, beseda dancers, eating and baking contests, a 5K run, polka music, and classic car shows. *Downtown, 100 Buck St. 979-567-0000; burlesoncountytx.com* 📍

**CHAPPELL HILL: Sept. 7 Airing of the Quilts**

Step back in time and stroll through Chappell Hill viewing a plethora of quilts. A grandma’s attic full of quilts is hanging in Chappell Hill for the day. Some quilts are available for sale. There are also kids activities. *Downtown. 979-337-9910; chappellhilltx.com*

**CORSICANA: Sept. 10-15 A Wrinkle n Time**

Warehouse Living Arts Center presents this youth show based on the children’s classic sci-fi novel by Madeleine L’Engle about a girl in search of her little brother. Experience this stage adaptation of the enchanting tale. *Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5421; thewlac.com* 📍

**CORSICANA: Sept. 21 Gene Watson in Concert**

Born in Palestine, the Houstonian has been performing for 50-plus years, first singing in churches in his birthplace. His first radio single was “If It’s That Easy” in 1962. *The Palace Theater, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; visitcorsicana.com* 📍

**DALLAS: Sept. 27-Oct. 20 State Fair of Texas**

For 24 consecutive days, one of the largest state fairs in the country celebrates all things Texas, with attractions and activities that include the Texas Auto Show, stages with Texas bands, a nightly starlight parade, over-the-top fair food, and Big Tex to greet visitors. *Fair Park, 3921 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 469-945-3247; bigtex.com* 📍

**DALLAS: Sept. 6-8 Chocolate Festival**

Featuring samples from industry innovators the world over, the event gives visitors a firsthand taste of all things chocolate, from the harvesting process to the packaging. *Fashion Industry Gallery, 1807 Ross Ave. 214-748-4344; dallaschocolate.org* 📍

**DALLAS: Sept. 15-Jan. 5 The Legacy of Vesuvius: Bourbon Discoveries on the Bay of Naples**

The show examines the 18th-century archeological excavations sponsored by King Charles III of Spain (aka the Bourbon King). Nearly 50 objects of Roman material are mingled with 18th-century paintings, porcelain, and prints. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📍

**ELGIN: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 Sip, Shop, and Stroll**

Sip and shop as you stroll through stores in Elgin’s historic downtown. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, and the Elgin farmers market. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**FAIRFIELD: Sept. 7 Show of Wheels**

Celebrate the automobile at this show with over 40 judged classes. See tractors and enjoy food vendors, live music, raffles, and a citywide garage sale. *Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce St. 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com* 📍

**FORT WORTH: Sept. 15 Cal Tri Fort Worth**


With 14 event options, new and experienced competitors can run, bike, and swim various distances. There’s also a free youth sprint for kids ages 7 to 17. *Marine Creek Field, 2596 Jim Wright Freeway. fortworth.californiatriathlon.org*


**FORT WORTH: Sept. 26-28 Oktoberfest**


This Munich-style celebration of German culture includes German food, beer, and entertainment including the “Tapping of Zie Kegs,” carnival rides, dachshund races, bier barrel rolling, and stein-hoisting competitions. *Trinity Park, 2933 Farmhouse Way. 817-706-4192; fortworthoktoberfest.com* 📍

**FRISCO: Sept. 14 Catholic Bowl IV**

High school football teams from Texas and surrounding states compete. *The Star in Frisco, 1 Cowboys Way. 817-219-7274; globalfootball.com* 📍

**GAINESVILLE: Sept. 6 Texas! Can You Dig It!** Learn Texas history and its heritage through an archeological lens. Find information about state parks, museums, artifacts, fossils, and dinosaur attractions. *Texas Travel Information Center, 4901 I-35 North. 940-665-2301* 

**GARLAND: Through Dec. 6 Music Made Here Concert Series** On the first Friday of every month, bring the family for music, bites from local restaurants, and friendly challenges in the kids activity area. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com* 

**GARLAND: Through Oct. 12 Mumentous: Football, Glue Guns, Moms, and a Super-Size High School Tradition** Step into a Texas tradition at this exhibit showcasing the evolution of high school homecoming mums, offering a nostalgic journey through Texan culture, the DIY movement, and the legacy of women as tradition-keepers. *Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com/mumentous* 

**GARLAND: Sept. 21 Fall Music Fest and Guzzler Fun Run** Race the annual 0.5K run/walk and stick around for the Fall Music Fest, costume contest, games, and

food and craft brews. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com/guzzler*

**GIDDINGS: Sept. 21 Fiesta** Enjoy mariachi music, dancing horses, folklorico dancing, Aztec dancers, a grito contest, and food and boutique vendors. *Downtown, 199 N. Burleson St. 979-542-3455; facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092558891681*

**GIDDINGS: Sept. 27-28 Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival** Visit with Texas authors and purchase autographed copies. *Giddings Public Library and Cultural Center, 276 N. Orange St. 979-542-2716; sites.google.com/site/txwordwrangler/home-texas-word-wrangler-book-festival*

**GRANBURY: Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Labor Day Weekend Celebrations** To end the summer, the Historic Granbury Merchants Association sponsors this family festival and sidewalk sale. Shop from vendors around the square, let the kids enjoy activities at the Plaza and under the pavilion, and sing karaoke on the main stage. The city beach has kayaks, tubes, bikes, and stand-up paddleboards for rent. *Historic Granbury Square, 201 E. Pearl St. 682-936-4550; visitgranbury.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 6-Nov. 16 Quarter Horse Season** Come to the racetrack, open Thursday through Saturday, and see American quarter horses race to the finish line. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 13-22 Bonnie and Clyde** See the story of the notorious Great Depression-era partners in crime unfold on the stage of a historic downtown landmark. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. 972-237-8786; uptowntheatergp.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 14-15 The Epic Arts and Music Weekend** At this festival celebrating creativity, art, and music, attendees can browse the works of local vendors, learn from art demonstrations, and enjoy live music. *Epic Central, 2971 SH 161. epiccentral.com*

**GRANDVIEW: Sept. 20-22 Antique Alley Texas 25th Anniversary Celebration** Rain or shine, the event spans eight communities (Grandview, Cleburne, Maypearl, Alvarado, Venus, Keene, Joshua, and Waxahachie). Vendors set up along Farm-to-Market Road 4 and sell food, arts, crafts, antiques, garden items, clothing, home décor, and junker's delights. *Various*

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**GRAPEVINE: Sept. 7 ItalianCarFest** This is the largest show of premier Italian automobiles in the Southwest, with more than 90 modern and classic vehicles on display. *Historic Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com*

**GRAPEVINE: Sept. 12-15 GrapeFest** The 38th annual festival features a variety of events, special wine tastings, and kids activities. *Historic Main Street District, 636 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com/grapefest* 📍

**HAMILTON: Sept. 1 Hamilton County Dove Festival** To mark the opening of dove-hunting season, the town hosts this annual festival with music, local vendors, and festival foods. *Main Street, Downtown. 254-386-3216; hamiltontexaschamberofcommerce.com* 📍

**HILLSBORO: Sept. 28 Autumnfest** On the courthouse square, families have fun at a festival with live music, games and inflatables for kids, vendors, food trucks, and a cider crawl. *Hill County Courthouse, 1 N. Waco St. 254-582-2119; hillsborotx.org* 📍

**LEWISVILLE: Sept. 14 Professional Bull Riding** Contestants ride one bull and the top riders advance to the championship round. After one more bull ride, the winner is the rider with the highest combined score. *Bill Weaver Arena, 101 Parkway Drive. 972-219-3401; visitlewisville.com* 📍

**LEWISVILLE: Sept. 27-28 Western Days** Celebrate Old West culture with live music, a live cooking demonstration, car show, food and merchandise vendors, and the World Tamale Eating Championship. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, Old Town, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; lewisvillewesterndays.com*

**LULING: Sept. 7 Luling Foundation Youth Grill-Off** Get your grill on for a youth beef burger competition. Youth in grades 3-12 compete in a creative burger grill-off. Beef and grills are provided. *Luling Foundation Farm, 523 S. Mulberry St. 830-875-2438; lulingfoundation.org* 📍

**LULING: Sept. 21, Oct. 19 Artisan Market** On the third Saturday of the month, shop from artisans selling goods like yard art, handmade soap, jewelry, salsa, and freeze-dried candy. *Main Street. 512-775-3025; lulingartisanmarket.com*

**MCKINNEY: Through Sept. 28 Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden** Walk among native butterflies and other pollinators. The butterfly garden is filled with host plants that naturally attract these lovely creatures. *Heard Natural Science Museum*

and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org 📍

**MCKINNEY: Through Feb. 17 Dinosaurs Live!** Encounter a 46-foot-tall T. rex and new life-size animatronic dinosaurs along nature trails. An outdoor fossil dig is available for kids. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: Sept. 7 Jurassic Night Out** Enjoy an adults-only evening featuring the '90s blockbuster *Jurassic Park* in the outdoor amphitheater while surrounded by life-size animatronic dinosaurs along the nature trail. Feast on food from vendors and beverages. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: Sept. 21-Oct. 11 International Postcard Art Exhibit** Artists from around the world submit postcard-size original artworks. Last year's exhibit featured art by artists from over 40 countries. *MillHouse Foundation, 610 Elm St., Suite 1000. 202-810-2101; millhousefoundation.org/postcard-art* 📍

**MELISSA: Sept. 14 Road Tribute Festival** The second annual festival is loaded with tribute bands, food trucks, and merchandise vendors. *1933 Melissa Road. 972-838-2338; cityofmelissa.com* 📍

**MESQUITE: Through Sept. 20 Art Exhibitions** Mesquite Arts Center presents exhibitions featuring works by Dallas artists. Marc Dominus uses found objects to "manipulate paints into layers of shape, color, and texture," and Alec DeJesus' paintings and murals have been on display and seen around Big D since 2018. *Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8131; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: Sept. 30-Oct. 5 World Championship Miniature Bull Riding** Watch young bull riders, ages 4-18, from around the world compete for a grand prize and the exclusive title of World Mini Bull Rider. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-8777; mesquitearena.com* 📍

**MIDLOTHIAN: Sept. 7 Autumn Beats: The Journey Tribute** Bring chairs and a blanket for lawn seating to a Journey tribute concert in the evening. *Midlothian Community Park, Art Pierard Memorial Amphitheater, 33601 S. 14th St. 972-775-7777; midlothian.tx.us/907/autumn-concert-series* 📍

**PLANO: Sept. 2 Labor Day Pool Party** Celebrate the last day of summer with a picnic party at the Texas Pool. Play traditional pool games. Coolers with food and nonalcoholic beverages are welcome. *The*

Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive. 972-881-8392; [visitplano.com](http://visitplano.com) or [texaspool.org](http://texaspool.org)

**PLANO: Sept. 7 Family Fest DFW** Enjoy Neo Soul Night Under the Stars, an annual outdoor concert featuring soul and R&B music, food vendors, and family fun. Bring lawn chairs and a cooler. *Red Tail Pavilion, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. 972-941-5600; [familyfestdfw.com](http://familyfestdfw.com)*

**PLANO: Sept. 19-22 Balloon Festival** Expect hot air balloons displays including launches, static displays, glows, and tether rides. *Oak Point Park Special Events Field, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. 972-867-7566; [planoballoonfest.org](http://planoballoonfest.org)*

**PLANO: Sept. 28-29 Fall Train Show** The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs organizes this train show that features home layouts, vendors, and clinics. Expert builders are available to answer questions. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. [dfwtrainshows.com](http://dfwtrainshows.com)* 📍

**PLANO: Sept. 28 Plano Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The opening night concert for the 2024-25 season features the world premiere of classical composer Robert Xavier Rodríguez's piece for the Plano Symphony Orchestra, plus a pas de deux from *Swan Lake* and Ravel's *Boléro* by the Pittsburg Ballet Theatre. *Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive. 972-473-7262; [planosymphony.org](http://planosymphony.org)*

**ROWLETT: Sept. 6-27 Friday Night Grooves** Fridays in September, see live performances of soulful tunes, rocking beats, and toe-tapping melodies. *Downtown Rowlett Green, 4001 Main St. 469-289-8779; [rowletttx.gov/1430/friday-night-grooves-on-main](http://rowletttx.gov/1430/friday-night-grooves-on-main)* 📍

**ROWLETT: Sept. 12-Oct. 31 Taste of Fall Markets** On Thursday nights, enjoy food vendors offering seasonal treats and local favorites. Browse through craft stalls showcasing handmade goods and artistic creations. *Downtown Rowlett Green, 4001 Main St. 469-289-8779; [rowletttx.gov/1911/53551/taste-of-fall-farmers-craft-market](http://rowletttx.gov/1911/53551/taste-of-fall-farmers-craft-market)*

**SERBIN: Sept. 22 Texas Wendish Fest** Celebrate Wendish heritage and culture starting with a church service at a historic painted church followed by cultural activities and demonstrations such as noodle making, sausage making, and the painting of Wendish Easter eggs. *St. Paul Lutheran Church Picnic Grounds, FM 2239 and CR 212. 979-366-2441; [texaswendish.org](http://texaswendish.org)* 📍

**SOUTHLAKE: Sept. 7 Celebrate Southlake** Southlake marks its birthday with a cake contest, activity booths, live entertainment, and food vendors. *Southlake*

*Town Square, 1400 Main St. 817-748-8919; [visitsouthlaketexas.com](http://visitsouthlaketexas.com)*

**SULPHUR SPRINGS: Sept. 20-21 Lone Star Heritage Quilt Show** More than 100 quilts are on display at the 23rd annual show. Vendors are present for shopping and questions and there are door prizes for patrons. *ROC, 115 Putman St. 903-439-8557; [sulphurspringstxquilts.com](http://sulphurspringstxquilts.com)* 📍

**TEMPLE: Sept. 3-Oct. 19 Hemingway in Comics** Ernest Hemingway is often portrayed as the hypermasculine legend, but comic book writers see a man grappling with demons. This exhibit provides a unique and entertaining lens for considering one of America's most influential authors. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; [templeparks.com](http://templeparks.com)* 📍

**TEMPLE: Sept. 6 First Friday: Harvest** On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and live performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. September's theme is Harvest. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; [downtowntemple.com](http://downtowntemple.com)* 📍

**TEMPLE: Sept. 7 Family Day: Learn to Draw** For those who love art and comic books, this event teaches all about drawing and exploring art. Be sure to check out the museum's exhibit that inspired this topic, *Hemingway in Comics*. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; [templeparks.com](http://templeparks.com)* 📍

**THE COLONY: Sept. 22 Bow Wow Luau** Bring your four-legged friend to a tropical getaway and enjoy doggie swims, contests, games, and prizes. A portion of the proceeds benefit The Colony Animal Shelter Injured Animal Fund. Limit two dogs per owner. *Hawaiian Waters, 4400 Paige Road. 972-625-1106; [thecolonytx.gov](http://thecolonytx.gov)*

**THE COLONY: Sept. 27 Nerf Capture the Flag** Come battle ready. Some ammo is provided, but you must bring your own equipment and all the extra ammo you can carry. T-shirts in your team color are included in your ticket cost. *The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 N. Colony Blvd. 972-625-1106; [thecolonytx.gov](http://thecolonytx.gov)* 📍

**VAN: Sept. 14 Oil Festival** Celebrate 95 years of oil-rich history with Oil Museum tours, food, carnival games, vendors, tournaments, a penny toss, face painting, bounce houses, a train, the new Van Oil Queen and her court, live entertainment, and prizes. *Van City Park, 300 VZCR 1527. 903-368-4015; [vanareachamber.com](http://vanareachamber.com)*

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**WACO:** Through Nov. 10 *The Hammer That Shapes Reality* View a selection of works by Käthe Kollwitz from the permanent collection along with works on loan from the Blanton Museum of Art in Austin. *Martin Museum of Art, Baylor University, 60 Baylor Ave. 254-710-6371; martinmuseum.artsandsciences.baylor.edu* 📍

**WACO:** Sept. 20-22 *Home for the Holidays Gift Market* Visit 130 merchants selling new and one-of-a-kind gifts all in one place, so you knock out much of your holiday shopping. *Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com* 📍

**WAXAHACHIE:** Sept. 21 *C10s in the Park* This Chevy truck show features more than 1,000 C10 trucks, live music, and attractions. *Getzendaner Park, 400 S. Grand Ave. 469-309-4040; c10sinthepark.com* 📍

**WAXAHACHIE:** Sept. 22 *Farm Heritage Day* This family-centered event features outdoor games, hayrides, farm vendors,

farm animals, and living history activities. *Ellis County Rural Heritage Farm Inc., 130 Cunningham Meadows Road. 469-383-8510; ruralheritagefarm.org* 📍

**WEATHERFORD:** Sept. 20-21 *Quilter's Guild of Parker County Quilt Show* See over 100 quilts and visit a country store full of handmade gifts. There is a quilt auction, a raffle quilt, and vendors. *Texas Church of God, 2240 Fort Worth Highway. 817-458-8757; quiltersguildofparkercounty.org* 📍

**SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**EDINBURG:** Sept. 11-14 *South Texas International Film Festival* Attendees can view local, national, and international films, meet the filmmakers, and see Q&A sessions following screenings. The fest also includes workshops, panels, and presentations. *Region One Service Center, 1900 W. Schunior St. 956-383-6246; stxiff.com* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO:** Through Nov. 3 *Huntopia: Bunnies, Birds, and Butterflies* See the world premiere of the first-ever garden exhibition from famed artist Hunt Slonem, who creates a whimsical world filled with the iconic colorful bunnies, birds, and butterflies that he has been painting for de-

cad. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO:** Sept. 4-8 *World Heritage Festival* This annual event celebrates the San Antonio Missions, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visitors can explore their history through family-friendly events, including the Tour de Las Misiones, a one-of-a-kind bike ride or walk. *Various locations. 210-207-2111; worldheritagefestival.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO:** Sept. 28 *Water Lantern Festival* The festival brings people together for a celebration of light and community. The evening includes food trucks, music, activities, and thousands of lanterns lighting up the night. *Millers Pond Park, 6175 Old Pearsall Road. 435-554-0134; waterlanternfestival.com/sanantonio.php* 📍

**WESLACO:** Through Feb. 20 *Alfresco Weslaco* Visit historic downtown Weslaco every third Thursday of the month to enjoy music and art on the street with 80 to 90 vendors. Businesses stay open late, and visitors are able to savor the experience of sipping favorite drinks right on the street. *Downtown, South Texas Boulevard. 956-969-0838; weslacoedc.com* 📍

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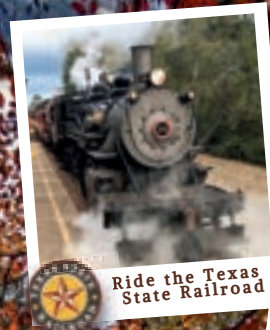
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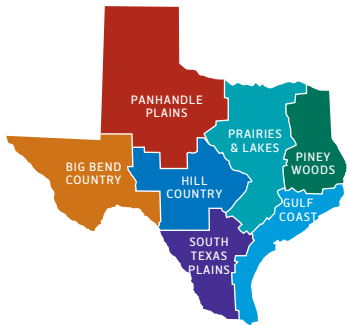
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**Dates for events** are subject to change. Please confirm dates in advance by calling the phone number or visiting the website listed.

A ♿ denotes accessibility for the disabled. Check venue websites for more information.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE: Sept. 6–Nov. 1 First Friday Song Swap** Players of all skill and experience levels are welcome to share their songs in a monthly music circle in the courtyard behind Far West Guitars. 114 N. Sixth St. 512-470-9455; facebook.com/plfar-west-guitars-100086302976608

**ALPINE: Oct. 4–5 Big Bend Bluegrass Festival** The lineup includes Special Consensus, The Edgar Loudermilk Band, SpringStreet, Hillbilly Fever Bluegrass Band, The Finley River Boys, and Bobby Giles and Texas Gales. Food vendors, workshops, and jamming are part of the fun. *Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. 432-238-6850; bigbendbluegrass.com* ♿

**ALPINE: Oct. 11–14 Big Bend Octane Fest** Drivers cruise along Big Bend's scenic highways, while visitors can take in the Show-n-Shine event. *The Stable Performance Cars, 511 W. Holland Ave. 432-837-9789; thestablealpine.com*

**ALPINE: Oct. 12 Western Beef Cattle: A Series of 11 Paintings by Tom Lea** Adair Margo, founder of the Tom Lea Insti-

tute, gives a talk about this series of rarely exhibited paintings by the late artist, on display in the permanent gallery of the new Emmett and Miriam McCoy building. *Museum of the Big Bend, 400 N. Harrison St. 915-533-0048; museumofthebigbend.com* ♿

**EL PASO: Sept. 4–Jan. 26 Tom Lea and Contemporaries** This exhibit, featuring landscapes, portraits, and mural studies by Lea and other artists, tells the story of the tight-knit creative community of El Paso that made the city a central point for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; epma.art, tomlea.com* ♿

**IMPERIAL: Oct. 25–27 Spirits of the River: Horsehead Crossing Living History Event** See where the real *Lonesome Dove* story took place. Expect chuckwagon meals, cooking demonstrations, gunfights, trail rides, live cannon fire, and reenactors. *Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos River, State Highway 11 at Horsehead Road between Girvin and Imperial. 432-302-1106; pecoscountyhistoricalcommission.org* ♿

**MARATHON: Oct. 26 Marathon 2 Marathon** The biggest event that this town of 420 hosts, the M2M is a Boston Marathon qualifier and an international bucket list race, with runners from 25 states and over seven countries participating over the years. There's also a half marathon, 10K, and 5K race. *100 NE Second St. 432-386-4366; marathon2marathon.com* ♿

**MIDLAND: Oct. 1–31 Día de los Muertos** View over 30 works encompassing traditional Día de los Muertos themes with contemporary twists. The event culminates with altars in the Sculpture Garden. *Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. 432-687-1149; acmidland.org* ♿

**VAN HORN: Through Nov. 2 Farmers Market** Every second and fourth Saturday, find handmade, homegrown, organic, and locally sourced West Texas products. *El Mercado, 604 W. Broadway. 760-213-9495; vanhorn-texas.org*

**VAN HORN: Oct. 10–13 Fair and Rodeo A** three-day carnival and music festival is accompanied by bull riding, roping, and a livestock jackpot. *Van Horn Community Complex, 302 Jones St. 432-283-2682; vanhorn-texas.org*

## GULF COAST

**BEAUMONT: Oct. 5 Oktoberfest** Raise a stein and celebrate Bavarian culture. Enjoy live music, authentic German beers, and food ranging from bratwurst to tacos. *Roggers Park, 6540 Gladys Ave. 409-838-3435; beaumonteventstx.com*

**CLUTE: Oct. 12 Fall Astronomy Night** Each fall, BASF Planetarium hosts an astronomy night that features night sky viewing with local avocational astronomers and educational activities. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CLUTE: Oct. 24 Harvest Fun Fest** Dress the kids up for a Halloween costume contest, trick-or-treating, and other spooky activities. Admission is two canned goods to be donated to the Food Basket. *Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive. 979-265-8392; clutetexas.gov* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Oct. 4 Moonlight Luau in the Gardens** Explore the center's tropical collections of plumeria, bromeliads, orchids, and hibiscus while enjoying a luau with food and drink stations, tiki torches, tropical parrots, iguanas, a butterfly release, silent auction, raffle, and garden strolls. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100; stxbot.org* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Oct. 18–20 Texas Jazz Festival** At 63, this is one of the oldest annual festivals of its kind. It features three stages of live jazz music, food, and a vendors market. *Heritage Park, 1581 N. Chaparral St. 361-561-2000; texasjazz-fest.org*

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Oct. 19 Surftoberfest** Grab a stein and celebrate Oktoberfest with a coastal twist. Enjoy beer samples from local breweries, live entertainment, a stein-holding contest, and classic German cuisine. *Executive Surf Club, 309 N. Water St. 361-882-8696; visitcorpuschristi.com*

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Oct. 26 Día de los Muertos** The streets of downtown Corpus Christi fill up to celebrate the age-old tradition of remembering and honoring deceased loved ones through music, dance, ofrendas, art, food, and fun. *K Space Contemporary, 623 N. Chaparral St. 361-561-2000; diadelosmuertoscc.com*

**FREEPORT: Sept. 2-Oct. 31 Haunting Tales of the Texas Gulf Coast** Spooky videos and creepy displays guide you through scary ghost stories of the Texas Gulf Coast, such as the Lady in the Gray Taffeta Dress and the Fiddler of the San Bernard River. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeportmuseum.com* 📍

**FREEPORT: Oct. 24 Frightfest** This haunted evening features a costume contest, goodie bags, and scary but family-oriented fun. *Freeport Municipal Park, 410 S. Brazos port Blvd. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us* 📍

**FULTON: Oct. 26 Fall Festival** Enjoy trunk-or-treat, a costume parade, games and prizes, food trucks, vendors, live music, and a kids costume contest with prizes for spookiest and most creative. *402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-255-3000; rockport-fulton.org/seafair-home* 📍

**GALVESTON: Oct. 19-20 Artoberfest** This juried fine arts festival showcases works by artists using various mediums, plus food and live music, amid Galveston's Victorian architecture, galleries, and shops. *Postoffice Street. visitgalveston.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: Oct. 25-26 Island Oktoberfest** Celebrate German heritage with a full

weekend of food, drinks, live performances, games, and kids activities. Attendees are encouraged to dress in traditional German costumes. *First Lutheran Church, 2415 Winnie St. visitgalveston.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: Oct. 27 Silent Film with Rob Landes: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*** For this annual Halloween tradition, the violinist performs his specially created, totally improvised musical score for a showing of the 1920 silent film classic. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com*

**GALVESTON: Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Lone Star Motorcycle Rally** The largest biker rally in the country draws more than 500,000 motorcyclists and hundreds of vendors. The rally includes bike shows, concerts, and celebrity appearances. *Various locations. visitgalveston.com* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Sept. 13, 2026 Habitat** For its fourth birthday, the Houston Botanic Garden presents this exhibit that incorporates installations created by local artists and explores the central idea of "protecting habitats protects life" through the lens of the Gulf Coast environment. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Sept. 20-Jan. 26 Fragments of Memory** This selection of works from the Menil's permanent collection explores the ways in which the past imbues the present. In their drawings, artists reimagine how viewers might access fraught memories and contested histories through mediums like scrapbooks and snapshots. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1413 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Sept. 21, Oct. 19 Flea by Night** Hunt for one-of-a-kind vintage, handmade, recycled, and local goods while enjoying musical entertainment and food trucks. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. 713-400-7336; discoverygreen.com*

**HOUSTON: Oct. 11-April 19 Tacita Dean: *Blind Folly*** The first major museum survey in the United States of work by the British European visual artist Tacita Dean, the exhibition spotlights her career-defining approach to creating art through unmediated and chance-based drawing processes across a variety of mediums, from film to printmaking. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Oct. 24 Party in the Park** The Menil Collection's fall fundraiser supports the art museum's operations including the

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parks and green spaces that make up its campus. *Menil Park, 1423 Branard St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Oct. 25 Scream on the Green** Houston's citywide Halloween celebration returns with a costume contest, music, and a screening of a family-friendly movie. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. 713-400-7336; discoverygreen.com* 📍

**KATY: Oct. 12-13 Rice Harvest Festival** Honoring the city's rice farming history, this festival offers a carnival, craft vendors, live music, food trucks, a kids zone, craft beer, and art and rice cooking contests. *Historic Town Square, 901 Ave. C. 281-391-8653; katyricerharvestfestival.com* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 12 Brazosport Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The orchestra performs *Bohemian Rhapsody* to kick off its 2024-25 season. *The Clarion, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 12 Farmers Market** Local vendors sell their homemade goods and farm-fresh items at this monthly market. *Parking Place Pavilion, 110 S. Parking Place. 409-877-3570; lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 19 Bird Banding** Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and learn about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gco.org* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 20 Halloween Spooktacular** Dress up in a Halloween costume and enjoy crafts, games, and special programs around the floor-to-ceiling aquariums. *Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. 979-292-0100; tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 26 Boo Bash** Kids can enjoy this trunk-or-treat event that includes carnival games, costume contests, and other fun Halloween activities. *Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 SH 332. 979-415-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Oct. 26 Monster Dash 5K** The course takes runners through MacLean Park. There's also a kids 1K race. Costumes are encouraged, and monster-themed decorations can be expected on the course. *MacLean Park, 91 Lake Road. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov* 📍

**PORT ARANSAS: Oct. 1-31 Beachtober** October brings a bevy of autumnal events every weekend including a monthlong desert trail, the Taco and Margarita Trail, and music all month long. *Various locations, 361-749-5919; portaransas.org*

**PORT ARANSAS: Oct. 4-5 Hunt for Reds October Couples Fishing Tournament** Compete in a couples fishing tournament. Awards are given out for largest fish, fish with the most spots, and heaviest fish. *Roberts Point Park, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-5252; woodysfishingadventures.com*

**PORT ARANSAS: Oct. 12 University of Texas Marine Science Institute Open House** Join in for a day of lectures, boat rides, games, and family fun. *Patton Center for Marine Science, 750 Channel View Drive. 361-749-6711; utmsi.utexas.edu* 📍

**PORT ARANSAS: Oct. 25-27 Wooden Boat Festival** An annual celebration of Port A's boatbuilding heritage, the festival features handcrafted kayaks, paddleboards, skiffs, sailing boats, and historic Farley boats; a family boat build, where families build a boat that launches on Sunday; and a nautical market. *Roberts Point Park, 301 JC Blvd. 361-416-1614; woodenboatfestival.org*

**PORT ARANSAS: Oct. 26 Flynn's Beach Run** Participate in a 5K, 10K, or family walk/run on the beach. *Horace Caldwell Pier, 230 N. On the Beach Road. 361-749-5919; portaransas.org*

**ROCKPORT: Nov. 9 Austin Street Art Walk** Rockport Center for the Arts presents this monthly art walk featuring the work of artists representing various art mediums. There are also exhibits, live music, artist demonstrations, and food. *Downtown, Austin Street. rockportartcenter.com/austin-street-art-walk* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Oct. 12 Downtown Farmers Market** The market, held every second Saturday of the month, features vendors selling locally grown produce, jams, jellies, pickled items, fresh baked bread, local honey, hen fruit, and homemade goat soap. *Downtown, 105 S. Austin St. 361-230-0414; facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Oct. 12 Makers Market** Find handmade items from local artists and one-of-a-kind home décor at this monthly local outdoor market. *Downtown, 302 S. Austin St. rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Oct. 12 Second Saturday in the District** Enjoy live music and special monthly themes to go along with the Art Walk, Farmers Market, and Makers Market.



Downtown, Austin Street. [rockportculturalartsdistricts.com](http://rockportculturalartsdistricts.com) 📍

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: Oct. 4-6 SeaFair**  
Celebrating its 49th year, the event offers gumbo, crab races, a market, a boat and outdoor car show, cardboard boat races, and live entertainment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 1500 E. Laurel St. 361-729-6445; rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: Oct. 18-20 Market Days**  
Every third weekend of the month, hear live music, peruse the merch of over 150 vendors, and eat from food trucks in a pet-friendly environment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 1500 E. Laurel St. 361-314-2226; rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 3-6 Sandcastle Days**  
More than 30,000 come to see master sandcastle builders demonstrate their abilities. The event includes game vendors, food and drinks, and art booths. *Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 6 Ride for Rotary: Queen Isabella Causeway Cross Riders**  
participate in this bike tour that's 33 miles and includes crossing the Queen Isabella Causeway. *Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 10 Pride Festival**  
The event returns with a four-day festival for the LGBTQ community and friends. *Upper Deck, 120 E. Atol St. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 18-19 Chrome in the Sand Festival**  
Witness a display of chrome and horsepower as motorcycles and classic cars converge in a celebration of automotive excellence. *SPI Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Oct. 26 Hallo-Wings Across South Padre Island**  
Learn about monarch migration through butterfly gardening presentations, nature walks, crafts, and games. *SPI Birding, Nature Center and Alligator Sanctuary, 6801 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com* 📍

**TEXAS CITY: Oct. 5 Model Train Exhibition**  
Seventeen operating model train layouts (scales G through Z) including a Lego layout are on display. *Texas City Museum, 409 N. Sixth St. 409-229-1660; facebook.com/texascitymuseum* 📍

**VICTORIA: Through Oct. 5 Carol Koutnik and Irmgard Geul Exhibits**  
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adventures with “embroidery paintings,” a technique where she applies embroidery and stitching over acrylic paintings on paper. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org*

**VICTORIA: Oct. 4-5 Tejas Fest** Celebrate all things Texas with live Tejano and Texas country music, a car show, a kids area, food trucks, and a shopping market. *De Leon Plaza, 101 N. Main St. 361-485-3116; discovervictoriatexas.com* 📍

**VICTORIA: Oct. 17 Symphonic Spooktacular** Bring the kids for a night of music and costumes presented by the Victoria Symphony. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoria-symphony.com*

**VICTORIA: Oct. 18-19 1824: A Victoria Origin Story** Experience Victoria’s bicentennial through the lens of what life was like for the settlers and pioneers of 1824 through this historical reenactment. *Riverside Park, 532 McCright Drive. 361-485-3116; discovervictoriatexas.com*

**VICTORIA: Oct. 19 Victoria Symphony in Concert** The symphony presents Ana and Dimitri performing “Savannah River Holiday” by Ron Nelson, “Concierto de Aran-

juez” by Joaquín Rodrigo, and Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47 by Dmitri Shostakovich. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 📍

**VICTORIA: Oct. 23-24 South Texas Farm and Ranch Show** Learn about the farming and ranching industries from educational programs, classes, speakers, and exhibitors. *Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. 361-575-4581; southtexasfarmandranchshow.com* 📍

**VICTORIA: Oct. 25-26 Cemetery Tour** Experience live theater in a historic cemetery setting. Visit with townspeople, portrayed by actors, at their grave sites and learn about their history. *Evergreen Cemetery, 1868 N. Vine St. 361-573-1878; victoriapreservation.com*

**WEST COLUMBIA: Oct. 5 Hoggtoberfest** Learn about harvest time on an 1800s plantation, and enjoy hayrides, crafts, sugarcane, storytelling, and other old-fashioned attractions. *Varner Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th St. 979-345-4656; visitvarnerhoggplantation.com* 📍

**WEST COLUMBIA: Oct. 28 Ghosts Along the Brazos** Take a spooky nighttime stroll

through the woods to the plantation’s 1840s-era Patton family cemetery and learn about mortality during the 1800s and the dangers of the early Texas wilderness. *Varner Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th St. 979-345-4656; visitvarnerhoggplantation.com* 📍

**WHARTON: Oct. 12 Monterey Square Wine and Arts Fair** Shop from craft vendors and sip wine while listening to live music. *Downtown, 100 S. Fulton St. 979-531-9915; montereysquarewineartsfair.com* 📍

**WHARTON: Oct. 17 Party Under the Bridge** Underneath the bridge at Riverfront Park, find a celebration for all with train rides, face painting, music, and food. *Riverfront Park, 925-999 E. Elm St. 979-532-1862; whartonchamber.com/events* 📍

**HILL COUNTRY**

**AUSTIN: Oct. 4-13 Austin City Limits Music Festival** One of the country’s largest celebrations of music features more than 140 musical acts on eight stages over two weekends. *Zilker Park, 2100 Barton Springs Road. aclfestival.com* 📍

**AUSTIN: Oct. 4-26 Boo at the Zoo** Bring the kids in full costume to the zoo to expe-

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**AUSTIN: Oct. 12 Oktoberfest** The German-Texan Heritage Society holds this annual festival featuring kid-friendly activities along with live music and authentic German food. *German Free School, 507 E. 10th St. 512-467-4569; germantexans.org*

**AUSTIN: Oct. 18-20 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix** The pinnacle of motorsports returns for a three-day celebration of speed and sound. *Circuit of The Americas, 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd. 512-301-6600; circuitoftheamericas.com*

**AUSTIN: Oct. 18-20 Gem Capers** The Austin Gem and Mineral Society hosts this show with vendors selling jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, and crystals. Exhibits include a touch table of rocks and fossils, fluorescent minerals, and members' collections. *Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. 512-458-9546; agms-tx.org*

**AUSTIN: Oct. 24-31 Austin Film Festival** Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this event shines the spotlight on writers of top-billed films and indie films alike. *Various locations. 512-478-4795; austinfilmfestival.com*

**AUSTIN: Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Levitation** This independent festival has grown from a small word-of-mouth event to an internationally acclaimed, full-weekend event that attracts bands and attendees from all over the world. *Various locations. levitation.fm/pages/levitation-2024*

**BANDERA: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 10 Sunday Funday Barrel Race** Come see barrel racing presented by Riding on Faith. Watch as the talented youngsters show the adults how it's done. *Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com*

**BANDERA: Oct. 5-31 Maple Street Pumpkin Patch** Visit the pumpkin patch and enjoy barn games, a hay maze, the Critter Corner, and pumpkin bowling and painting. *Corner of 11th and Maple streets. 615-719-5545; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: Oct. 5 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up their pop-up shops along Main Street. Artists and craftspeople present original works while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked items. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; bandera-business.com*

**BANDERA: Oct. 13 Circus at Bandera City Park** The Bandera County Chamber of Commerce brings the circus to the "Cowboy Capital of the World." Step into the big top tent to see lions and tigers, trapeze artists, trick horseback riders, and clowns. Children can enjoy pony rides, a bounce house, and a giant inflatable slide. *Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3280; banderatex.com*

**BANDERA: Oct. 18-20 Bandera County Fair** Find traditional fair foods, entertainment, games at the midway, contests, animals, and a rodeo in the arena. *Mansfield Park Show Barn, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderabusiness.com*

**BANDERA: Oct. 19 Moonshine and Moonpie Bash** The museum's annual party features live music, moonshine tastings, and hors d'oeuvres (including moonpies). *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

**BANDERA: Oct. 21-Nov. 8 Day of the Dead Exhibit and Family Week** The museum celebrates the traditional Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead by exhibiting Texas artist Joan Estes' elaborate display of a Día de los Muertos altar. *Frontier*

*Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

**BANDERA: Oct. 25-27 Cactus Rose Endurance Trail Race** Despite this rugged trail-running race being designed to test runners, it goes by quickly because of picturesque views, technical climbs and descents, and fun terrain. *Texas Hill State Natural Area, 10600 Bandera Creek Road. 830-796-4413; tejastrails.com*

**BANDERA: Oct. 27 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree** The museum presents this monthly jamboree that includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

**BANDERA: Oct. 31 Nightmare on Maple Street** Get in the Halloween spirit at this trunk-or-treat event that includes door prizes, a costume contest, the Best Trunk contest, and other activities for children. *Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3765; cityofbandera.org*

**BLANCO: Oct. 4-5 Ladies State Chili Championship of Texas** In addition to the chili championship, there are competitions for best beans, margaritas, barbecue chicken, pork ribs, and steak. *Yett Memorial*

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**BLANCO: Oct. 6 Just A Chili Cookoff (JACC)** Following the Texas Ladies State Chili Championship, the Just A Chili Cookoff is exactly what it sounds like. Judges taste and rank competitors' pots of chili, deciding who has the best chili of the day. *Yett Memorial Park, 1813 US 281 South. 512-318-8452; ladiesstatechili.org*

**BLANCO: Oct. 19 Market Day** Shop from over 70 vendors selling homemade crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidery and crocheted items, and jewelry. *Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org* 📍

**BLANCO: Oct. 19-27 Texas Marigold Festival** Visit the Arnosky Family Farm, where acres are in full bloom, and attend workshops and classes that explore the flower's importance to monarch butterflies. *Down-town Square, 300 Main St. 830-833-5101; texasmarigoldfestival.com* 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 10, 24; Oct. 8, 15, 22 Art After Hours** Guests get an introduction to fine art techniques in a playful environment. The casual style of exploration and creativity provides an evening of fun and fabrication.

Projects and themes change each week. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. hccarts.org/art-after-hours* 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 14-Dec. 28 Bluegrass Jam at the AgriCultural** Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, musicians and music lovers are invited to bring their instruments and play along—or just come to listen to the jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org* 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 14, Oct. 12 Market Days** Browse the vendor booths at the market, where you can find a variety of bargains and an assortment of jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, and antiques. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; eventsoffmain.com/market-days* 📍

**BOERNE: Oct. 19 Barktoberfest** Enjoy local beer vendors, music, food trucks, a raffle, prizes, pet adoptions, a petting zoo, and doggy costume contests and dashes. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 830-249-2456; facebook.com/hcaltx.clinic* 📍

**BOERNE: Oct. 19 Fall Antique Tractor Pull** Watch antique tractors compete in pulling the heaviest weight the farthest. The event also has hayrides, live music,

food trucks, and craft vendors. *The Agricultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org*

**BROWNWOOD: Oct. 5 Corks and Caps** Savor beers and wines from Texas breweries and wineries, find a variety of food trucks, and enjoy the sounds of live bands. *Depot Civic and Cultural Center, 600 E. Depot St. 325-646-9535; 📍*

**BUDA: Oct. 26 Booda Halloween** Compete in the scary costume contest, then feast on candy, visit the haunted house, and enjoy story time. *Buda City Park, 204 San Antonio St. 512-523-1081; visitbudatx.com*

**BURNET: Oct. 12 Texas State Button Society Fall Workshop and Sale** Attend workshops and have questions answered by knowledgeable button collectors. *Burnet County AgriLife Extension Building, 607 N. Vandever. 254-715-3796; texasstatebuttonociety.com* 📍

**COMFORT: Oct. 19 Kendall County Wild Game Dinner** Teams cook gourmet wild game dishes like bacon-wrapped quail and wild boar chili verde. *Kendall County Youth, Agriculture, and Equestrian Center, 648 FM 289. kendallcountywildgamedinner.com*

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**DRIPPING SPRINGS: Oct. 18-20 Songwriters Festival** Watch 70 shows featuring 35 songwriters, who perform an “in the round” Nashville-style song-swap format. Musicians tell the stories behind the songs. *Downtown, 311 Old Fitzhugh Road. 512-858-4740; destinationdrippingsprings.com* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 4-6 Oktoberfest** This annual festival offers singing, toasting, dancing, and “gemutlichkeit” (friendliness). Expect food; artisans; and waltz, polka, dirndle, and lederhosen contests. *Marktplatz Pavilion, 100 W. Main St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 11-13 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival** Mesquite wood artisans show their handcrafted items ranging from large furniture pieces to unique craft and gift items. *Marktplatz Pavilion, 100 W. Main St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Oct. 26 Food and Wine Festival** The fest features a “street” dinner, interactive brunch, yoga and wine experience, food activations, a curated sundry shop, and the Sparkling Wine Garden. *Marktplatz Pavilion, 100 W. Main St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com*

**GEORGETOWN: Oct. 11-Nov. 15 Month of the Arts Exhibits** View *Entangled* by Virginia Headley Maserang and Samantha Melvin’s *Coexistence in a Complex World*. *Georgetown Art Center, 816 S. Main St. 512-930-8471; artcenter.georgetown.org*

**GEORGETOWN: Oct. 17 Autumn Art Stroll** Participating arts and culture venues offer complimentary food and beverages. *Georgetown Cultural District, 816 S. Main St. 512-930-8471; visit.georgetown.org* 📍

**GEORGETOWN: Oct. 19 South Main Arts Festival** Enjoy artist booths, public art, food trucks, live music, and dance and theatrical performances. *South Main Arts District and Georgetown Art Center, 817 S. Main St. 512-930-8471; arts.georgetown.org* 📍

**INGRAM: Oct. 11-27 Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe** Playwright Eric Coble presents adaptations of Poe’s “The Raven,” “The Fall of the House of Usher,” “The Pit and the Pendulum,” and “The Tell-Tale Heart.” *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcac.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 28-Nov. 9 Al Glann: Poetry in Motion** The solo exhibition features a diverse collection of sculptures by Tucson artist Al Glann. *The Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*





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**KERRVILLE: Oct. 10-13 Welcome Home Fest** More intimate and more relaxed than the Kerrville Folk Festival, the event offers shows on the Threadgill Theater Stage. *Quiet Valley Ranch, 3876 Medina Highway. 830-257-3600; kerrvillefolkfestival.org*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 12 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Once a month, Market Days features artists and crafters bringing their own original hand-crafted items to sell. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 24-Dec. 13 Texas Furniture Makers Show** This show is an annual statewide competition of the finest custom furniture makers in Texas. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 25-27 Texas Fleece and Fiber Festival** Celebrating fiber producers, artists, teachers, and enthusiasts, the festival includes vendors, exhibits, and classes. *Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 361-537-0503; texasfleeceandfiber.com*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 26 A Night at the Museum** Enjoy music, food trucks, and entertainment at this family event. Costumes are encouraged for kids and adults. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 26-27 Haunted Ghoul Pool** It's a night of goose bumps, spooks, and screams as the pool is transformed into a ghoulish haunted house. *Kerrville Municipal Olympic Pool, 601 Olympic Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 31 Family Fright Night** Partake in an evening of safe and traditional family fun at the park. Activities include trick-or-treating, games, and a costume contest. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

**LLANO: Oct. 18-20 Heritage Days** Learn about Llano's history through a chuckwagon supper, cowboy poetry and songs, living history actors, music, games, crafts, a quilt show, a Model A car show, and living history cemetery tour. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-3026; llanomuseum.org*

**LLANO: Oct. 26 Llano River Pumpkin Float** Bring carved pumpkins for an evening float and glow on the Llano River. Costumes are encouraged. *Robinson City Park, 123 Robinson Park Drive. 325-247-5354; llanochamber.org*

**MEDINA: Oct. 12 Main Street Sale** On the

second Saturday of the month, visit the shops at this morning market. *Medina Main Street. 830-589-2825; banderacowboycapital.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Oct. 10-13 Gruene Music and Wine Festival** Tasting tickets for craft beer and wine are available for purchase, and there's a silent auction and prize giveaways. *Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; gruenemusicandwinefest.org*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Oct. 19 Día de los Muertos Festival** Expect live music; face painting; a kids area with games, activities, and craft making; and vendors selling food, beer, arts and crafts, jewelry, clothing, and accessories. *Downtown, Main Plaza. 830-625-2385; chamberinnewbraunfels.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Oct. 26-27 Texas Clay Festival** Over 80 Texas potters and clay artists offer a variety of pottery, from traditional to sculptural. *Gruene Historic District, 1296 Gruene Road. 830-625-2385; texasclayfestival.com*

**PIPE CREEK: Oct. 5-27 Pumpkin Patch** Enjoy a haystack, scarecrow dressing, farm animals, a large sandbox, rubber duck races, and pumpkin painting. *Pipe Creek Tree Farm, 805 Phil's Road. 210-426-6191; pipecreekpumpkinpatch.com*

**TAYLOR: Oct. 12 Good Life Festival and 5K** This race and family festival includes a poultry petting zoo, chicken splat bingo, games, lunch, and a confetti egg battle. *Bull Branch Park, 904 Dellinger Drive. 512-352-6364; goodlifetaylor.com*

**TAYLOR: Oct. 18-21 Williamson County Fair and Rodeo** Expect vendors, family fun, live music, rodeo performances, a carnival, and a wine and beer garden. *Williamson County Expo Center/RV Park, 5360 Bill Pickett Trail. 512-352-6364; wilcoexpo.com*

**TAYLOR: Oct. 26 Main Street Car Show** See classic to cutting-edge cars, and enjoy art exhibits, food, music, raffle prizes, and shopping. *Heritage Square Park, 400 N. Main St. 512-352-6364; facebook.com/mainstreetcarshowtx*

**VANDERPOOL: Oct. 12-Nov. 17 Pumpkin Patch** Find fall attractions, picturesque Hill Country photo ops, food and drinks, barnyard animals, and pumpkins. *Lost Maples Farms, 35005 FM 187. 903-267-7141; lostmaplesfarms.com*

**WIMBERLEY: Oct. 19 BOO! Hole Halloween** Dress up for a spine-tingling evening of family-friendly fun. *Blue Hole Regional Park, 100 Blue Hole Lane. 281-622-7351; wimberleyparksandrec.com*

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

### **ABILENE:** Through July 5 *Full Steam Ahead: The Texas and Pacific Railway*

This exhibition highlights the history of the Texas and Pacific Railway in Abilene through artifacts from the museum's permanent collection. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

### **ABILENE:** Oct. 19–Feb. 8 *Hard Times Come Again No More: Depression Era Photographs*

These photographs of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl document the hardships of people in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado. Includes iconic images by Arthur Rothstein, Dorothea Lange, Marion Post Wolcott, and Russell Lee. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

### **ABILENE:** Oct. 19–Feb. 8 *Texas Regionalism Revisited*

This exhibition showcases artwork by Texas Regionalists including those associated with the Dallas Nine. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

### **AMARILLO:** Sept. 16–Oct. 29 *Fall Festival and Giant Maze*

Find more than 30 attractions and activities including a pumpkin patch, paintball, cornhole, wagon train rides, and the cornfield maze. *Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm, 12908 S. Bell St. 806-373-9600; maxwellspumpkinfarm.com/fall* 📍

### **AMARILLO:** Oct. 1–29 *Jazztober*

On Tuesday nights in October, the porch of the mansion becomes the stage for live jazz. Bring something to sit on and a picnic. *Bivins Home, 1000 S. Polk St. 806-372-6744; centercity.org*

### **AMARILLO:** Oct. 5 *Oktoberfest*

The festival offers a Bavarian experience with German beer, pretzels, a wiener dog race, and music. *Starlight Ranch Event Center, 1415 Sunrise Drive. 806-556-4456; bigtexan.com/starlight-ranch-event-center*

### **CANADIAN:** Oct. 19–20 *Fall Foliage Festival*

As fall rolls in, Canadian celebrates leaf-peeping season with quilt exhibits, an art show, a cornhole tournament, and arts and crafts. *Various locations. 806-323-6234; canadiantx.com* 📍

### **EASTLAND:** Oct. 5 *Old Rip Parade and RipFest*

Celebrate Eastland's legendary Old Rip, the horned toad found alive after being buried for 31 years in the courthouse cornerstone. The festivities include a 5K, parade, face-painting, vendors, kids activities, and a car show. *Eastland Downtown Square, 100 W. Main St. 254-629-2332; eastlandchamber.com/ripfest* 📍

### **JACKSBORO:** Sept. 28, Oct. 27 *Farmers Market and Craft Vendor Show*

Various vendors set up around the Jack County Courthouse lawn the last Saturday of the month through October. *Jack County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksborochamber.com*

### **LUBBOCK:** Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 *First Friday Art Trail*

The self-guided art tour is held in the Lubbock Cultural District. Visit a variety of art centers, museums, galleries, and businesses. There's also live music and food trunks. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; jfat.org* 📍

### **LUBBOCK:** Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7

**Un(wine)d with the Arts** The event allows attendees to learn about currently displayed work at a slower pace and gives them access to exclusive insight from the LHUCA curator and staff. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; lhuca.org* 📍

### **LUBBOCK:** Sept. 16–Nov. 5 *At'l Do Farms Fall Season*

Bring the family to enjoy a corn maze, barnyard, cow train, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, campfires, and the Fairy Tale Trail. *At'l Do Farms, 6323 FM 1294. 806-787-4241; atldofarms.com/the-maze*

### **LUBBOCK:** Oct. 19 *Hub City Renaissance Faire*

Enjoy this celebration of art, music, theatrical performances, demonstrations, vendors, and activities for all ages. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; lhuca.org* 📍

### **SAN ANGELO:** Oct. 11–12 *Fort Concho Night Tours*

Get in the spooky spirit with special after-dark walking tours featuring real stories told by period-dressed staff and volunteers. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com*

### **SAN ANGELO:** Oct. 18–Feb. 23 *The Plein Air Landscape: Selections from the Permanent Collection*

This show celebrates the tradition of en plein air painting, the French term for painting in the outdoors. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org* 📍

### **SAN ANGELO:** Oct. 26 *National Mule Day*

Learn about the role of the Army mule in Western history. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com*

### **SAN ANGELO:** Oct. 26 *The Painted Ranches Exhibition and Art Sale*

As part of the EnPleinAirTexas Ranch Fellowship, selected artists spend three weeks on a private ranch and paint around San Angelo. See the results and purchase works by the artists. *Fort Concho Stables, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-653-3333; enpleinairtexas.com*



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**SNYDER: Oct. 4-5 Deep Creek Expo: Fall Market** This market hosts over 40 vendors from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. Find clothing, décor, jewelry, mugs, spices, candles, candy, and children's items. *Towle Park Armory, 3000 Towle Park Road. 325-207-3228; linktr.ee/deepcreeksnyder*

**SNYDER: Oct. 4-5 White Buffalo Days Celebration** Once dubbed the "Land of the White Buffalo," Snyder celebrates its past with vendors, food, activities, and drinks. *Downtown Courthouse Square, 1806 25th St. 325-573-3558; snyderchamber.org*

**SWEETWATER: Oct. 5 Applause! Series** This cultural arts series presents its annual Western Heritage night with Bob Willis' Texas Playboys. *Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium, 400 Locust St. 325-518-9407; sweetwaterauditorium.org*

**SWEETWATER: Oct. 5 Sweetfest** Attendees can enjoy 10 live bands, dancing, vendors, giveaways, food trucks, and free popcorn. *First Financial Bank Lawn, 201 Elm St. 325-766-6068; sweetwatertexas.org*

**WICHITA FALLS: Oct. 12 Beauty, Health, and Wellness Expo** Vendors offer products and services in the beauty, health, and wellness industries. *MPEC, 1000 Fifth St. 214-507-4187; bandlevents.com*

**PINEY WOODS**

**CENTER: Oct. 3-5 East Texas Poultry Festival** Find food, arts, and crafts booths; live entertainment; a carnival; photography and quilt shows; a 5K; and chicken-clucking and wing-eating contests. *Downtown. 936-598-3682; shelbycountychamber.com*

**CONROE: Oct. 11-13 Cajun Catfish Festival** Hear a stellar music lineup, browse through the many craft booths and exhibits, and eat a variety of Cajun-style food. *Downtown, 505 W. Davis St. 936-539-6009; friendsofconroe.com*

**GLADEWATER: Oct. 26 FallFest** You can expect a safe environment for youngsters to wear costumes, play games, and enjoy bounce houses, free hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and other treats. *Broadway School Playground, 200 Broadway Ave. 903-845-5501; cityofgladewater.com*

**HUNTSVILLE: Oct. 5 Fair on the Square** For over 50 years, Huntsville has hosted this fair that offers 400 arts and crafts booths, a food court, live music, a kids corner, and a classic car show. *Downtown, University Avenue. 936-295-8113; faironthesquare.com*

**HUNTSVILLE: Oct. 26 Scare on the Square** The annual Halloween festival fea-

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tures games, activities, and trick-or-treating for all ages. *Downtown, University Avenue.* [huntsvillemainstreet.com](http://huntsvillemainstreet.com) 📍

**JEFFERSON: Oct. 4-5 Brian Sowers Legacy Crappie Tournament and Dinner**

Participate in fishing tournaments for all ages at Lake O' the Pines and enjoy prizes, a free fish fry at Jefferson Stadium parking lot, and an opportunity to meet and mingle with pro anglers. *Various locations.* 903-574-1769; [briansowerslegacy.com](http://briansowerslegacy.com)

**JEFFERSON: Oct. 11-13 East Texas Burn Run**

This event includes bike games, a live auction and raffle for a brand-new motorcycle, live bands, and a bike show. *Auntie Skinners Riverboat Club and Restaurant, 107 W. Austin St.* [easttexasburnrun.com](http://easttexasburnrun.com) 📍

**JEFFERSON: Oct. 19 Bigfoot Conference**

Hosted by the Texas Bigfoot Research Center, this conference includes speakers, presentations, special screenings, and some surprises. *Jefferson Convention and Visitor Center, 305 E. Austin St.* [facebook.com/events/855327042993083](https://www.facebook.com/events/855327042993083) 📍

**JEFFERSON: Oct. 20 Taste of Jefferson**

Streets are closed off, and tables and chairs are set up outside local restaurants. Come for a stroll downtown, sample favorite dishes, and hear some live music. *Downtown, Austin Street.* 903-665-2672; [marioncountychamber.org](http://marioncountychamber.org) 📍

**LINDALE: Oct. 12 Crossroads Classic**

**Car Show** See a classic car show that benefits the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. Trophies for best cars are handed out. *205 Cannery Row.* 903-882-1900 📍

**NACOGDOCHES: Oct. 5 Fabulous Fall**

**Festival Plant Sale** Find "Texas-tough," native, and pollinator-friendly plants; garden perennials; and trees including magnolias and bald cypress. *SFA Gardens Pineywoods Native Plant Center, 2900 Raguett St.* 936-468-4404; [sfasu.edu/sfagardens](http://sfasu.edu/sfagardens)

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 Art**

**Walk** The Dogwood Arts Council organizes this monthly art walk that features over 30 local and area artists. Maps with the artists' locations are available the day of the art walk, which begins at Redlands Hotel. *400 N. Queen St.* 903-922-5794; [dogwoodartscouncil.com](http://dogwoodartscouncil.com) 📍

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7-Nov. 2 Trade Days**

Held the first Saturday of each month, Trade Days is a shopping experience with vendors selling everything from crafts to plants to lemonade. The grounds have a kids zone and food trucks. *Trade Days Grounds, 4214 W. Oak St.* 903-284-9978; [palestinetradedays.net](http://palestinetradedays.net)



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### PALESTINE: Oct. 1-31 Locked in Fear

**Haunted House** Get lost in the historic 11,000-square-foot jail that includes a labyrinth of jails, dark halls, and isolation tanks. *Texas Jailhouse*, 704 Ave. A. 903-480-0212; [txjailhouse.com](http://txjailhouse.com)

### PALESTINE: Oct. 26 Hot Pepper Festival

Enjoy spicy food, music, games, vendors, the annual parade, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, a kids zone, beer gardens, and live music. *401 W. Main St.* 903-729-6066; [visitpalestine.com](http://visitpalestine.com)

**TEXARKANA: Oct. 17 Fall Festival** The annual festival is filled with carnival games, bounce houses, costume contests, face painting, and hayrides. The evening ends with a movie in the park. *Spring Lake Park*, 4303 N. Park Road. 903-798-1715; [facebook.com/texarkanatxparks](http://facebook.com/texarkanatxparks) 📍

**THE WOODLANDS: Oct. 14-19 50th Anniversary Celebration** The Woodlands turns 50 with a free concert by Lyle Lovett and Hayes Carll, a tree dedication ceremony, a mural unveiling, and a drone and fireworks show above Lake Woodlands. *Various locations.* 281-364-3011; [thewoodlands.com](http://thewoodlands.com)

**THE WOODLANDS: Oct. 17 Hocus Pocus Pops** Ring in the spooky season with a grand performance by the Houston Symphony. Kids in costume are invited onstage for the Goblin Parade. *The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion*, 2006 Lake Robbins Drive. 281-364-3010; [visitthewoodlands.com](http://visitthewoodlands.com) 📍

**THE WOODLANDS: Oct. 17 Wine Walk at Market Street** Enjoy culinary creations from local restaurants and chefs, wine displays with industry experts, craft beers, and live music. *Market Street*, 9595 Six Pines Drive. [visitthewoodlands.com](http://visitthewoodlands.com) 📍

**TYLER: Oct. 5 Rose City Airfest** See a lineup of ground displays and aerial performances by several World War II warbirds, Russian MiGs, and dozens of other aircraft. *Tyler Pounds Airport*, 700 Skyway Blvd. 903-566-1010; [rosecityairfest.com](http://rosecityairfest.com) 📍

**TYLER: Oct. 17-20 Texas Rose Festival** Rich in heritage and tradition, the festival offers ceremonial events including the Queen's Coronation, the rose presentation, the Queen's Tea, and the Rose Parade. *Tyler Rose Garden*, 420 Rose Park Drive. 903-531-1212; [texasrosefestival.org](http://texasrosefestival.org) 📍

### PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**BLUFF DALE: Oct. 19 Lone Star Fireworks Festival** Enjoy at least eight fireworks displays choreographed to music, a drone show, live music, and food trucks. *Bar S Ranch*, 4137 CR 196. 817-999-7981; [lonestarfirworksfestival.com](http://lonestarfirworksfestival.com) 📍

**BRENHAM: Oct. 19 Bob Wills' Texas Playboys in Concert** With Jason Roberts on vocals and fiddle, the band keeps the spirit of Western swing alive. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St.* 979-337-7240; [thebarnhillcenter.com/events](http://thebarnhillcenter.com/events)

**BRENHAM: Oct. 19-20 Texas Arts and Music Festival** Held the third weekend in October, the festival features live mural installations, artist duels, an art village, and live music. *Downtown.* 979-337-7580; [texasartsandmusicfestival.com](http://texasartsandmusicfestival.com)

**BURTON: Oct. 5 Treasure Trail** Shop Burton's citywide yard sale. Maps are provided at participating locations. *Various locations.* 937-215-4732; [facebook.com/events/3500021836886865](https://facebook.com/events/3500021836886865)

**CALVERT: Oct. 18-19 The Hunters Moon Fest** The festival includes a 5K, a car show, artisans, food trucks, and shopping. Also, the Eloia Theater presents a production of the play *The 39 Steps*. *Main Street.* 979-459-3030; [calverttxchamber.org](http://calverttxchamber.org)

**CAMERON: Oct. 12 Steak, Stein, and Wine Festival** Experience an antique car show, kids area, beer and wine from local wineries, craft and food vendors, museum tours, live music, and a steak dinner with

all the trimmings. *Downtown Square between First and Main streets.* 254-697-4979; [cameron-tx.com](http://cameron-tx.com)

**CHAPPELL HILL: Oct. 12-13 Scarecrow Festival** Visitors experience a land of scarecrows with 250 exhibitors, 400 vendors, food, live entertainment and music, and historical tours. *Downtown.* 979-836-6033; [chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com](http://chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com)

**CLIFTON: Oct. 19 FallFest** Celebrate autumn's return with family fun in historic downtown Clifton. Visitors can find performers, artisans, crafters, vendors, food, and a car and tractor show. *Downtown, 115 N. Ave. D.* 254-675-3720; [visitclifton.org](http://visitclifton.org)

**COLLEGE STATION: Oct. 4 Desert Storm** Pay tribute to Tom Lea's painting "Old Breed, New Brotherhood" at this reception with speakers. *Don and Ellie Knauss Veteran Resource and Support Center, General Services Complex, Agronomy Road.* 915-533-0048; [tomlea.com](http://tomlea.com)

**CORSICANA: Oct. 12 Airshow** Experience thrilling air performances and breathtaking stunts from the Coyote Squadron of Corsicana. *Corsicana Municipal Airport, C. David Campbell Field, 9000 Navarro Road.* 903-872-7365; [coyotesquadron.org](http://coyotesquadron.org)

**CORSICANA: Oct. 23-26 Night of the Living Dead Live** Immerse yourself in this iconic horror story brought to life onstage. *Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave.* 903-872-5421; [thewlac.com](http://thewlac.com)

**CORSICANA: Oct. 24 Boo on the Block** In downtown, kids can go trick-or-treating at local merchants' spots and have their picture taken in Pocket Park, play games, and participate in other Halloween activities. *Beaton Street.* 903-654-4852; [facebook.com/corsicanamainstreet](https://facebook.com/corsicanamainstreet)

**CORSICANA: Oct. 24 Corsicana Residency Fall Presentation** Meet the visiting artists and writers of 100 West and the Writers House and see their work in an array of art. *MLK Jr. Center, 1114 E. Sixth Ave.* 480-677-0928; [corsicanaresidency.org](http://corsicanaresidency.org)

**CUERO: Oct. 11-13 Turkeyfest** Celebrate Cuero's turkey history and heritage with live entertainment, a parade, a turkey race, a carnival, vendors, and a barbecue cookoff. *Cuero Municipal Park, 201 Leonard Roy Harmon Drive at US 87 South.* 361-275-2112; [turkeyfest.org](http://turkeyfest.org)

**DALLAS: Sept. 15-Jan. 5 The Legacy of Vesuvius: Bourbon Discoveries on the Bay of Naples** The show examines the



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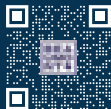


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**DALLAS: Oct. 3-5 Barbershop Harmony Society Southwestern District Fall Convention** Choruses and quartets from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana come together for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition in the capella barbershop style. *DFW Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2334 N. International Parkway. 682-521-4681; swd.org* 📍

**DALLAS: Sept. 27-Oct. 20 State Fair of Texas** For 24 consecutive days, one of the largest state fairs in the country celebrates all things Texas, with attractions and activities that include the Texas Auto Show, stages with Texas bands, a nightly starlight parade, over-the-top fair food, and Big Tex to greet visitors. *Fair Park, 3921 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 469-945-3247; bigtex.com* 📍

**EDOM: Oct. 12-13 Art Festival** The 52nd annual festival features over 60 artists, singer/songwriters, a kids creation station, food trucks, and wineries. *Edom Art Festival, FM 279 at FM 314. 903-258-5192; edomarts.com* 📍

**ELGIN: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 Sip, Shop, and Stroll** Sip and shop as you stroll through stores in Elgin's historic downtown. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, and the Elgin farmers market. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**ELGIN: Oct. 24-26 Hogeeye Festival Weekend** Expect handmade arts and crafts, live music, food, a children's costumed pet parade, car show, cow patty bingo, the annual Hogeeye Stroll, and a free street dance with Kenny Orts and No Chance. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**ENNIS: Oct. 4-13 Stampede of Speed** Billing itself as "the fastest 10 days in Texas," this festival leads up to the National Hot Rod Association's Fall Nationals and includes a traditional cattle drive, concerts, and drag racing. *Texas Motorplex, 7500 US 287. 972-878-2641; texasmotorplex.com*

**ENNIS: Oct. 25-27 Autumn Daze** The "biggest little fall festival" features live music, a hay maze, carnival rides, pumpkin patch, and a cornhole tournament. There are free kids activities and a pumpkin display. *Downtown, 201 NW Main St. 972-878-4748; visitennistexas.com*

**FAIRFIELD: Oct. 18-19 Big T Memorial Cookoff** The event features a state championship IBCA-sanctioned cookoff, along with jackpot categories and the popular Kids Cookoff Challenge. *W.L. Moody Fairgrounds, 839 E. Commerce St. 903-519-3414; bigtmemorial.com* 📍

**FORT WORTH: Oct. 26-27 Saints and Sinners Cemetery Tour** Presented by the North Fort Worth Historical Society, the 17th annual tour takes visitors on a stroll through Oakwood Cemetery, where they get to meet and hear the famous and infamous "residents" tell their histories. *Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Grand Ave. 817-625-5082; stockyardsmuseum.org*

**GAINESVILLE: Oct. 11 Safety Tailgating** Stop by the Texas Travel Information Center's Safety Tailgating event for the Texas-OU game. TxDOT's Traffic Safety Division is on deck to talk about safety while driving before and after the game. There is a rollover convincer to show what happens to unbuckled passengers in a rollover crash, and drunk goggles demonstrate how alcohol affects vision. *Texas Travel Information Center, 4901 I-35 North. 940-665-2301*

**GARLAND: Through Dec. 6 Music Made Here Concert Series** On the first Friday of every month, bring the family for music, bites from local restaurants, and friendly challenges in the kids activity area. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com* 📍

**GARLAND: Through Oct. 12 Mumentous: Football, Glue Guns, Moms, and a Super-Size High School Tradition** Step into a Texas tradition at this exhibit showcasing the evolution of high school homecoming mums, offering a nostalgic journey through Texan culture, the DIY movement, and the legacy of women as tradition-keepers. *Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com/mumentous* 📍

**GATESVILLE: Oct. 26 The Hidden Gem Harvest Festival** Nonprofit organization Hidden Gem Family Center hosts this celebration of the harvest season with a pet costume contest, baking competition, bingo, face painting, ax throwing, and vendors. *Gatesville Civic Center, 301 Veterans Memorial Loop. 254-216-3160; hiddengemfamilycenter.org* 📍

**GRANBURY: Oct. 4-6 Oktoberfest** Expect vendors, shopping, beer hoisting contests, Hammerschlagen (a German game), Jenga, lumberjack contests, polka dancing, and a Kinderplatz for young children. *Historic Granbury Square, 201 E. Pearl St. 682-936-4550; visitgranbury.com*



**GRANBURY: Oct. 26-27 Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts** Over 100 fine artists and fine crafters participate in this festival that showcases artists, makers, and craftspeople. The event offers food, local entertainment, and seasonal activities. *Historic Granbury Square, 201 E. Pearl St. 682-936-4550; visitgranbury.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 6-Nov. 16 Quarter Horse Season** Come to the racetrack, open Thursday through Saturday, and see American quarter horses race to the finish line. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 5 Flight of the Monarch** Each autumn, monarch butterflies travel through Texas on their migration south. Visitors can partake in butterfly releases and enjoy live music, food, vendors, and engaging activities. *Epic Central, 2971 SH 161. 800-288-8386; epiccentral.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Oct. 26-27 Flowapalooza World Flow Championships** Enjoy arts and crafts booths, local food trucks, live music, and activities for all ages. There's entertainment on three stages, finishing with live music on the main stage. *Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark, 2970 Epic Place. 972-337-3131; epicwatersgpn.com*

**GRAPEVINE: Oct. 11 Barn Dance at Historic Nash Farm** This 1950s-era barn dance features a fried chicken box supper, a band leading the dances from atop a farm truck by the big red barn, and games like horseshoes. *Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. 817-410-3185; grapevintexasusa.com*

**GRAPEVINE: Oct. 11-20 Day Out With Thomas** Take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine and meet Sir Topham Hatt. There are arts and crafts and other onboard activities. *Grapevine Vintage Railroad, 705 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; gvrr.com*

**GRAPEVINE: Oct. 12 Fall Roundup** Autumn arrives with this family-friendly agricultural festival that includes pumpkin photo ops, farm animals, and chuckwagon demonstrations. *Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. 817-410-3185; grapevintexasusa.com*

**GRAPEVINE: Oct. 25 Witches Brew Train** Celebrate Halloween with costumes, Texas craft brews, and freaky fare while aboard a train. This ride is for ages 21 and up. *Grapevine Vintage Railroad, 705 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; gvrr.com*

**GRAPEVINE: Oct. 26 Trick 'r Treat Trains** Riders travel back in time and enjoy a bag of treats and Halloween songs and stories.

Kids are encouraged to wear costumes. *Grapevine Vintage Railroad, 705 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; gvrr.com*

**IRVING: Oct. 12 Irving Symphony Orchestra in Concert** For its season opener, the symphony celebrates the 10th anniversary of *The Force Awakens*; the 40th anniversary of *Back to the Future*; and the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F, performed by International Cliburn Piano Competition finalist Clayton Stephenson. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-831-8818; irvingsymphony.org*

**LULING: Sept. 21, Oct. 19 Artisan Market** On the third Saturday of the month, shop from artisans selling goods like yard art, handmade soap, jewelry, salsa, and freeze-dried candy. *Main Street. 512-775-3025; lulingartisanmarket.com*

**LULING: Oct. 12 Night in Old Luling** Benefiting local nonprofits, the event includes games, hayrides, food, beverages, a cake auction, and entertainment. *Watermelon Thump Pavilion, 319 E. Davis St. 830-875-3164; facebook.com/nightinoldluling2022*

**MADISONVILLE: Oct. 19 Texas Mushroom Festival** In the Mushroom Capital of Texas, find mushroom fajitas, a car show, live



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entertainment, a 5K and kids run, a photo contest, and wine and craft beer tastings. *Downtown, Corner of Main and Madison streets. 936-348-3591; txmushfest.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: Through Feb. 17 Dinosaurus Live!** Encounter a 46-foot-tall T. rex and new life-size animatronic dinosaurs along nature trails. An outdoor fossil dig is available for kids. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: Sept. 21-Oct. 11 International Postcard Art Exhibit** Artists from around the world submit postcard-size original artworks. Last year's exhibit featured art by artists from over 40 countries. *MillHouse Foundation, 610 Elm St., Suite 1000. 202-810-2101; millhousefoundation.org/postcard-art* 📍

**MCKINNEY: Oct. 12 Halloween at the Heard** Families can enjoy an evening of fun activities including a movie on the Heard's outdoor amphitheater stage and trick-or-treating along the eerie *Dinosaurus Live!* life-size animatronic dinosaurs trail. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: Oct. 12 Ratrodtober** See rat rods, hot rods, classic cars, muscle cars, and motorcycles, and enjoy dancing, live music, shopping, a silent auction and raffle, and craft beer available for purchase. *Tupps Brewery, 402 E. Louisiana St., Building 2. 469-647-2592; ratrodtober.com* 📍

**MESQUITE: Sept. 30-Oct. 5 World Championship Miniature Bull Riding** Watch young bull riders, ages 4-18, from around the world compete for a grand prize and the exclusive title of World Mini Bull Rider. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-8777; mesquitearena.com* 📍

**MESQUITE: Oct. 19-20 Amigo Guitar Show** Attendees may bring musical instruments and related items to sell, trade, or have appraised. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. 972-329-3100; amigoguitarshows.com/mesquite* 📍

**MIDLOTHIAN: Oct. 5 Autumn Beats: The Maroon 5 Tribute Show** Bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating during a Maroon 5 tribute show. Food is available for purchase. *Midlothian Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. 972-775-7777; midlothian.tx.us/907/autumn-concert-series*

**PARKER: Oct. 25-27 Southfork Experience** The iconic ranch from *Dallas* invites visitors to immerse themselves in the world of the Ewing family. Mingle with the stars who brought the TV show to life. *Southfork*

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**PILOT POINT: Oct. 12 Bonnie and Clyde Days** The festival commemorates the day Hollywood came to film *Bonnie and Clyde*'s famous bank robbery scene at the historic Farmers and Merchants Bank building. Enjoy reenactments with Model As, a classic car show, live music, a soap-box challenge, a kids area, and vendors. *Pilot Point Historic Square, 55 Washington St.* 940-293-7434; [cityofpilotpoint.org](http://cityofpilotpoint.org) 📍

**PLANO: Oct. 5 FreshieFest** Members of the freshie (hanging car air freshener) community can network, shop from craft suppliers, and enjoy classes taught by popular makers. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.* [freshiefest.com](http://freshiefest.com) 📍

**PLANO: Oct. 12 Beatles Night** Tribute band Hard Night's Day delivers a genuine Beatles experience. Bring chairs, blankets, and coolers. It's BYOB but food and beverages are available for purchase. *Red Tail Pavilion, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway.* 972-941-5600; [visitplano.com](http://visitplano.com)

**PLANO: Oct. 12 North Texas Pride "Come As You Are" Festival** The family-friendly festival celebrates pride in diversity and in-

cludes sponsor/vendor booths, food and beverages, giveaways, adult and kid activities, bands, a DJ, and dancing. *Saigling House, 902 E. 16th St.* [northtexaspride.com](http://northtexaspride.com)

**PLANO: Oct. 18-20 Hollydays Market** With more than 130 merchants, you're bound to find one-of-a-kind gifts for all your gift-giving needs. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.* 281-788-4297; [homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com](http://homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com)

**PLANO: Oct. 19 International Festival** The area's largest cultural event features multicultural music and dance performances, ethnic food, cultural displays, an art exhibit, and STEM activities, plus a wellness fair with free flu and COVID shots and health screenings. *Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St.* [planointernationalfestival.org](http://planointernationalfestival.org)

**PLANO: Oct. 19 Plano Symphony Orchestra in Concert** Hear the "William Tell Overture," Gershwin's rhapsodic ballet "An American in Paris," and a medley of Elvis Presley's greatest hits performed by classical harmonica player Robert Bonfiglio. *Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive.* 972-473-7262; [planosymphony.org](http://planosymphony.org) 📍

**PLANO: Oct. 26 Rest in Plano Fest and Apparition Expedition** Attendees can ex-

plore eerie experiences along 15th Street at the Halloween-themed festival and take the Apparition Expedition, a walking tour through downtown's haunted history. *Downtown Plano Arts District, 1021 E. 15th St.* 972-941-5600; [visitplano.com](http://visitplano.com)

**ROUND TOP: Oct. 10-26 Antiques Show** For over two weeks, people from across the country come to treasure-hunt for unique finds. Visit over 65 venues in about a 20-mile radius in the communities of Round Top, Warrenton, Carmine, Burton, and Fayetteville. *Various locations.* 979-505-1200; [explorroundtop.com/antiques](http://explorroundtop.com/antiques) 📍

**ROWLETT: Sept. 12-Oct. 31 Taste of Fall Markets** On Thursday nights, enjoy food from vendors offering seasonal treats and local favorites, and browse craft stalls showcasing handmade goods and artistic creations. *Downtown Rowlett Green, 4001 Main St.* 469-289-8779; [rowletttx.gov/1911/53551/taste-of-fall-farmers-craft-market](http://rowletttx.gov/1911/53551/taste-of-fall-farmers-craft-market)

**ROWLETT: Oct. 1-29 Lunch on the Lawn** Have lunch on the lawn this fall and find a variety of food trucks selling a curated lineup of savory to sweet dishes that tantalize the taste buds. *Downtown Rowlett Green, 4001 Main St.* 469-289-8773; [rowletttx.gov/2035/fall-lunch-on-the-lawn](http://rowletttx.gov/2035/fall-lunch-on-the-lawn)



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**SALADO: Oct. 19 Barrow Volksride**  
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**SEGUIN: Oct. 10-13 Guadalupe County Fair and Rodeo** The 141st annual fair and rodeo celebrates the heritage and culture of Seguin with mutton bustin', cattle roping, horseback riding, live music, a barbecue cookoff, and a carnival with rides and games. *Seguin Events Complex, 950 S. Austin St. 830-401-2441; gcfair.org* 📍

**SEGUIN: Oct. 26 Pecan Fest** Celebrate all things pecan and Seguin's agricultural heritage. There's live music, pecan eating, and family fun. The event coincides with Fall Trade Days, where vendors set up their booths around Central Park and at the Big Red Barn. *Central Park, 201 S. Austin St. 830-401-2441; visitseguin.com* 📍

**SULPHUR SPRINGS: Oct. 26 Hopkins County Stew Festival** Close to 200 pots of stew are cooked over an open fire. For \$8, attendees can eat all the stew they want, as well as shop and let kids play in the Fun Zone. *Buford Park, 1200 Connally St. 903-885-6515; hopkinschamber.org* 📍

**TEMPLE: Sept. 3-Oct. 19 Hemingway in Comics** Ernest Hemingway is often portrayed as the hypermasculine legend, but comic book writers see a man grappling with demons. This exhibit provides a unique and entertaining lens for considering one of America's most influential authors. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com* 📍

**TEMPLE: Oct. 4 First Friday: Oktoberfest** On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Join in for live music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. This month's theme is Oktoberfest. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com*

**TEMPLE: Oct. 5 Mythical Monsters** From weird creatures to space aliens, take a deep dive into the world of mythical monsters. Learn cultural history as well as monster tales from right here in Texas. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com* 📍

**TEMPLE: Oct. 11-12 Tri-City Gem and Mineral Show** Vendors sell gems, minerals, rocks, beads, and jewelry. There are activities for kids, displays of rock collections, silent auctions, grand prize drawings,

and rock hounds to provide information. *Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3301 N. Third St. 254-718-2559; dfarhie.wixsite.com/tcgms* 📍

**TEMPLE: Oct. 26 Haunted Hayride** This annual event transforms the tranquil countryside into a realm of haunting mysteries and ghostly surprises. *Reuben D. Talasek Bend of the River, 7915 S. General Bruce Drive. 254-298-5774; templeparks.com*

**TERRELL: Oct. 5 Mural Walk and Antique Car Show** Visit murals and read about their history. The car show showcases automobiles from 1900 through 1950 and celebrates the 125th anniversary of the first automobile (horseless carriage) ride in Texas. *Downtown, 200 W. Moore Ave. 972-563-5703; discoverterrell.com* 📍

**THE COLONY: Oct. 4-31 Haunted Shadows Lake Trail** Every weekend in October, take a self-guided tour along this haunted trail. Pick your way in the dark and meet frightening creatures along the way. *TOCA Soccer Center, 7801 N. Main St. 469-384-3400; hauntedshadowslaketrail.com*

**THE COLONY: Oct. 12 Family Fright Fest** Ghosts and ghouls are out in droves at Stewart Creek Park. Bring the family for a howling night full of hayrides, games, vendors, contests, and trick-or-treating. *Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road. 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov*

**TODD MISSION: Oct. 12-Dec. 1 Texas Renaissance Festival** The largest Renaissance festival in the country celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Attendees find themselves transported to a 16th-century European village that has foods from around the world, more than 400 shoppes, multiple stages for music and other entertainment, and more than 200 acres for camping. *21778 FM 1774. 281-356-2178; texrenfest.com* 📍

**WACO: Through Nov. 10 The Hammer That Shapes Reality** View a selection of works by Käthe Kollwitz from the permanent collection along with works on loan from the Blanton Museum of Art. *Martin Museum of Art, Baylor University, 60 Baylor Ave. 254-710-6371; martinmuseum.artsandsciences.baylor.edu* 📍

**WAXAHACHIE: Oct. 5 OddFest** This festival showcases artists and musicians from Texas who lean toward the odd. Local craft beer brewers, food trucks, and food vendors round out the event. *Singleton Plaza, 200 N. Rogers St. 469-309-4040; oddfestwaxa80.com* 📍

**WAXAHACHIE: Oct. 11-13 Hollydays Market** Shop 130 merchants selling new and

unique gifts to have you ready for all your festive events. *Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com*

**WAXAHACHIE: Oct. 26 Crossroads of Texas Country Festival** Celebrating all things country, this event features more than 200 vendors including artists, craftspeople, and food purveyors, and music at multiple venues. *100 W. Main St. 469-309-4040; texascountryfestival.com* 📍

**YORKTOWN: Oct. 18-20 Western Days** The 66th annual festival offers family-friendly fun, music, parades, cookoffs, vendors, a gunfighter show, a carnival, and a petting zoo. *Yorktown City Park, 103 W. Main St. 361-564-8601; yorktowntx.com* 📍

### SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**FLORESVILLE: Oct. 8-12 Peanut Festival** Dedicated to the city's past, present, and future peanut farmers, the festival features a parade, a carnival, games, and live entertainment. *Downtown, 1430 Third St. 210-313-0926; floresvillepeanutfestival.org* 📍

**GOLIAD: Oct. 19 Missions Tour de Goliad** Bike through rolling hills in and around the historic county of Goliad. See historic Presidio La Bahía and Goliad State Park, or ride through the countryside. Registration is required. *127 N. Courthouse Square. 361-645-3563; missionstourdegoliad.com* 📍

**MCALLEN: Oct. 18-20 Fiesta de Palmas** Combining several events into one fun and festive weekend, this festival includes live music, dance performances, international cuisine, a pumpkin patch, an artisan market, and activities for the family. *McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. 956-681-3800; fiestadepalmas.com*

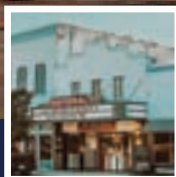
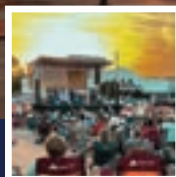
**SAN ANTONIO: Through Nov. 3 Huntopia: Bunnies, Birds, and Butterflies** See the world premiere of the first-ever garden exhibition from famed artist Hunt Slonem, who creates a whimsical world filled with the iconic colorful bunnies, birds, and butterflies that he has been painting for decades. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org* 📍

**WESLACO: Through Feb. 20 Alfresco Weslaco** Visit historic downtown Weslaco every third Thursday of the month to enjoy music and art on the street with 80 to 90 vendors. Businesses stay open late, and visitors are able to savor the experience of sipping favorite drinks right on the street. *Downtown, South Texas Boulevard. 956-969-0838; weslacoedc.com* 📍

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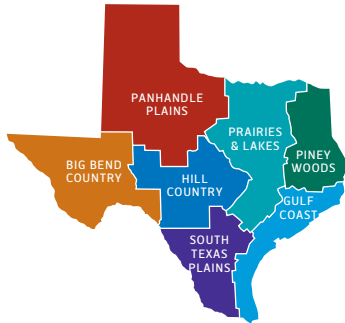


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## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE: Sept. 6–Nov. 1 First Friday Song Swap** Players of all skill and experience levels are welcome to share their songs in a monthly music circle in the courtyard behind Far West Guitars. 114 N. Sixth St. 512-470-9455; facebook.com/p/far-west-guitars-100086302976608

**ALPINE: Nov. 8–9 Center for Big Bend Studies Conference** The 29th annual conference brings together historians, archeologists, folklorists, and other researchers studying the past and present of the Big Bend region and northern Mexico. *Espino Conference Center, Sul Ross State University, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-8179; cbbbs.sulross.edu/conference* ♿

**ALPINE: Nov. 22–23 Artwalk** Alpine's biggest arts festival, which celebrates its 31st year, showcases art exhibits in local businesses, all against a backdrop of festivities and live music. *Downtown, 204 E. Holland Ave. 432-837-2326; artwalkalpine.com*

**EL PASO: Sept. 4–Jan. 26 Tom Lea and Contemporaries** The exhibit, featuring

landscapes, portraits, and mural studies by Tom Lea and other artists, tells the story of the tight-knit creative community of El Paso that made the city a central point for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; epma.art/art, tomlea.com* ♿

**MIDLAND: Nov. 15–17 Home for the Holidays Gift Market** The market has 130 merchants selling new and unique gifts for all of your festive events. *Bush Convention Center, 105 N. Main St. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com*

**VAN HORN: Through Nov. 2 Farmers Market** Every second and fourth Saturday, find handmade, homegrown, organic, and locally sourced West Texas products. *El Mercado, 604 W. Broadway. 760-213-9495; vanhorn-texas.org*

**VAN HORN: Nov. 29–Dec. 16 Trans-Pecos Big Buck Tournament** Participate in a hunting tournament with animals qualifying from all Trans-Pecos regions. *El Mercado, 604 E. Broadway St. 432-283-2682*

## GULF COAST

**ALVIN: Nov. 9 Car and Bike Show Novemberfest** The 20th annual Alvin Rotary Novemberfest is a car and bike show that includes arts, crafts, and antique tractors and farm equipment displays. There is entertainment, a raffle, a veteran tribute, food courts, and games for kids. *National Oak Park, 118 S. Magnolia St. 713-828-9477; alvinrotary.org/novemberfest* ♿

**CLUTE: Nov. 1–3, 8–10 Lobby Hero** Brazosport Center Stages presents Kenneth Lonergan's play about four New Yorkers (a security guard, his stern boss, a young police officer, and her unpredictable partner) involved in a murder investigation in the lobby of a Manhattan apartment complex. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CLUTE: Nov. 9 Fall Astronomy Day** Along with viewing the sun through a telescope set up for daylight hours, the star party features *ViewSpace*, an exhibit from the Space Telescope Science Institute, home of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CLUTE: Nov. 29–Dec. 1, 6–8 Elizabethan Madrigal Feast** This holiday feast offers majesty and pageantry befitting the court of Queen Elizabeth I. Join the Earl of Warwick and his royal guests in the main hall of his castle for an exquisite meal with entertainment provided by the court's troupe of players, dancers, and singers. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Nov. 8–10 Hollydays Market** With more than 130 merchants on-site, you're sure to find lots of new and one-of-a-kind gifts for all your needs. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com*

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Nov. 29–Dec. 31 Merry Days by the Bay** From coastal Santas to holiday markets, find holiday experiences all season long to put a jingle in your step. *Downtown, Chaparral Street. 361-561-2000; visitcorpuschristi.com/merrydays*

**GALVESTON: Oct. 31–Nov. 3 Lone Star Motorcycle Rally** Attend the largest four-day biker rally in the country and see more than 500,000 motorcyclists gather among hundreds of vendors. The rally includes bike shows, concerts, and celebrity appearances. *Various locations. visitgalveston.com* ♿

**GALVESTON: Nov. 9 The Righteous Brothers in Concert** Enjoy a soul-stirring, nostalgic concert experience with music spanning the early days of rock 'n' roll and contemporary cinema. Hear favorites "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" and "I've Had the Time of My Life." *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com*

**HOUSTON: Through Sept. 13, 2026 Habitat** For its fourth birthday, the Houston Botanic Garden presents this exhibit that incorporates installations created by local artists and explores the central idea of "protecting habitats protects life," through the lens of the Gulf Coast environment. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org* ♿

**HOUSTON: Sept. 20–Jan. 26 Fragments of Memory** This selection of works from the Menil's permanent collection explores the ways in which the past imbues the present. In their drawings, artists reimagine

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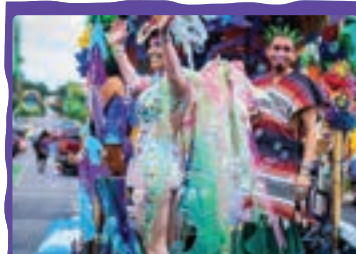
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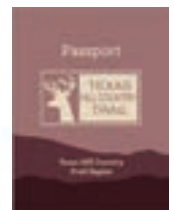
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how viewers might access fraught memories and contested histories through mediums like scrapbooks and snapshots. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1413 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Oct. 11-April 19 Tacita Dean: *Blind Folly*** The first major museum survey in the United States of work by the British European visual artist Tacita Dean, the exhibition spotlights her career-defining approach to creating art through unmediated and chance-based drawing processes across a variety of mediums, from film to printmaking. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Nov. 1 Día de los Muertos** Enjoy the Mexican holiday where families and friends gather to celebrate and remember loved ones at this event featuring hands-on art activities, artist demonstrations, vendors, live performances, and music. Houston artist Angel Quesada builds a community ofrenda so visitors can remember their loved ones. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. 713-400-7336; discoverygreen.com*

**HOUSTON: Nov. 9-10 Good Brick Tour** Take a guided tour of five privately owned historic homes dating from the Victorian

era through the early 20th century. Each tour location has received Preservation Houston's Good Brick Award for excellence in historic preservation. *Various locations. 713-510-3990; preservationhouston.org*

**HOUSTON: Nov. 15 Winter Art Installation** Discovery Green has commissioned Brooklyn artist/engineer Jen Lewin for its winter art installation. The large-scale, interactive piece is on view daily during park hours. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. 713-400-7336; discoverygreen.com*

**HUMBLE: Nov. 22-24 Home for the Holidays Gift Market** Shop with 130 merchants to find new and one-of-a-kind gifts all in one place. *Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com*

**KATY: Nov. 22-24 Home for the Holidays Gift Market** Shop with 130 merchants to find lots of new and one-of-a-kind gifts all in one place for all of your festive events. *Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane. 281-788-4297; homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com*

**LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 7-8 Mums and Mistletoe Market** This holiday market attracts shoppers for its variety of vendors and the

cheese soup at its café. *St. Michael's Event Center, 100 Oak Drive.* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 9 Farmers Market** Local vendors sell their homemade goods and farm-fresh items. *Parking Place Pavilion, 110 S. Parking Place. 409-877-3570; lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 10 Brazosport Symphony Orchestra in Concert** Experience a performance of *Wild Symphony* by Dan Brown. *The Clarion, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 16 Bird Banding** Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and learn about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 23 Festival of Lights** Lake Jackson brings the yuletide cheer with this kickoff to the holiday season. Festivities include a carnival, games, and a parade. *Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 SH 332. 979-417-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: Nov. 28 Turkey Trot** The 5K run/walk and 10K run is held on Thanksgiving Day and benefits the students of the Lake Jackson Intermediate Band Program. *Lake Jackson Intermediate School, 100 Oyster Creek Drive. lakejacksonturkeytrot.com*

**RICHMOND: Nov. 16 Fort Bend County Libraries' Book Festival** The annual book festival celebrates books, authors, and the importance of literature to the imagination. Keynote speakers, workshops, children's programs, and author meet-and-greets are scheduled. *George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Drive. 281-633-4734; fortbend.lib.tx.us* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Nov. 1-3 Film Festival** The festival showcases the best of independent cinema on the Texas coast with shorts, features, documentaries, animated films, and student films. It highlights talent from around the world with an emphasis on Texas storytellers. *Rockport Conference Center, 106 Austin St. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Nov. 2-3 Lamar Market Days** At this fundraiser for the Lamar Fire Department, visitors can expect a community-wide garage sale, scavenger hunt, car show, barbecue, and other festivities. *Lamar Fire Department, 302 Bois D'arc St. 361-205-0070; lamarvfd.com/market-days.html* 📍





**ROCKPORT: Nov. 9 Austin Street Art**

**Walk** Rockport Center for the Arts presents this monthly art walk featuring the work of artists representing various art mediums. There are also exhibits, live music, artist demonstrations, and food. *Downtown, Austin Street. rockportartcenter.com/austin-street-art-walk* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Nov. 9 Downtown Farmers Market**

The market, held every second Saturday of the month, features vendors selling locally grown produce, jams, jellies, pickled items, fresh baked bread, local honey, hen fruit, and homemade goat soap. *Downtown, 105 S. Austin St. 361-230-0414; facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Nov. 9 Makers Market** Find handmade items from local artists and one-of-a-kind home décor at this monthly local outdoor market. *Downtown, 302 S. Austin St. rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT: Nov. 9 Second Saturday in the District** Enjoy live music and special monthly themes to go along with the Art Walk, Farmers Market, and Makers Market. *Downtown, Austin Street. rockportculturalartsdistricts.com* 📍

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: Nov. 15-17 Market Days** Every third weekend of the month, hear live music, peruse the merchandise of over 150 vendors, and choose eats from food trucks in a pet-friendly environment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 1500 E. Laurel St. 361-314-2226; rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Nov. 2 Muzicians Run** Choose between a 5K and 10K course at this fun run/walk that fuses live entertainment and running. Mariachis perform along the course and participants are rewarded with tacos, beer, and margaritas. *Beach Waterpark, 33261 State Park Road 100. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Nov. 9-10 Half Marathon Weekend** Participate in an exciting run on the beach with a half marathon, half marathon relay, and 5K. *Isla Blanca Park, 33174 State Park Road 100. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Nov. 15-16 Craft Beer and Wing Festival** Indulge your taste buds at this festival offering flavorful bites, refreshing brews, and live music and entertainment in a vibrant atmosphere. *SPI Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com/events* 📍

**SURFSIDE BEACH: Nov. 2 Treasures by the Sea** Start your holiday shopping early with dozens of vendors at this annual event

that offers hot homemade soups and baked goods for purchase. *Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. 979-233-1531; visitsurfsidebeachtx.org* 📍

**SURFSIDE BEACH: Nov. 9 Kites and Castles** Surfside Flyers Kite Club members display their kites and featured guest Sandcastle Emerson demonstrates how to build sandcastle masterpieces. At night, there are more kites to see. *Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. 979-233-1531; visitsurfsidebeachtx.org* 📍

**SURFSIDE BEACH: Nov. 30 Christmas Tree Lighting** Kick off the holiday season with caroling and the lighting of the community tree. *Surfside Beach Main Entrance, Intersection of State Highway 332 and Bluewater Highway. 979-233-1531; visitsurfsidebeachtx.org* 📍

**TOMBALL: Nov. 23 Holiday Parade** Get in the holiday spirit with a parade featuring over 175 floats and other entries and over 40,000 people in attendance. *Main Street, 100 W. Main St. 281-351-7222; tomballchamber.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: Nov. 9 Red Dirt Barbecue and Music Festival** Red dirt music, barbecue samples from over 15 of Texas' best barbe-

cue joints, food trucks, and a vendor market are on the lineup for this festival. *De Leon Plaza, 101 N. Main St. 361-485-3116; reddirtbbqvictoria.com* 📍

**WEST COLUMBIA: Nov. 2 Meet Your Ancestors** Learn about former West Columbia residents (and possibly your ancestors) at one of the most historic cemeteries in Texas. Guides lead guests to graves of notable occupants. *Columbia Cemetery, Corner of 16th and Jackson streets. 979-345-6125; columbiahistoricalmuseum.org*

**WHARTON: Nov. 26 Christmas Holiday Parade** Ring in the festive season with the Christmas Holiday Parade, which heads west on Milam Street and around the courthouse square, where you'll find food and craft vendors. *Outside Courthouse, 100 S. Fulton St. 979-532-1862; whartonchamber.com/events*

**HILL COUNTRY**

**AUSTIN: Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Levitation** This independent festival has grown from a small word-of-mouth event to an internationally acclaimed, full-weekend event that attracts bands and attendees from all over the world. *Various locations. levitation.fm/pages/levitation-2024*



**AUSTIN: Nov. 2-3 Celtic Festival** The largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas highlights Celtic achievements and features Celtic music and dance, Highland Games, a variety of workshops, and historical exhibitions. *Pioneer Farms, 10621 Pioneer Farms Drive. austincelticfestival.com*

**AUSTIN: Nov. 2-3 Food and Wine Festival** Join top culinary talent, sommeliers, and winemakers from across the nation and local chefs for an indulgent epicurean adventure with live musical performances. *Auditorium Shores and Republic Square Park, 900 Riverside Drive and 422 Guadalupe St. austinfoodandwinefestival.com*

**AUSTIN: Nov. 9-10 Texas Woodworking Festival** The event brings together organizations and people in the woodworking industry for a weekend of food, drinks, and all things woodworking. Enjoy hands-on activities, classes, tool demos, and panels. *Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. 361-857-9228; texaswoodworkingfestival.com* 📍

**AUSTIN: Nov. 16-17 Texas Book Festival** One of the premier literary events in the country, the festival hosts about 250 authors each year and offers readings, panel

discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, and children's activities. *Texas State Capitol Grounds, 1100 Congress Ave. 512-477-4055; texasbookfestival.org* 📍

**AUSTIN: Nov. 16 Texas Craft Brewers Festival.** More than 70 small and independent breweries from around the state are on-site, plus a variety of local food vendors. *Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St. texascraftbrewersfestival.org*

**AUSTIN: Nov. 23 Powwow** For more than 25 years, the event has been the largest of its kind in Texas, featuring Native American dancing, singing, arts and crafts, and food. *Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane. 512-371-0628; austinpowwow.net* 📍

**BANDERA: Sept. 21, Nov. 16 Pipe Creek Dancehall Market Days** At this bimonthly event, visitors can enjoy live music, food, shopping, pony rides, and family fun. *Pipe Creek General Store and Dancehall, 9878 SH 16S. 210-854-6577; facebook.com/pipecreekdancehall* 📍

**BANDERA: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 10 Sunday Funday Barrel Race** Come see barrel racing presented by Riding on Faith. Watch as the talented youngsters show the

adults how it's done. *Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com* 📍

**BANDERA: Oct. 21-Nov. 8 Day of the Dead Exhibit and Family Week** The museum celebrates the Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead by exhibiting Texas artist Joan Estes' elaborate display of a Día de los Muertos altar. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

**BANDERA: Nov. 1 Buckfest Gala** Bandera County Chamber of Commerce hosts this annual gala that includes a social hour, dinner and dance, live and silent auctions, and a raffle. *Mansfield Park Show Barn, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-796-3280; banderatex.com* 📍

**BANDERA: Nov. 2 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up their pop-up shops along Main Street. Artists and craftspeople present original works while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked items. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com* 📍

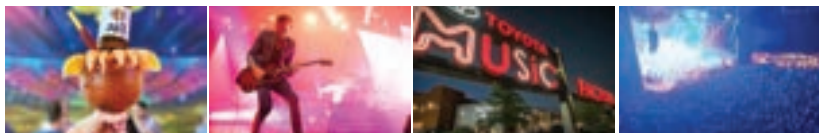
**BANDERA: Nov. 9 Bandera Honors Veterans and Parade** The American Legion 157 Post hosts this celebration that includes displays, information booths, special programming honoring Vietnam War era veterans, a parade on Main Street, and a veterans' and spouses' barbecue. *500 Main St. 830-796-7528; all157tx.org* 📍

**BANDERA: Nov. 21-22 The Dressed Fleas Market** Enjoy shopping at the museum's annual fall flea market, with merchandise ranging from sewing items, holiday décor, and furniture to handbags, knickknacks, and more. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

**BANDERA: Nov. 24 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree** The museum presents this monthly jamboree that includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

**BANDERA: Nov. 29-Jan. 3 Christmas Lighting** Enjoy holiday light displays in City Park and on the courthouse and lawn. *500 Main St., 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com* 📍

**BANDERA: Nov. 30-Dec. 21 Pancakes with Santa** Bring the family to Al's Hideaway Cabin and RV Rentals for pancakes and pictures with Santa. This event is held every Saturday morning after Thanksgiving and up to Christmas. *Al's Hideaway Cabin and RV Rentals, 299 Willow Springs. 830-510-3331; alshideaway.com* 📍



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**BLANCO: Nov. 16 Market Day** Shop from over 70 vendors selling homemade crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidery and crocheted items, and jewelry. Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org 📍

**BOERNE: Sept. 14-Dec. 28 Bluegrass Jam at the AgriCultural** Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, musicians and music lovers are invited to bring their instruments and play along—or just come to listen to the jam. The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org 📍

**BOERNE: Nov. 9 Music in the Cave: Joseph Kuipers in Concert** The American cellist is renowned for his creativity and versatility in his captivating performances on both modern and gut strings. He brings friends to perform with him. Cave Without a Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com

**BOERNE: Nov. 22-23 Fall Handmade Market** The largest market of its kind in South Texas features 75-plus vendors who sell handmade-only items including jewelry, apparel, leather goods, toys, home décor, art, and handmade candles. There's also food and drinks and a VIP night. 1910 Church, 130 Sisterdale Road. 210-663-9046; boernehandmademarket.com 📍

**BOERNE: Nov. 29-30 Dickens on Main** The historic Hill Country Mile transforms into a vintage Christmas experience, with various holiday villages set up throughout the venue. Enjoy live music, carolers, and visits with Santa Claus. Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main St. 830-248-1617; dickensonmain.com 📍

**BUDA: Nov. 24 Artist Sunday** Artist Sunday is a nationwide art-shopping event taking place with professional artists, non-profit art organizations, and municipalities across the country. Main Street. 512-523-1081; visitbudatx.com

**COMFORT: Nov. 30 Christmas In Comfort** More than 100 arts, crafts, and food vendors fill the historic district of Comfort. Have fun at Santa Land and enjoy live music, shopping, and a lighted parade and fireworks display. Comfort Historic District, Seventh and High streets. 830-995-3131; comfortchamber.com 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 2 Hill Country Vet-Fest and Fundraiser** Meals for Vets

hosts this inaugural fundraising event with food, beer and wine, bounce houses, face painting, raffles, games, vendors, veteran resources, live music, and dancing. Marktplatz Pavilion, 100 W. Main St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com

**FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 2 Pacific Valor** See a battle demonstration that tells the story of World War II Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Raymond Eubanks through simulated explosives, blank firing guns, and a real M2-2 flamethrower for an immersive experience. National Museum of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 16-Jan. 8 Eisbahn Outdoor Ice Skating** Skate on real ice at this rink that's been a Hill Country holiday tradition for 18 years. Concessions such as hot chocolate, pizza, and candy are available. Kinderhalle Pavilion, 100 W. Main St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com

**FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Trade Days Encore** Shop for the holidays with over 350 vendors in seven barns. Find acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic décor, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, and food. Relax in the Biergarten while

listening to live music. Trade Days Market, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com

**GEORGETOWN: Oct. 11-Nov. 15 Month of the Arts Exhibits** View *Entangled* by Virginia Headley Maserang and *Samantha Melvin's Coexistence in a Complex World*. Georgetown Art Center, 816 S. Main St. 512-930-8471; artcenter.georgetown.org

**GEORGETOWN: Nov. 29 Lighting of the Square** Kick off the holiday season with this annual lighting ceremony on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Downtown holiday lights remain lit every evening through Jan. 1. The Georgetown Square, 103 W. Seventh St. 512-930-6534; visit.georgetown.org

**GEORGETOWN: Nov. 30 Shop Small Business Saturday and Coffee and Cocoa Crawl** Holiday shoppers and visitors are invited to enjoy tastings of coffee and cocoa while supporting local small businesses. Shoppers receive a free canvas tote bag. Downtown, 816 S. Main St. 512-930-6534; visit.georgetown.org

**INGRAM: Nov. 1-3 Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair** The official arts and crafts fair of Texas since 1972 features juried art, gourmet food, craft beer, live music, activi-

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ties, and art demonstrations for all ages. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**INGRAM: Nov. 15–Dec. 13 ArtMart Christmas Gift Showcase** Find gifts and other seasonal items at this holiday shopping showcase of handmade crafts by area artists. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**INGRAM: Nov. 22–24, 29–30; Dec. 1, 6–7, 13–15 A Christmas Carol** See the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. After their visits, Scrooge is transformed into a kinder, gentler man. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**JUNCTION: Nov. 23 Hill Country Challenge** Compete in a triathlon with a trail run, bike ride, and paddle down the South Llano River. Finish at the city park pavilion for a meal and live music. *Various locations, 202 N. Second St. 512-516-9184; junctiontexas.com/hill-country-challenge-run-bike-paddle* 📍

**KERRVILLE: Sept. 28–Nov. 9 Al Glann:**

**Poetry in Motion** The solo show features a diverse collection of sculptures by Tucson artist Al Glann. *The Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

**KERRVILLE: Oct. 24–Dec. 13 Texas Furniture Makers Show** This show is an annual statewide competition of the finest custom furniture makers in Texas. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

**KERRVILLE: Nov. 2 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Once a month, Market Days features artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items to sell. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org* 📍

**KERRVILLE: Nov. 8–9 The Artisan Market** Get your holiday shopping done early at this all-handmade market that offers home goods, baked goods, barbecue, and other items. *Kerrville Apostolic Church, 1023 North St. 830-896-8191; kerrvilletexascvb.com*

**KERRVILLE: Nov. 9–10 Kerrville Gun and Knife Show** Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, ammo, coins, jewelry, camping gear, accessories, and other items. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: Nov. 23 Holiday Lighted Parade and Courthouse Lighting Ceremony** Welcome the holiday season with a lighted parade and the arrival of Santa Claus on his signature fire truck. After the parade, enjoy a Christmas program, caroling, and the lighting of the courthouse and 45-foot-tall tree. *Kerr County Courthouse, 700 Main St. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov* 📍

**LAGO VISTA: Nov. 9 Northshore Craft Beer Fest** Set against the backdrop of Lake Travis, this dog-friendly festival features cold craft beer, a cornhole tournament, family fun, and live music. Vendors are on-site with food and crafts. *Bar-K Park, 6608 Bar-K Clubhouse Court. 512-267-7952; nltchamber.org* 📍

**LAMPASAS: Nov. 1 Hunters Welcome** Grab a barbecue lunch and support the community as Lampasas welcomes hunters for the season. The first 200 people to stop by get a goodie bag. *HEB Parking Lot, 705 S. Key Ave. 512-556-5172; lampasaschamber.org* 📍

**MEDINA: Nov. 2 Hunters Game Dinner** The Medina Volunteer Fire Department hosts its annual fundraiser with dinner and a dance. *The Farm Country Club, 475 Pue Road. 830-796-3045; medinavfd.com* 📍

**MEDINA: Nov. 9 Main Street Sale** On the second Saturday of the month, visit the shops at this morning market. *Medina Main Street. 830-589-2825; banderacowboycapital.com* 📍

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Nov. 1–10 Wurstfest** Celebrate Texas' German culture near the headwaters of the Comal River with good food, music, dancing, carnival rides and games, Texas and German beers, special events, and Bavarian-style entertainment. *Wurstfest Grounds, 120 Landa St. 830-625-9167; wurstfest.com* 📍

**PIPE CREEK: Nov. 18–30 Pipe Creek Christmas Tree Farm** Take a ride or stroll around the tree farm and find a tree for the holiday. Take pictures in the cutouts of Santa and Mrs. Claus (children can put their faces in the ornament cutouts). *Pipe Creek Tree Farm, 805 Phil's Road. 210-426-6191; pipecreekchristmastrees.com* 📍

**ROUND ROCK: Nov. 2–3 Fossil Fest** Kids can meet scientists, dig for fossils, check out specimens from around the world, and



participate in family-friendly workshops. *Old Settler's Heritage Association, 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd. austinpaleo.org/fest.html*

**STONEWALL: Nov. 23 Deck the Hall** Help the Sauer-Beckmann Farm get ready for the holidays by stringing popcorn and decorating cookies. Learn how to make wreaths out of local cedar, and dip your own candles so you too can get ready for Weihnachten (Christmas). *Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm, 199 Park Road 52. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com*

**VANDERPOOL: Oct. 12-Nov. 17 Pumpkin Patch** Find fall attractions, picturesque Hill Country photo ops, food and drinks, barnyard animals, and pumpkins. *Lost Maples Farms, 35005 FM 187. 903-267-7141; lostmaplesfarms.com* 🍂

### PANHANDLE PLAINS

**ABILENE: Through July 5 Full Steam Ahead: The Texas and Pacific Railway** This exhibition highlights the history of the Texas and Pacific Railway in Abilene through artifacts from the museum's permanent collection. See the impact of the railroad on the growth of the city and its residents and railroad workers. *The Grace*

*Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 🍂

**ABILENE: Oct. 19-Feb. 8 Hard Times Come Again No More: Depression Era Photographs** Reflecting on Texas in the 1930s and '40s, these photographs of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl document the hardships of individuals in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado. The show includes iconic images by Arthur Rothstein, Dorothea Lange, Marion Post Wolcott, and Russell Lee. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 🍂

**ABILENE: Oct. 19-Feb. 8 Texas Regionalism Revisited** This exhibition showcases artwork by Texas Regionalists including those associated with the Dallas Nine. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 🍂

**AMARILLO: Nov. 14-17 Working Ranch Cowboy Association World Championship Rodeo** The 29th championship sees cowboys from ranches across the West come to town to compete in rodeo events. The weekend also includes a ranch equipment expo, trade show, cowboy poetry showcase, youth rodeo events, and watch

parties. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-374-9722; wrca.org* 🍂

**AMARILLO: Nov. 24-Dec. 23 Christmas at Maxwell's** Visitors can immerse themselves in 20 activities and attractions including a winter wonderland filled with lights, visits with Santa Claus, and decorations. *Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm, 12908 S. Bell St. 806-373-9600; maxwellspumpkinfarm.com/christmas* 🍂

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 First Friday Art Trail** The self-guided art tour is held in the Lubbock Cultural District. Visit a variety of art centers, museums, galleries, and businesses. There's also live music and food trucks. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; ffat.org* 🍂

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7 Un(wine)d with the Arts** The event allows attendees to learn about currently displayed work at a slower pace and gives them access to exclusive insight from the LHUCA curator and staff. *LHUCA, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; lhuca.org* 🍂

**LUBBOCK: Sept. 16-Nov. 5 At'l Do Farms Fall Season** Bring the family to enjoy a corn maze, barnyard, cow train, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, campfires, and the Fairy

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Tale Trail. *At'l Do Farms*, 6323 FM 1294. 806-787-4241; [atldofarms.com/the-maze](http://atldofarms.com/the-maze)

**LUBBOCK: Nov. 7-8 Flatland Cavalry in Concert** After years of touring their native Texas, Flatland Cavalry is primed for a breakout with the release of their third full-length album, *Welcome to Countryland*. *The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences*, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; [buddyhollyhall.com](http://buddyhollyhall.com) 📍

**SAN ANGELO: Oct. 18-Feb. 23 The Plein Air Landscape: Selections from the Permanent Collection** This show celebrates the tradition of en plein air painting, the French term for painting in the outdoors. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts*, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; [samfa.org](http://samfa.org) 📍

**PINEY WOODS**

**GLADEWATER: Nov. 9 Holiday Open House** Stores are open late and seasonal entertainment fills downtown. Food trucks are available, in addition to local restaurants. The season's Christmas tree is also lit for the first time. *Downtown, Main Street*. 903-845-5501

**HENDERSON: Nov. 9 Heritage Syrup Festival** The sweetest festival in Texas is cen-

tered around the tradition of ribbon cane syrup-making and features folk arts, antique tractors and cars, arts and crafts, unique shopping, and live entertainment for the entire family. *Downtown, 100 E. Main St.* 903-392-8232; [visithendersontx.com](http://visithendersontx.com) 📍

**HUNTSVILLE: Nov. 9-10 Holiday Market** Start your holiday shopping early and find a range of merchandise, from antiques and jewelry items to home décor and collectibles. Grab bags are handed out to the first 25 people through the door. *Walker County Fairgrounds, 3925 SH 30 West*. 936-661-2545; [huntsvilleantiqueshow.com](http://huntsvilleantiqueshow.com) 📍

**JEFFERSON: Nov. 2-3 Diamond Don Dual Sport Adventure Ride** Ride through the back roads of the Piney Woods in northeast Texas. There are Saturday and Sunday ride options of short and long loops. Some of the dirt roads harken back to stagecoaches and wagon trails with high bluffs on each side. *Diamond Don RV Park, 1602 SH 49 East*. 903-445-9796; [diamonddon.com](http://diamonddon.com)

**JEFFERSON: Nov. 30 Christmas Parade and Lighting of Enchanted Forest** See over 100 decorated floats light up to ring in the holidays. There's also caroling, the lighting of the Christmas trees, and Santa's

arrival atop a fire engine. *Downtown and Lions Club Park, 515 E. Jefferson St.* 903-665-3733; [visitjeffersontexas.com](http://visitjeffersontexas.com) 📍

**NACOGDOCHES: Nov. 2 Día de los Muertos** The Nacogdoches square comes alive with music, dancing, food, vendors, and fun for all ages. *Downtown, 200 E. Main St.* 936-555-2970; [visitnacogdoches.org](http://visitnacogdoches.org) 📍

**NACOGDOCHES: Nov. 14-16 Holiday in the Pines** More than 60 specialty stores and shops from coast to coast gather for holiday shopping in a festive atmosphere. *Nacogdoches County Exposition and Civic Center, 3805 NW Stallings Drive*. 936-564-0849; [visitnacogdoches.org](http://visitnacogdoches.org)

**NACOGDOCHES: Nov. 30 Wassail Fest** Enjoy tasting spiced wassail while shopping. Merchants compete for bragging rights over who has the best wassail recipe. *Downtown, 200 E. Main St.* 936-564-7351; [visitnacogdoches.org](http://visitnacogdoches.org)

**PALESTINE: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 Art Walk** The Dogwood Arts Council organizes this monthly art walk that features over 30 local and area artists. Maps with the artists' locations are available the day of the art walk, which begins at Redlands Hotel. *400 N. Queen St.* 903-922-5794; [dogwoodartscouncil.com](http://dogwoodartscouncil.com) 📍

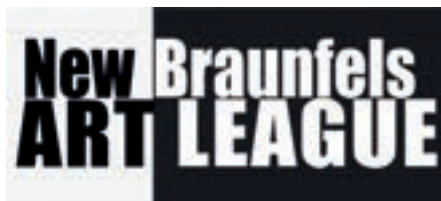
**PALESTINE: Sept. 7-Nov. 2 Trade Days** Held the first Saturday of each month, Trade Days is a shopping experience with vendors selling everything from crafts to plants to lemonade. The grounds have a kids zone and food trucks. *Trade Days Grounds, 4214 W. Oak St.* 903-284-9978; [palestinetradedays.net](http://palestinetradedays.net)

**THE WOODLANDS: Nov. 1 Texas Fine Craft Show** This inaugural craft show welcomes art lovers to a curated, intimate environment that celebrates the art of fine craft. Fine artisans display their handcrafted works featuring fiber, wood, jewelry, glass, and ceramic items and techniques from around the world. *The Woodlands Resort, 2301 N. Millbend Drive*. 281-364-3011; [visitthewoodlands.com](http://visitthewoodlands.com)

**THE WOODLANDS: Nov. 23 Lighting of the Doves** This long-standing tradition signifies the start of the holiday season in the community. Enjoy live music, fireworks, family-friendly vendors, and Santa arriving on a sled down The Woodlands Waterway. *Town Green Park, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive*. [visitthewoodlands.com](http://visitthewoodlands.com)

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**BRENHAM: Nov. 1-3 Christmas Magic** The exterior and interior rooms of Giddings Stone Mansion feature different holiday themes. There's a Saturday luncheon at the Mansion (reservations required), and guided tours by the Heritage Belles of two historic homes. *Giddings Stone Mansion, 2203 Century Circle. 979-836-1690; giddingsstonemansion.com*

**BRENHAM: Nov. 16 Winter Dance Party** The official tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper. Featuring John Mueller, the critically acclaimed star of the touring Broadway hit musical *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*, the show features hits like "That'll Be the Day," "La Bamba," and "Chantilly Lace." *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com*

**BRENHAM: Nov. 23 Sugar Plum Market** Shop this market for holiday wear, clothing, jewelry, sauces, rubs, and seasonings; Christmas florals; home décor; beauty products; wreaths; and gift baskets. Food, drinks, and music are all on-site. *Brenham Fireman's Training Center, 1101 US 290 West. 979-337-7580*

**BRYAN: Nov. 9-10 Friends of the Library Book Sale** Shop thousands of bargain books by your favorite authors and help the Friends of the Library fund local library programs, including children's summer literacy events. *Clara B. Mounce Public Library, 201 E. 26th St. 979-209-5600; friendsbcs.org* 📖

**BURTON: Nov. 9 Big Star Texas Night** The 14th annual Big Star Texas Night is full of fun with great country music, food, and auctions. *La Bahia Turn Verein, 550 SH 237. 979-289-3378; burtontexas.org*

**CORSICANA: Nov. 9 Texas Veterans Parade** See patriotic floats, classic cars, military vehicles, and members of the military in a parade that honors all Texas veterans. *Beaton Street. 903-354-4628; texasveteransparade.com* 📖

**CORSICANA: Nov. 21 Tree Lighting** The city's annual tree lighting offers pictures with Santa, live music, shopping at local shops, a fireworks show, games, and holiday cheer. *Downtown, Beaton Street. 903-654-4852; visitcorsicana.com*

**CRANDALL: Nov. 9 Cotton Harvest Festival** The day begins with an early Cotton Dash 5K run, followed by the festival. Families can enjoy rides, live music, a beer and wine garden, craft vendors, food trucks, a

car show, and local entertainment. *Downtown, 116 S. Main St. 214-354-7322; crandallchamber.net* 📖

**CUERO: Nov. 25-Jan. 1 Christmas in the Park** Drive through a winter wonderland decorated with 300 lighted scenes. This event has been voted one of South Texas' best holiday events for over 10 years. *Cuero Municipal Park, 201 Leonard Roy Harmon Drive at US 87 South. 361-275-2112; cuero.org* 📖

**DALLAS: Sept. 15-Jan. 5 The Legacy of Vesuvius: Bourbon Discoveries on the Bay of Naples** The show examines the 18th-century archeological excavations sponsored by King Charles III of Spain. Objects are mingled with 18th-century paintings, porcelain, and prints. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📖

**DALLAS: Nov. 23 Brian Simpson and Marion Meadows in Concert** Listen to a night of jazz with musicians Brian Simpson and Marion Meadows. *Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler St. 214-948-0716; bishopartstheatre.org*

**ELGIN: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 Sip, Shop, and Stroll** Sip and shop as you stroll

through stores in Elgin's historic downtown. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, and the Elgin farmers market. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📖

**ELGIN: Nov. 1 Día de los Muertos** Experience this annual celebration of remembering friends and family members who have died. Visitors can expect traditional altars, a costume parade, children's activities, live music, a fire dancer, an Aztec dance group, and sugar skulls. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📖

**ELGIN: Nov. 5 Veterans Appreciation Parade** Celebrate those who have served in the nation's military at this morning parade in downtown Elgin, followed by shopping and live entertainment. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📖

**FORT WORTH: Nov. 4-8, 11-13 Margaret's Market Boutique** Benefiting the Woman's Club of Fort Worth, this holiday market and boutique offers items for all occasions including holiday and home décor, jewelry, women's fashions, gourmet food, children's toys and clothing, and books. *Margaret's Market Boutique, 1326 Pennsylvania Ave. 817-335-3525; thewomansclubfw.com* 📖



**FORT WORTH: Nov. 16–Dec. 31 Lightscape** This event returns for its third consecutive year to dazzle audiences with more than 1 million holiday lights and never-before-seen artistic installations throughout a 1.2-mile walking trail. In total, over 80 percent of *Lightscape* is new and reimagined for 2024. *Fort Worth Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. 817-463-4160; fwb.org* 📍

**FORT WORTH: Nov. 24 Parade of Lights** The parade includes more than 100 illuminated floats, festive performers, holiday décor, live music, and hundreds of thousands of sparkling lights; it concludes with a special appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus. *Downtown, 777 Taylor St. 817-336-6824; fortworthparadeoflights.org* 📍

**GARLAND: Through Dec. 6 Music Made Here Concert Series** On the first Friday of every month, bring the family for music, bites from local restaurants, and friendly challenges in the kids activity area. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com* 📍

**GARLAND: Nov. 2 Día de los Muertos** This celebration focuses on honoring past loved ones by incorporating performances from

mariachi bands, ballet folklórico groups, and “matachines” (dance troupes). Food, an artisan market, altar displays, and a Cartrina contest complete the festivities. *Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com/dia-garland*

**GIDDINGS: Nov. 24 Sip and Shop Christmas Market** Hear the sounds of seasonal tunes while sipping a beverage and browsing the wares of vendors. Items include woodworking, handicrafts, décor, bath and body products, candles, jewelry, accessories, and clothing. Children can play in Santa’s Workshop until he arrives for a special visit. *The Silos on Highway 77, 1031 CR 223. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Sept. 6–Nov. 16 Quarter Horse Season** Come to the racetrack, open Thursday through Saturday, and see American quarter horses race to the finish line. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 28–Dec. 31 Prairie Lights** Kicking off on Thanksgiving, this premier holiday light show features more than 2 miles of lights. Past years have featured a holiday village, magical walk-through forest, carnival rides, photos with Santa, and

holiday shopping. *Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway. prairielights.org*

**IRVING: Nov. 9 Irving Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The orchestra presents *A Western Swing Celebration*, a musical celebration of traditions in a Western swing style with award-winning Texas Western Swing Hall of Famer Dave Alexander and his band. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-831-8818; irvingsymphony.org*

**LA GRANGE: Nov. 8–10 The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance** The Fayette County Community Theatre presents the play based on the 1953 short story by Dorothy M. Johnson about a young scholar from New York City who travels west in search of a new life and ends up being hunted by a vicious outlaw. *Sanford Schmid Amphitheater, 250 W. Fairgrounds Road. 979-702-9368; faycotheatre.com* 📍

**LOCKHART: Nov. 2–3 Texas Monthly Barbecue Fest** The barbecue capital of Texas welcomes some of the top 50 barbecue joints in the state. Attendees can expect barbecue samples, an artisan market, live music, and cooking demonstrations. *Downtown, 504 City Park Road. texasmonthly.com/event/2024-tm-bbq-fest-lockhart*

**LULING: Nov. 23 Grinchmas Arts and Crafts Fair and Kids Holiday Market** Discover handcrafted gifts and stocking stuffers. The Kids Holiday Market also takes place with Santa and Grinch pictures, hot cocoa, coffee, and lunch. *Watermelon Thump Pavilion, 319 E. Davis St. 512-589-9056; lulingcc.org*

**MCKINNEY: Through Feb. 17 Dinosaurs Live!** Encounter a 46-foot-tall T. rex and new life-size animatronic dinosaurs along nature trails. An outdoor fossil dig is available for kids. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: Nov. 7–9 World Senior Professional Bull Riders World Finals** Cheer on the best senior riders as they compete for the title of world champion bull rider. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-8777; mesquitearena.com* 📍

**MIDLOTHIAN: Nov. 2 Autumn Beats: Bradley Banning in Concert** The local country singer plays a free, outdoor concert. Bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating. Food is available for purchase. *Midlothian Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. 972-775-7777; midlothian.tx.us/907/autumn-concert-series*

**PLANO: Nov. 2 Food and Wine Festival** The festival features over 100 award-winning wines, food from local restaurants,

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and culinary demonstrations from local chefs. *Legacy West, 5908 Headquarters Drive. [planofoodandwinefestival.com](http://planofoodandwinefestival.com)*

**PLANO: Nov. 7-10 'Neath the Wreath** As the largest fundraiser for the Junior League of Collin County, this holiday gift market hosts almost 10,000 shoppers and over 125 merchants. Find holiday and home décor, clothing, accessories, gifts, jewelry, children's items, and gourmet food. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. 972-769-0557; [jllcollincounty.org](http://jllcollincounty.org)*

**PLANO: Nov. 16 Plano Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The Plano Symphony Orchestra presents *Video Games Live*, an immersive concert featuring music from Final Fantasy, Halo, Warcraft, Skyrim, and other video games, synchronized to video screen visuals, lighting, and special effects. *Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive. 972-473-7262; [planosymphony.org](http://planosymphony.org)*

**PLANO: Nov. 21-Dec. 30 Lights on the Farm** Experience a historic farmstead transformed into a wonderland that features close to 2 million holiday lights and animated displays. Stroll the quarter-mile trail and enjoy popcorn, mini-doughnuts, hot cocoa, and make-your-own s'mores. *Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th St. 972-881-0140; [heritagefarmstead.org](http://heritagefarmstead.org)*

**PLANO: Nov. 23-24 Holiday Market** The market showcases handcrafted gifts, jewelry, handmade wood items, candles, and soaps. Find tamales, brownies, cupcakes, jams, nuts, and dips. Collin County seniors stock the Hip Hip for Gray booth with crafts, quilts, baby items, and ornaments. *Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road. [plano.gov/1060/plano-holiday-market](http://plano.gov/1060/plano-holiday-market)*

**PLANO: Nov. 28 Turkey Trot** Participate in this fall holiday tradition, a 5K run/walk on Thanksgiving morning. Everyone gets a doughnut at the finish line. *Oak Point Park Special Events Field, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. [txruns.com/planoturkeytrot](http://txruns.com/planoturkeytrot)*

**ROUND TOP: Nov. 2 Wine Fest** Local merchants pour a variety of wines. A map shows shop locations and a list of wines. Mark your favorites as you make the rounds and be entered in the raffle. *Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce, 203 N. Washington St. 979-505-1200; [exploreproundtop.com/winefest](http://exploreproundtop.com/winefest)*

**SALADO: Nov. 8-10 Scottish Gathering and Highland Games** At the oldest Scottish festival in Texas, activities include sanctioned competitions in bagpiping, drumming, Highland dance, and heavy athletics. There's also a parade, live Celtic music, and the largest gathering of Scottish clans in

Texas. Enjoy men in kilts, the Caber Toss, and the Bonniest Knees contest. *Thomas Arnold Elementary School Grounds, Thomas Arnold Road at Interstate 35. 254-947-5232; [saladoscottishfestival.com](http://saladoscottishfestival.com)* 🍷

**SEGUIN: Nov. 9 Art and Wine Walk** Seguin showcases its growing art community with this event hosted by the Seguin Commission on the Arts that includes live music, wine tastings, shopping, and artists displaying their work. *Downtown. 830-401-2441; [visitseguin.com](http://visitseguin.com)* 🍷

**SOUTHLAKE: Nov. 23 Home for the Holidays: Christmastime in Southlake** Kick off the festive season with the lighting of the Christmas tree. Activities include carriage rides, photos with Santa, a snow tubing slide, arts and crafts, and local school groups performing holiday favorites. *Southlake Town Square, 1400 Main St. 817-748-8919; [visitsouthlaketexas.com](http://visitsouthlaketexas.com)*

**TEMPLE: Nov. 1 First Friday: Thankful** On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and live performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; [downtowntemple.com](http://downtowntemple.com)*

**TEMPLE: Nov. 1-2 St. Nicholas Market** The market offers 75 vendors selling gifts and handmade crafts, home décor, holiday decorations, one-of-a-kind ornaments, and edible treats. *Christ Episcopal Church, 300 N. Main St. 254-773-1658; [stnicholasmarket.org](http://stnicholasmarket.org)* 🍷

**TEMPLE: Nov. 2 Family Day: I Am Me** Expression can be important for emotional well-being, communication, and self-discovery. Learn how kids from all over the world express themselves. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; [templeparks.com](http://templeparks.com)*

**TEMPLE: Nov. 12-Jan 7 The Fourth Grade Project** Artist Judy Gelles interviewed and photographed more than 300 fourth graders from around the world. She asked the same three questions, and their varied stories touch on the human condition and social issues. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; [templeparks.com](http://templeparks.com)* 🍷

**TERRELL: Nov. 9 British Bash** Celebrate the relationship between Terrell and England, which dates to World War II. See downtown transformed into a Christmas market, a Mini Cooper car show, children's entrepreneur

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market, live music, and Terrell's own No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum's booth about the city's contribution to this period of history. *Terrell City Hall, 201 E. Nash St. 972-757-8120; discoverterrell.com* 📍

**THE COLONY: Nov. 9 American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans** This patriotic event offers a range of family activities including carnival rides, games, and a concert series headlined by Hunter Hays, food trucks, and a drone show. *The Athletic Club, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive. 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov*

**TODD MISSION: Oct. 12-Dec. 1 Texas Renaissance Festival** The largest Renaissance festival in the country celebrates its 50th anniversary. Be transported to a 16th-century European village that has foods from around the world, more than 400 shoppes, multiple stages for music and other entertainment, and camping. *21778 FM 1774. 281-356-2178; texrenfest.com* 📍

**VAN: Nov. 9 Holly Berry Holiday Bazaar** Shop for craft items, jams, jellies, baked goods, jewelry, quilts, and antique items. Santa and Mrs. Claus are on hand to visit with kids. A homemade lunch is available. *Van Connections Church, 326 W. Main St. 903-368-4015; vanareachamber.com*

**WACO: Through Nov. 10 The Hammer That Shapes Reality** View works by Käthe Kollwitz from the permanent collection along with works on loan from the Blanton Museum of Art. *Martin Museum of Art, Baylor University, 60 Baylor Ave. 254-710-6371; martinmuseum.artsandsciences.baylor.edu* 📍

**WACO: Nov. 1-3 Austin Avenue Art Fair** Visit local businesses hosting artists who are creating, displaying, and selling their works while musicians perform. *Anthem Stories, 800 Austin Ave. 805-209-9292; austinavenueartfair.com* 📍

**SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**CRYSTAL CITY: Nov. 7-10 Spinach Festival** Celebrating the area's history as a top producer of spinach, the festival includes live music, a parade, a carnival, a spinach cookoff, a pageant, food and vendor booths, a car show, and a 5K run. *Various locations. 830-374-3161; spinachfestival.org* 📍

**MCALLEN: Nov. 29-Jan. 1 South Pole Illuminated Festival** Millions of lights, 100 giant lanterns, and the tallest digital Christmas tree in America. Enjoy train rides, photos with Santa, a s'mores station, and other festivities. *McAllen Convention Center, 700*

*Convention Center Blvd. 956-681-3800; southpoleoftexas.com* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Nov. 3 Huntopia: Bunnies, Birds, and Butterflies** See the world premiere of the first-ever garden exhibition from famed artist Hunt Slonem, who creates a whimsical world filled with the iconic colorful bunnies, birds, and butterflies that he has been painting for decades. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 29 Holiday River Parade And Lighting Ceremony** The parade features 27 illuminated floats, five entertainment floats, and over 100,000 holiday lights that brighten the River Walk from sundown to sunrise until the weekend after New Year's Day. *Tobin Center, 100 Auditorium Circle; Arneson River Theatre, 418 Villiata St., 900A. thesanantonioriverwalk.com*

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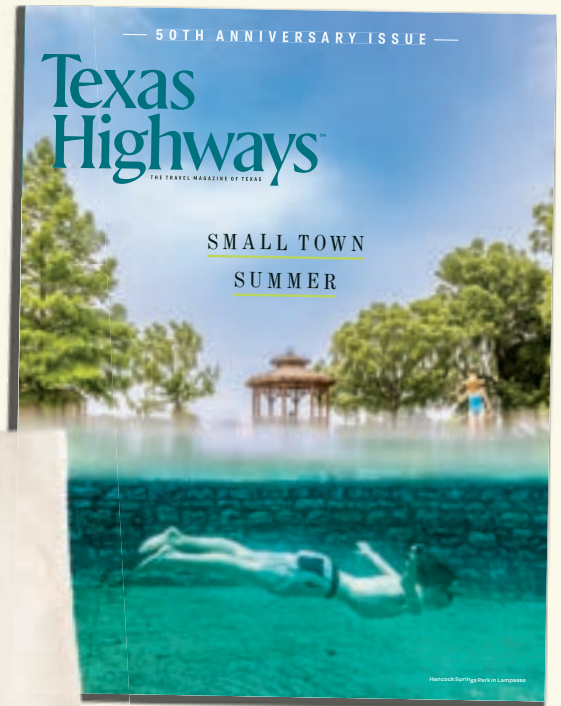
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