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Dear Members,

At long last, the Witte Museum is going up rather than coming down, which is a thrilling site to behold. capturing the progress. The Witte's super contractor, Linbeck, is moving swiftly on the Mays Family Center to ensure that it will be ready to open May 1st, 2016, for the blockbuster exhibition, Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed. In the meantime, watch for progress on the entire Witte Museum campus.

Thank you all for your patience as the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) installed an enormous sewer line over the past five years at the same time as the Witte initiated construction. We appreciate your navigating over dirt roads and a dusty garage. We are so amazed at how many of you experienced the exhibitions and programs at the Witte Museum this summer and we are grateful for your loyalty.

We look forward to seeing you at the Rivers Revealed and Wests of Texas exhibitions this Fall, as well as the many great events happening, including the 45th Annual Game Dinner.

Since the Summer newsletter, we have been the recipients of generous gifts toward the New Witte once-in-a-hundred-years transformation. When the Mays Family Center opens in May, school children will begin their Witte adventure at the Feik Family Orientation Pavilion before experiencing 300 years of history in the Zachry Family Aquiçia Garden and walking through the Tex Elliott South Texas Heritage Entrance Court. The Mays Family Center also boasts a clear view from Broadway to the San Antonio River from the Dela White Broadway View Gallery and the Marie and Hugh Halff Riverview Gallery. From the Dula White Broadway View Gallery and the Feik Family Orientation Pavilion, you will see the new Spring scene mural by Porfirio Salinas.

As the new main building takes shape, you will soon enter the museum through the H-E-B Lantern, under the Nora and Steve Burkhart Quetzalcoatlus flying overhead and through the Ellen S. Quillin Arch named for the founder of the museum with help from the Frost Bank Charitable Foundation. Arch named for the founder of the museum with help from the Frost Bank Charitable Foundation.

We are especially pleased to announce our recent partnership with the East Foundation to create a Shelter, the Nancy Smith Hurd Rock Art Lab and the Capital Group Companies Lifeways Outdoor Lab.

We are grateful to the many generous donors who are committed to making the New Witte a reality. If you would like to participate, contact Heather Russo, VP of Development, at 210.357.1851. We would love to have you involved!

With your loyalty and support, the New Witte is without a doubt a catalyst for creating San Antonio as a City on the Rise, shaping the future of Texas.

Sincerely,

Marise McDermott
President & CEO
MEMBER BENEFIT!

Witte members always explore special exhibitions at discounted rates, making membership a great value! Members receive free museum general admission including the H-E-B Body Adventure and pay just $8 per member for Bodies Revealed. That’s a $38 savings for a family of 4!

Members can reserve their discounted tickets for Bodies Revealed NOW! Visit www.WitteMuseum.org to buy tickets today!

After you experience Bodies Revealed, head over to the H-E-B Body Adventure Powered by University Health System to discover how to keep your body healthy through movement, healthy eating habits, meditation and more!

Bodies Revealed supplements the powerful H-E-B Body Adventure, the Witte’s science center for hands-on interactive experiences, programs, and demonstrations on health and wellness.

Experience your own body in action at the H-E-B Body Adventure and then witness how the body moves through inside-the-body vistas of Bodies Revealed, an exhibition purposely chosen for the focus on active bodies in motion: on a bicycle, at bat and ready to run.

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Premier Exhibitions

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$8 Members, $10 Non-Members, plus general admission

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Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed is the largest exhibition about the ancient Maya ever to be displayed in the United States. It uses a combination of hundreds of authentic artifacts, immersive environments, multimedia components, and hands-on activities to explore the rise and eventual decline of these fascinating ancient cities. It is designed to give visitors a glimpse at a cross-section of Maya life – from divine kings who ruled powerful cities to the artisans and laborers who formed the backbone of Maya society.

Visitors will see spectacular examples of Maya artistry made by masters of their craft, along with objects from everyday life. Get a close look at the scientific work being carried out at key Maya sites across Central America to understand exactly how experts know about the once-hidden Maya of the ancient past.

Be among the first to host an event at the newest venue along the San Antonio River, the Mays Family Center and the Zachry Family Acequia Garden. The Mays Family Center will be perfect for galas, weddings and corporate banquets. Nearly 10,000 square feet inside can seat up to 800 in banquet style set ups. The large ballroom can hold stages and dance floors of various sizes depending on the needs of your event. State of the art technology will provide space for large projection screens and built-in house sound.

Rentals of the Mays Family Center are available October – April, beginning October 2016. To book a tour and to get more information, please call Kim Biffle, Vice President of External Affairs, at 210.357.1860 or email her at KimBiffle@WitteMuseum.org.

Members’ Sneak Preview Day
Friday, May 13, 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Free Admission into exhibit!

Witte members will explore more blockbuster exhibitions than ever before with the Grand Opening of the Mays Family Center in May 2016! Members will enjoy a free sneak peek of Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed a day before the general public sees it on May 14. Be the FIRST to explore the largest exhibition about the ancient Maya ever to be displayed in the United States.
The Wests of Texas: Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs
September 18, 2015 – April 3, 2016
Russell Hill Rogers Texas Art Gallery
The Wests of Texas: Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs opens September 18, as a follow up to the Witte Museum book of the same name published by Texas State Historical Association. See the remarkable story of how the West men and women helped save the Texas economy by taking tens of thousands of cattle up the trail in the era after the Civil War. Curated by the book’s author, Bruce M. Shackelford, South Texas Heritage Curator, the exhibit examines the Wests’ contributions to Texas history. Original artifacts, paintings, documents and photographs, many featured in the book, will be exhibited. Most of the artifacts have never been seen by the public.

The book is available for purchase in the Witte Museum Store.

Spurs For Texas: Selections from the Leo Quintanilla Collection
September 18, 2015 thru April 3, 2016
Lauren and Sam Dawson Gallery
A selection of spurs reflecting the various Texas spur traditions will be on display in the Dawson Gallery in the Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center. The spurs, mostly made in Texas, are from the collection of Leo Quintanilla of Tilden and San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Quintanilla’s spurs are examples worn by the working cowboys and vaqueros in South Texas.

Splendor On The Range: American Indians and the Horse
Kathleen and Curtis Gunn Gallery
$3 Members, $5 Non-members plus general admission

Splendor On The Range will examine the changes brought to the American Indian people who adapted the use of the horse after the animal was brought to North America by the Spaniards. The exhibit will not only look at the plains tribes but also the tribes of the southwest both before and after the arrival of the horse.

Artifacts from the extensive collections of the Witte Museum will be exhibited, some for the first time. Saddles, bead decorated items, painted hides, clothing, weapons, and utilitarian goods such as baskets will be combined with vintage images and maps to tell the stories of this dramatic period of change for the American Indian people who took up the horse and riding.

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The Witte Museum is grateful to have Wells Fargo as the Game Dinner presenting sponsor for fourteen straight years! “Wells Fargo is proud to again partner with the Witte Museum on the 45th annual Game Dinner. Through charitable contributions and the volunteer efforts of our team members, we share our success with our communities by being involved with causes and organizations that address vital community needs,” said Mark Metcalfe, Wells Fargo Regional Vice President and Board of Trustees President, Witte Museum.

Reserve your table now, because they are going fast! Reserved tables for 10 guests are available for $10,000, $5,000 or $3,000. Individual reservations are $200 per person. Witte Society members reservations are $150 per person. Quillin Sustainers receive two nontransferable $100 reservations and Quillin Patrons and above receive two complimentary nontransferable reservations.

For more information call 210.357.1905 or email LaurenSmith@WitteMuseum.org.

Grasp your best western chic attire and join the Witte in celebrating the grandest traditions of South Texas. The event features a delicious array of wild game cuisine, auctions and a rousing live country music concert all to raise essential funds for the educational programs, operations and exhibitions of the Witte Museum.

The Witte is making an historic one time move and taking Game Dinner to Brickendonridge Park during this year of transformation for the museum!
Experience the Witte Museum after-hours in an evening event exclusively for adults (21 and older) that mix brews, conversation and innovative museum culture. Evenings will showcase unique experiences and include complimentary beer from Alamo Beer with food available for purchase. Leave the kids at home and meet friends or bring a date!

Admission: $12 per person or two reservations for $20
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.WitteMuseum.org or call 210.357.1910.

September 23 – Dig In!
Put on your hard hats and come dig up some fun at the Witte Museum! Come check out the latest on the Witte’s transformation to a state-of-the-art museum in South Texas with a cold beer, hands-on activities, and more!

October 30 – Mad Science!
Calling all Mad Scientists! Immerse yourself in different experiments and try your hand at being a laboratory assistant while dancing the right away to some glorious good music. Whether you park your broom or wear a mask, dress up and come over. It will be a blast!

Second Sundays 3 – 5 p.m.
Sunday Jazz at the Witte returns for its 11th season! Join us on Second Sundays of the month and enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to jazz under the pecan trees of the Will Smith Amphitheater. Food and beverages are available for purchase from Picante Grill.

Sunday Jazz at the Witte is presented in partnership with Trinity University’s KRTU Jazz 91.7.

Blankets and lawn chairs welcome. In case of rain, we’ll move indoors to the Prassel Auditorium. Museum galleries close at 5 p.m. Sunday Jazz at the Witte is included with museum general admission. Admission is free for Witte and KRTU members. Schedule is subject to change.

September 13 – The Richard Oppenheim Band
October 11 – Adrian Ruiz Quintet
November 8 – Regency Jazz Band

Smithsonian Affiliation News
The Witte’s first year as a Smithsonian Affiliate has been an exciting one marked by growth opportunities for the institution, the staff and the community. In June, Shenna Hayden, the Witte’s Manager of Public Programs, was selected to participate in the Smithsonian Affiliates Visiting Professional Program. Shenna spent two weeks visiting Smithsonian Institution museums in Washington, D.C., and working with experts there as she explored possibilities for the Witte’s own programs, especially Gallery Theater. The Public Programs Department also welcomed an intern, area high school student Pascual Callejas, as part of the Smithsonian Latino Center’s Young Ambassadors Program.

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Free Tuesday Family Fun
H-E-B Read Aloud
September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15 3 - 5 p.m.
Join H-E-Buddy and San Antonio Youth Literacy for a Read 3 Read Aloud and receive a free children’s book!
Free Tuesdays are generously supported by Bohrer's Fiesta Products, Inc., BBVA Compass, Macy's, and NFA Wealth Management.

Night at the Witte
Ever wanted to spend the night in a museum? Bring your flashlight and explore the world of Science, Natural History, South Texas Heritage and Health and Wellness at the Witte after hours! Night at the Witte programs include special exhibition tours and hands-on activities led by Witte staff.
Cost is $45 per child, $20 per adult or a minimum of $1,800 per program.
Minimum of 40 participants with one chaperone per 10 participants. Combined groups and families are welcome!
For details and program dates call 210.357.1910 or email Shanna.Hayden@WitteMuseum.org.

The Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Series
Join us for these engaging and interactive presentations for everyone.

Culinary Medicine
Wednesday, September 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
How can timeless culinary traditions revitalize modern medicine? Does the family kitchen hold the key to a healthier lifestyle? Explore these topics and more when you gather around tables in the Children’s Hospital of San Antonio Demonstration Kitchen at the Witte’s H-E-B Body Adventure for an evening of tasty fun and learning.
Chef Maria Palma and dietitian Celina Paras of the Children’s Hospital’s innovative new Culinary Health Education for Families (CHEF) program will join experts in public health to discuss the role of culinary medicine and demonstrate how to make a family-style meal that is nutritious, delicious and budget-friendly.
Suggested donation is $5 for members and students, $10 for adults. Reservations required. Please call 210.357.1910 for reservations.

Biotech Breakthroughs Revealed!
Wednesday, November 4 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
From wearable fitness trackers to 3D-printed prosthetics, implants and tissues, biotechnology is changing the shape of health and wellness. The Bodites Revealed exhibit at the Witte offers an unprecedented opportunity to explore human anatomy, providing insights into how the intricate structures and systems of the body function and how lifestyle choices and medical science come together to affect health. Join Curator of Anthropology and Health, Dr. Bryan Bayles, and special guests including pioneers from San Antonio’s biotech industry, to delve into a discussion of the history and future of scientific breakthroughs that both empower and heal.
Suggested donation for the presentation is $5 for members and students, $10 for adults. Enjoy a special after-hours viewing of the Bodites Revealed exhibit for the members’ price of $3.
Please call 210.356.1910 to reserve your spot.
The Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Series is generously supported by the Louis A. and Frances B. Wagner Lecture Series Fund.

Discover More This Fall at the Witte

The Unforeseen
Sunday, October 4 2 - 4:30 p.m.
Included with general admission
Join us for a screening of a documentary about the tension between environmental concerns and land development interests in the struggle over Austin’s beloved Barton Springs. This program is a collaboration with the University of the Incarnate Word as part of a film series leading up to the premiere of the Where Rivers Meet project.

Currents in Texas Archaeology Symposium
Friday, October 9 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
The symposium will feature scholarly sessions exploring the recent Plaza de Armas excavations with Clint McKenzie, Project Archaeologist for the UTSA Center for Archaeological Research, and current archaeological investigations associated with the Witte’s construction and expansion with Dr. Nesto Anderson. Senior Archaeologist with Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc Anficts from the Plaza de Armas excavation will be available for viewing at the symposium.
To place your reservation, or for more information, please call 210.357.1910 or email Shanna.Hayden@WitteMuseum.org.
Light refreshments will be served.

Book Signing: The Train to Crystal City
by Jan Jarboe Russell
Thursday, November 5 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Suggested donation is $5 for members and students, $10 for adults.

La Tamalada
Saturday, December 5 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
It’s not a South Texas Holiday season without tamales! Enjoy the art of making your own tamales with the seasoned guidance of Comadre Gloria Solis. Participants will create their own half-dozen bean tamales to eat for lunch or take home and share!
$15 for members/$25 for non-members
Maximum 40 participants
Please call 210.357.1910 for reservations.

PHOTO COORDINATION

Time Travel Saturday
The Wests of Texas
Saturday, September 19 Noon - 4 p.m.
Do you want to be a cowboy or cowgirl? You’ll have to learn a few things first. A good cowhand must know how to rope and ride. Can you saddle a horse? Have you branded a maverick? Have you eaten straight from the chuck box? Join Bandera on the Road and try your hand at these basic cowboy tasks and see if you have what it takes to join the West family on a trail drive in 1860's Texas. Don’t miss the exhibit The Wests of Texas: Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs to learn more about this important South Texas family!

STEM Saturday
Archaeology!
Saturday, October 10 Noon – 4 p.m.
Experiment with archaeology at the Witte Museum! Excavate artifacts at our mock dig, try your hand at ancient rock art like the People of the Pecos, use Lego® blocks to construct your own archaeological site and experience a taste of ancient Mayan cuisine as we introduce the exhibit Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed coming to the Witte on May 14, 2016. Join us and our many community partners for this exciting day of hands-on learning and discovery.

STEM Family Day
Bodies Revealed
Saturday, November 14 Noon-4 p.m.
Explore the wonder of the human body inside and out through the awe-inspiring Bodies Revealed exhibition and boost your health IQ with a visit to the H-E-B Body Adventure. Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities for the whole family and discover how small steps can add up to a lifetime of health and wellness.

Time Travel Saturday
South Texas Holiday Traditions
Saturday, December 5 Noon – 4 p.m.
How do you celebrate the holidays with your family? Experiment with photography, create homemade ornaments, and gather round for story time! Enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas cookies during a performance of Los Pastores in the Will Smith Amphitheater. This 30 minute play tells us the story of the shepherds’ journey to see the baby Jesus. Come celebrate with us and make it your new family tradition!

STEM Saturdays are generously supported by The Boeing Company.
Family Days are generously supported by the City of San Antonio Department for Culture and Creative Development.
Do your holiday shopping at the Witte! Members receive 20% off at the Museum Store starting November 27 – December 25, 2015.

Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed. Your holiday shopping just got easier! Gift memberships can be purchased.

Give the gift of a Witte membership this holiday season and show your loved ones you care all year long.

The Gift of Membership

The Museum Store

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What is your favorite part of the Witte Museum?

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