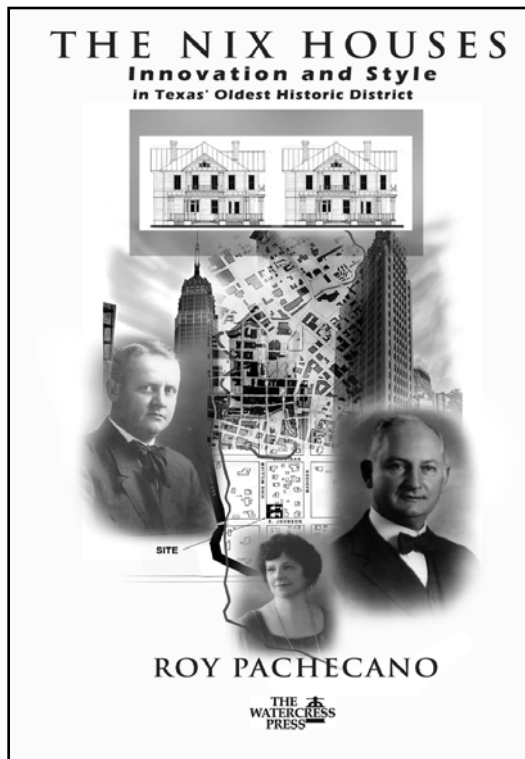


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The Nix Houses: Innovation and Style in Texas' Oldest Historic District



“Personalities create great architecture – typically driven by the combination of a moneyed client and a striving architect – enabled by the fortunes of a specific time and place. Many significant architectural structures survive multiple owners only later to find themselves the focus of renewal and enhancement. Roy Pachecano has written a weave of facts and additional stories told through two historic San Antonio houses – the remarkable collaboration between a pioneer Texas merchant and his designer. All of these dynamics fuse together in this intriguing profile of the Nix Houses in the King William District of San Antonio. This book is a great read with evocative historical facts and a wonderful story.”

--Michael Buckley, Columbia University, New York, New York

Roy Pachecano's forthcoming book is a documentary based on three prominent South Texas players in real estate in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The characters profiled are true-life individuals who shaped the skyline of San Antonio: Atlee B. Ayres, Joseph Madison ("JM") Nix and Birdie Lanier Nix. When these three got together in the late 1890s life would never be the same for them as well as for San Antonio.

Published by Watercress Press, the book pieces together an intricate historical account of a real estate project launched by an unknown architect and out-of-town developer that proves to be the genesis of two patron families of San Antonio.

Pachecano's essay weaves the architectural significance with the social, economic and political histories seen as contemporaneous with the creation of The Nix Houses in the late nineteenth century.

Excerpt


"This documentary chronicles the first critical step in what would become an escalating staircase of successful architecture and development projects produced by the Nix and Ayres families in South Texas."

--From Foreword by Félix D. Almaráz, Jr., Ph.D., Peter T. Flawn Distinguished Professor of Borderlands History, The University of Texas at San Antonio

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...on a warm summer evening when we would be sitting on our front porch, we'd sometimes hear singing coming from a church camp meeting down on the river where Constance Street meets Crofton. This must have been back in the 30's. These folks would drive their cars off the road by the Brooks house down a path to the river's edge and set up their tents. Some would be in cars but some would be in wagons pulled by horses. They might be there for two or three days. When they had baptisms, there would be a lot of shouting and wailing.

Mildred Nuessle

...when the San Antonio River was just a narrow stream where it ran through the Arsenal area. It was overgrown with trees and bushes and was a permanent home to lots of "campers."

Caroline Zehner

...when the river was my playground as I was growing up. The neighborhood kids would spend hours and hours playing and exploring along the banks of our river. Back then, it was a winding, natural wooded area, not the straightened cemented channel you see today. All the flood control work started in the late 1960's. The original river circled behind the Guenther Mill where a dam formed a deep pool for the old water wheel. We'd go back there for the best fishing.

Richard Garza

...when Bobbie Masoro fished the half-drowned dog out of the river behind her house at 221 E. Guenther. Unfortunately, that dog had serious behavioral problems, probably from being abused. Even after many sessions with a trainer, she was never socialized, but Ed and Bobbie were crazy about her and showered her with love and affection until the day she died. Her name was "Beauty" – a definite misnomer.

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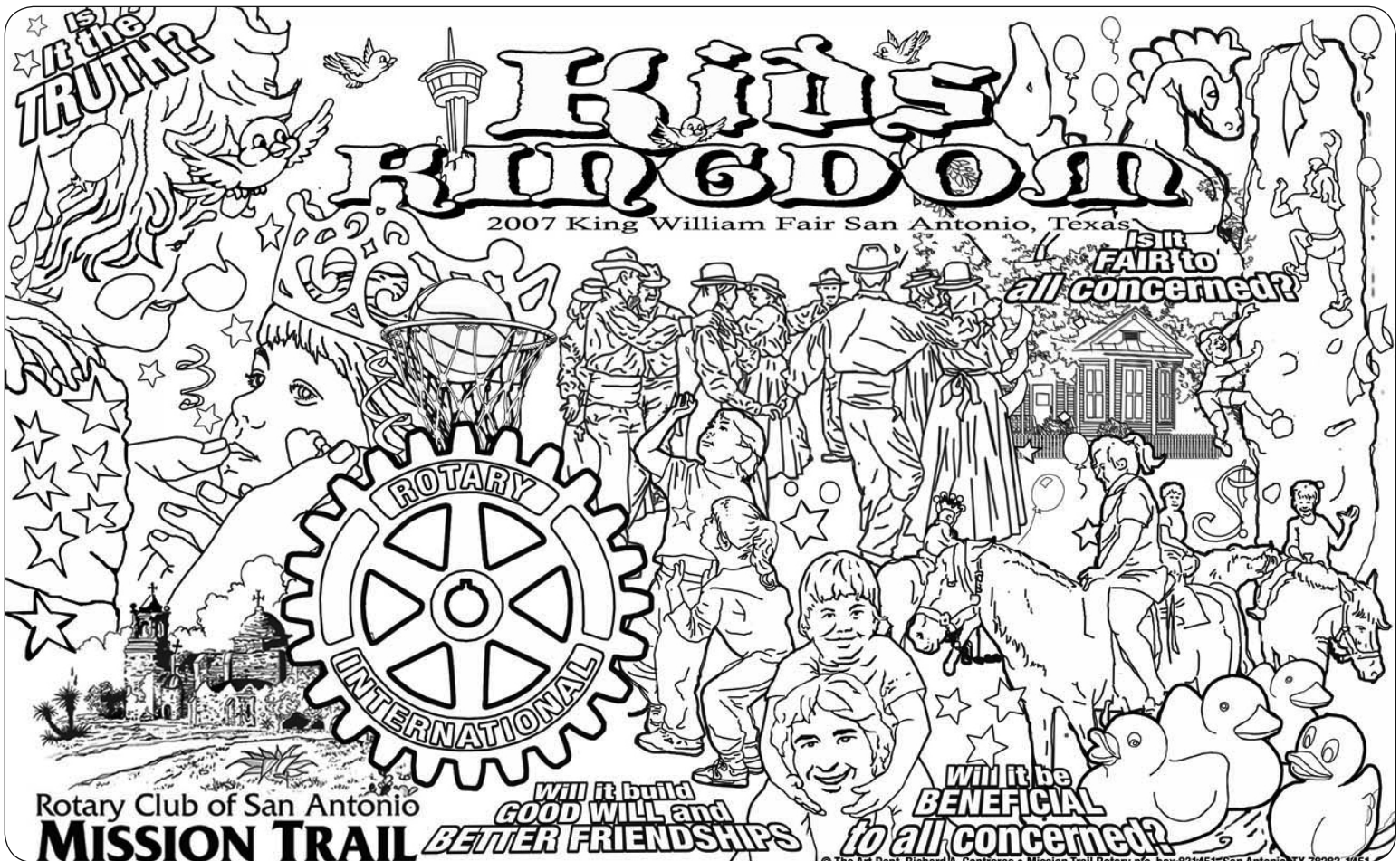
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...when my husband, Humberto and I moved into our house on Washington Street in 1963, our dead-end of the street was just a dusty road – muddy when it rained. No curbing, and from the road, it sloped down to a primitive, meandering river. The area between the house and the river was an overgrown tangle of trees and vines. I was determined to clear that jungle and after a lot of work and several attacks of poison ivy, I finally had a beautiful picnic area and with the addition of tables and benches, it became a favorite spot for family cook-outs. Church and school groups and neighbors often had their parties on the grass under those huge pecan trees.

Elvira Ramirez
Compiled by Bill Cogburn



FAIR*VIEW

I would like to extend special thanks to Richard Contreras and Richard Warren of the Mission Trail Rotary Club for managing the Kids' Kingdom for the Fair. Once again, the Upper Mill Park was filled with fun activities for children of all ages attending the Fair. It takes a great deal of planning and organizing to run this critical portion of the Fair. The efforts of the Mission Trail Rotary Club are invaluable to the King William Association.

The proceeds from the Kids' Kingdom area are shared between the Rotary Club and KWA. Like KWA, the Rotary Club generously supports many organizations in need, various neighborhood parks, and an impressive list of projects. This year's proceeds will help the Mission Trail Rotary Club continue its annual donations to the following organizations: Christian Senior Services, Interact Club at Brackenridge High School, I LIKE ME! Program (books for children at Bonham Kindergarten/Elementary and Briscoe Academy Kindergarten), Eagle Pass Relief Fund, Lavaca Neighborhood Association, Los Compadres, Los Pastores, M.S. Society Student Exchange Programs (sponsorship of a student from Europe who recently attended Brackenridge High School), and Rotary International (World Wide Relief Funds).

To all the members of the Mission Trail Rotary Club, thank you for helping and providing such a memorable experience. Keep up the great work!

Rose Kanusky



4th of July Regatta 2006 Winners

The King William Yacht Club will hold its Annual Fourth of July Regatta on our stretch of the San Antonio River. All neighbors are invited to participate in canoes, kayaks and other non-motorized water vessels. Weather permitting, the race will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Nueva Street flood gates on Wednesday, July 4. The leisure-class paddlers will follow. All participants are encouraged to decorate their canoes. Festivities and awards continue at the subsequent potluck brunch. Please direct RSVPs, questions and offers to help to Scott Cano at 277-4025 or by email to scano23@satx.rr.com.

Marita Emmett

Ahoy, Neighbors! Prepare Your Canoes!

FOOD NOTES: Had Your Quota of Omega-3's Lately?



A study by Harvard University showed that two servings a week of fish rich in fatty acids, like tuna and salmon, greatly reduced the risk of heart trouble and strokes.

Once upon a time the only time salmon that was on the menu was as "salmon croquettes," a staple in many households, little patties made with canned salmon topped with home-made tartar sauce. Now you find good, fresh salmon everywhere, as fillets, steaks or salmon cakes.

Yes, salmon has become very popular, and that's a good thing, because it's so healthy. A study by Harvard University showed that two servings a week of fish rich in fatty acids, like tuna and salmon, greatly reduced the risk of heart trouble and strokes. The magic ingredient? Omega-3's. Scientists got turned onto this by noticing that despite diets heavy in fat Greenlanders just didn't have heart trouble. Since you would have a hard time eating their diet of whale blubber and seal meat, the next best thing is salmon. At least twice a week.

Here is a different way to prepare salmon if you don't mind working with phyllo dough. Carefully section one paper-thin sheet of phyllo dough into three pieces. Brush each section with vegetable oil and layer one on top of the other. Pepper top sheet with ¼ tsp of curry. Place a two-ounce piece of salmon fillet on a corner of the sheet. Top it with 1 tsp. lemon juice, 3 thin slices of ginger, 1 small oyster mushroom, 3 slim slices of zucchini, and a pinch of salt. Do a flag-fold of pastry to make a little triangle. Bake on wax paper on tray in 400 degree oven for 25 minutes until crispy and golden brown. One serving.

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This month's "Stellar Teller," a person of some renown as a talespinner, is Brian Billings of Del Rio, Texas. Brian is a member of both the San Antonio and Tejas Storytelling Associations. His telling sessions feature colorful characters, amazing voices and energetic antics. Don't miss this "one-of-a-kind" teller!

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What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

July 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 KWA's Summer Social Potluck Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra	<i>Independence Day</i> 4 Fourth of July Regatta (pg. 4) <i>Office Closed</i>	5 Slab Cinema: Fat Spy	6 First Friday Art Walk Blue Star Brew: The Low Tides Gemini Ink: FF Reading SAY Sí: CAM Showcase SouthTown Cafe: Destination Dinner	7	8
9	10 Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band	11	12 Slab Cinema: Voyage to the Planet of Pre-historic Women	13 — — Church Theatre: Southern Baptist Sissies — — Gemini Ink: UWW Faculty Reading	14 Southtown Market Days Southtown Artwalk	15 Lavaca BBQ (pg. 7) Stories Galore Church Theatre: Choices
16	17 Blue Star Brew: SA Jazz Orchestra	18 KWA Aug. Newsletter Deadline KWA Board Meeting	19 Slab Cinema: Great Guy Gemini Ink: 2 to Watch	20 — — Church Theatre: Southern Baptist Sissies — — Beethoven: Gartenkonzert Gemini Ink: UWW Faculty Reading	21 Southtown Art of Fashion (pg. 2)	22 Gemini Ink: Young Writers Camp Reading
23	24 Blue Star Brew: Prime Time Jazz Orchestra <i>Office Closed</i>	25 Jump-Start: W-I-P <i>Office Closed</i>	26 Slab Cinema: Before the Music Dies & Final Book of "I" (pg. 2) <i>Office Closed</i>	27 — — Church Theatre: Southern Baptist Sissies — — <i>Office Closed</i>	28	29 Church Theatre: Empty Nest
30 KWA Newsletter Mail Prep <i>Office Closed</i>	31 Blue Star Brew: Fifth Tuesday Big Band <i>Office Closed</i>					

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The KWA office will be closed on July 4 and from July 24 - July 31.

- 7/3 **Summer Social Potluck & Election of 2007-08 Nominating Committee,** 6:30pm at 104 Adams
- 7/18 **Aug. Newsletter Deadline,** 12pm
- 7/18 **Board Meeting,** 7pm at KWA Office
- 7/30 **Aug. Newsletter Mail Prep,** 6pm at KWA Office

Looking Ahead...

- 8/1 **KWA's ACCD Brackenridge Scholarship Award Ceremony**
- 8/15 **Sept. Newsletter Deadline**
- 8/15 **Board Meeting**
- 8/27 **Sept. Newsletter Mail Prep**

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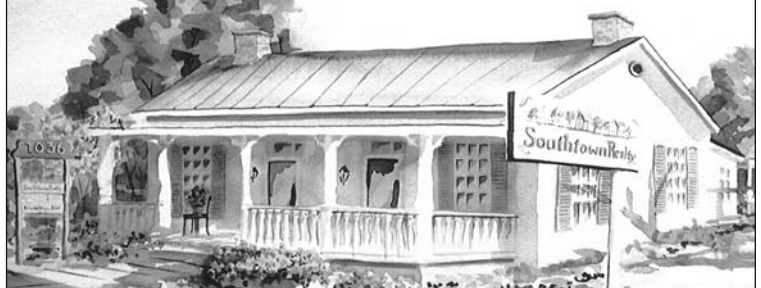
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King William Park Tree Update

Spring rains made the entire neighborhood green and lush, but heavy leaf growth and storms caused more limb and tree loss in the park. A large limb dropped in early May, followed the next week by heavy winds that felled an enormous red oak (and adjacent utility lines). Contacted during the storm, Parks Department staff promised to have a crew out as soon as possible and within hours, the tree was gone. Many thanks to Richard Hurd and his staff! (It took quite a bit longer to restore phone and cable service to affected customers.)

After these losses, the Parks Department's new forester, Michael Nentwich, inspected all of the trees. He identified a type of growth and decay at the base of one tree that caused enough concern to have it removed. The Parks Department will now replant according to a plan established in consultation with the King William Association several years ago. Red oaks will be alternated with hardier Monterrey oaks; diversifying the species so the trees will not all decline at the same time (as we are witnessing with the 80-90 year old red oaks). They will also be planted farther apart and back from the street to avoid utility lines and overcrowding. Michael Nentwich has located three good-sized specimens—two red oaks and one Monterrey oak. The Monterrey will be planted at the park entrance at Washington and Turner and a red oak will be placed near it on Turner. The other red oak will replace a small, struggling tree along King William. We are told these will be planted in the fall. Look for the new additions!

Maria Pfeiffer



KW Park Tree Being Removed by Parks Department



Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

Here are a few tips and comments for those determined enough to venture into the garden during the coming summer months.

If possible try to get all strenuous outside activity in the garden completed as early in the day as

possible. Drink plenty of liquids, use sunscreen, and wear a broad brimmed hat. It is light around 6 AM these days and you might be surprised how many others are out at that time. We have a lot of walkers, bikers, joggers, and early gardeners in the neighborhood.

In the coming weeks we will probably have less and less rainfall, so conserve the use of water as much as possible. Water shallow rooted plants only as they show signs of wilting; water shrubs, young trees, and lawns deeply about every two weeks. Water established shrubs and trees less often, about once a month unless signs of stress appear. Keep lawnmowers at their highest setting. Longer grass blades help protect roots and keep the soil from drying. If possible all watering should be done early in the day to prevent diseases, especially in lawns. Early evening may be a nice time to be out but watering lawns at that time is inviting trouble.

Summer is a good time to decide whether some of the plants we have planted are worth keeping. Those that need frequent watering or look yellow from heat stress are probably best put in the compost pile. There are some exceptions. Impatiens plants get leggy with fewer blooms as summer progresses. Cut them back to about 6 inches and wait for them to resprout. Do

the same for geraniums. Water sparingly with a half strength solution water soluble plant food until cooler weather arrives.

Many times nurseries do not carry plants until they are blooming so you can see what they look like and encourage you to buy them. Some plants are worth the effort to start now as they start blooming but keep the number to a minimum. One such plant worth looking for now as it starts to bloom is the perennial Thryallus. Once established it will reach about 4 feet high and wide and will bloom bright yellow flowers all the way into the fall. They will be nipped by the frost and should be cut back to about a foot. With warm weather they come right back. Examples of this hearty plant are at 203 King William St. at the end of the driveway on the left side of the yard by the street, and at 619 Mission St. in the front yard on the left next to the front sidewalk. Plants in both gardens are about 2 years old. Thryallus needs little water once established. You may need to call around to see who has them before jumping in the car. Although a great plant, not all outlets carry it.

Stay cool and enjoy your summer garden.

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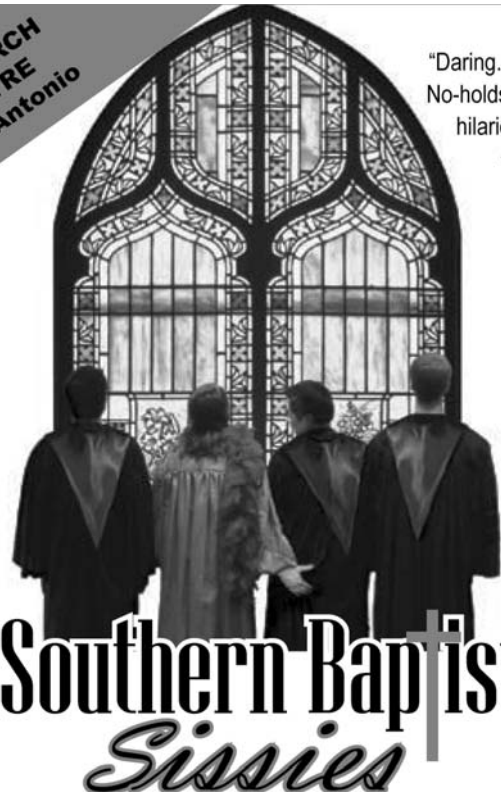
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National Night Out:

Let's Give Neighborhood Crime a Going Away Party!

National Night Out (NNO) will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, August 7**. NNO is a nation-wide effort promoted by local police departments to: 1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Residents are encouraged to keep their porch lights on and get to know their neighbors. Block parties are particularly encouraged and the KWA will contribute \$10 toward refreshment supplies to any registered block party in the KW area. If you would like to register a block party or help organize a neighborhood-wide party, please contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbc-global.net by Monday, July 16.

King William Neighborhood

Crime Statistics*

Top 10 Call-in Reports

April 2007

Nature of Call	# of Calls
Disturbance	38
Traffic Violation	23
Theft	16
Criminal Mischief	13
Ordinance Violation	10
Injury SKPR	9
Burglary	9
Threats	8
Vehicle Theft	8
Burglary of Vehicle	7

May 2007

Nature of Call	# of Calls
Disturbance	17
Suspicious Person	10
Theft	8
Assault	7
Injury SKPR	6
Lost Property	5
Ordinance Violation	5
Burglary	5
Burglary of Vehicle	4
Criminal Mischief	4

* This is an excerpt from the SAPD on-line list of calls by neighborhood compiled by KWA member Molly Shafer.

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The Mission of the King William Association is to preserve and maintain the residential nature and historic characteristics of the King William Neighborhood and the diversity of its people; to intercede on behalf of the neighborhood with issues affecting the community by all civic avenues available including advocating for residential status with city; to improve quality of life by building community, promoting cultural endeavors, and providing scholarships and growth opportunities for deserving recipients.

(approved 3/19/97)

DECLARACION DE LA MISION

La misión de la Asociación King William es preservar y mantener la naturaleza residencial y las características históricas del vecindario, así como la diversidad de sus residentes; interceder a favor del vecindario en asuntos que afectan a la comunidad por todos los medios disponibles incluyendo abogar con la Ciudad para conservar el estatus residencial del zona; mejorar el nivel de vida mediante el desarrollo de la comunidad, promoviendo actividades culturales y proporcionando becas y oportunidades de superación a quienes lo ameriten.

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**KWA Summer Social Potluck &
Election of 2007-08 Nominating Committee**

Celebrate the summer with good food and great company!

Tuesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m.

Location: 104 Adams, home of James Nelson & Brad Shaw

Please bring a main course/side/salad/dessert to share and a blanket to sit on.

Beverages, plates, cutlery, tables, etc. provided by KWA.

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**King William Association's ACCD Brackenridge Scholarship
Award Ceremony and KWA Board Nominations**

Wednesday, August 1

KWA Board Nominations at 6:30 p.m.

Award Ceremony at 6:45 p.m.

ACCD District Office, 201 W. Sheridan

Join us as we celebrate the Brackenridge Class of 2007 ACCD scholarship recipients! We will nominate 2007-08 KWA Board members before the award ceremony.

Light refreshments will be served. This special event is scheduled in place of the general membership meeting.

The scholarship fund was established in 1986 by Dr. Ralph Wells and the KWA.

*Additional funding comes from donations from KW friends and residents,
as well as annual support from the KWA.*