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# KWA newsletter

King William Association

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## 2013 King William Fair

**T**hanks to everyone for a great King William Fair! It was a magical time and, despite the rain, everyone I saw had big smiles.

We couldn't do it without the multitude of volunteers, sponsors and supporters. There are too many to name, but your hard work will be repaid in the good that the KWA will be able to do for our community via grants this coming year.

I would especially like to praise the KW staff of Zet Baer, Susan Rothman, Cherise Bell, Monika Perez-Moad and Carol Jackson. They were awesome! If you see any of these women, please give them a big hug!

Finally, this is your first chance to start thinking about volunteering to be Fair Chair for next year. If you're interested, let us know. It's a great job, I promise!

*Michael Girdley, 2013 Fair Chair*



### Concerts on the River

What better way to spend a Sunday evening than music on the river with good friends and neighbors? On May 5th over 70 people enjoyed the wonderful jazz of Katchie & Le Monde Cache' - Katchie Cartwright on keyboards and vocals, Rich Oppenheim on saxophone, George Prado on bass and Chuck Glave on drums. Bring a picnic and blanket and join us for the Mission City Hot Rhythm Cats on June 2nd and for flamenco with Olivia Chacon & Dancers on the 16th. Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

See you there!

*Janis deLara*

# MY PERSPECTIVE

by Deb Mueller, President

1974, 1976, 1987, 1997 and 2009...what do these years have in common for the King William Association? The KWA By-Laws were revised and adopted by the membership in each of these years. Over the course of my time serving on the Board of Directors, it became apparent that the By-Laws needed to be looked at once again. There were standing committees with no members; some By-Laws sections had to be read two to three times to understand them clearly; and the nonprofit consultant leading our Board orientation this year agreed revisions would be prudent. Therefore, one of my goals as President was to revise the By-Laws.

By-Laws, simply put, are the written rules for the conduct of an organization. We are fortunate that our Board Parliamentarian, Andrew Sherwood, who happens to be an attorney, was willing to lead the review committee. He worked over several months with his committee and brought forth a proposed revision to the Board. In the few areas in which the committee did not reach consensus, those specific areas were brought to the Board for final determination.

The proposed By-Laws revision will first come before the Board for approval before moving forward to a general meeting for a vote by the membership. Copies of the proposed revised By-Laws will be made available at the June 5 general membership meeting and also at the KWA office. Andrew has provided explanatory notes to accompany the revised By-Laws, and those will also be available. My plan is to bring the revised By-Laws to the membership for a vote in September coinciding with the election of a new Board of Directors, giving ample time for review. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this process.



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**Parade/ KW Kids:** Naomi Neuburger

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**VIP Hosts:** Villa Finale

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- Zet Baer

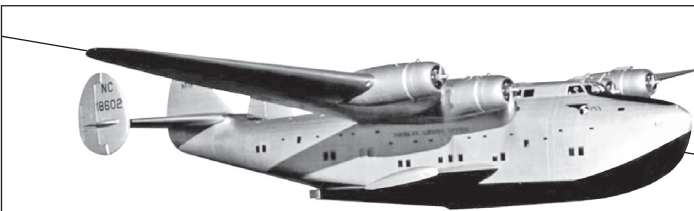


**KWA Grant Awardee Presentation:** Students in the Communities In Schools Partners Program at Page Middle School gave a presentation at the social on May 1. Cherise Bell, left, and Deb Mueller, right, were presented with potted plants in appreciation of the KWA's support. CIS Site Coordinator Barbi Cortez is in center.



## CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD ARTISTS!

Artists living in the Southtown area are invited to apply to exhibit their work at the KWA office. Exhibits run for two months. Email [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) or drop by the office for an application.



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# It's True, the San Antonio River is Home to Snakes

If you're out for a stroll along the San Antonio River Walk, you're bound to see plenty of wildlife. Most of us have seen birds such as Snowy Egrets and turtles like the Red-eared Slider, especially out on Mission Reach. But the San Antonio River is also home to snakes.

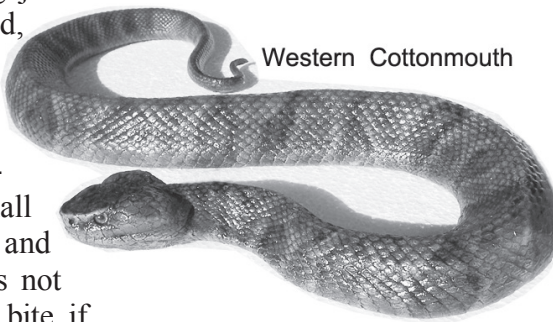
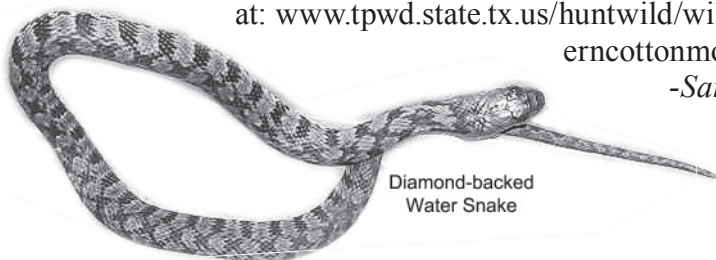
For example, both the Diamond-backed Water Snake and Texas Rat Snake are common, non-venomous inhabitants of the riparian areas along the San Antonio River and its tributaries. These species are most active during the spring and summer and can often be found on shrubs or tree limbs over water. During the heat of the summer, they are only active part of the day and start hunting more at night. Both types of snakes can be often observed swimming just under the surface of the water with their heads exposed, or warming themselves at the water's edge on sun-exposed rocks, brush or logs. They are an important part of the ecosystem, typically eating small rodents such as mice, rats and squirrels. While their bite is not venomous, these snakes can bite if handled. So, while they are an important part of the ecosystem of the San Antonio River, it is best to appreciate them from a distance.

One thing to note about snakes along the river in our area is that it is easy to get confused about which species is which. For example, the Diamond-backed Water Snake can easily be mistaken for venomous Western Cottonmouth because of its color pattern and aquatic habitat. However, the diamond-backed snake lacks heat-sensing facial pits and it has round pupils rather than the cottonmouth's elliptical pupils. The cottonmouth (also known as the water moccasin) has, in contrast to the diamond-backed snake or rat snake, a distinctly wider head than the neck. In addition, the cottonmouth, as part of its defense, will open its mouth and show its white lining – which is why they are called cottonmouth snakes.

Please report sightings of snakes along the River Walk to the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). This can be done by contacting (210) 227-1373 or sending an email to SARA from the "Contact Us" link at: [www.sara-tx.org](http://www.sara-tx.org). To see photos of the Diamond-backed Water Snake, please visit: [www.texassnakes.net/DiamondBacked.htm](http://www.texassnakes.net/DiamondBacked.htm). Images of the Texas Rat Snake can be viewed at: [www.texassnakes.net/TexasRat.htm](http://www.texassnakes.net/TexasRat.htm).

Information about the Western Cottonmouth can be found at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/westerncottonmouth](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/westerncottonmouth).

-San Antonio River Authority



## Did You Know?

The King William Association Charter was submitted to the State of Texas on July 28, 1967. The purpose of a charter is to proclaim an organization's purpose and intent. Seven purposes are listed in the King William Charter. This article is about the fourth purpose.

4. *In order to disseminate historical and cultural material and to promote the King William Association and its purposes, the corporation shall publish periodicals, pamphlets, and other materials from time to time as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.*

The Association fulfills the fourth charter by having a monthly newsletter which has a variety of information regarding the association and history of the people and places of King William. The Public Art Committee has started working on a walking tour brochure for the S. Alamo/S. Saint Mary's Historic District. KWA member Jose De Lara is heading up the subcommittee for this new brochure.

The Association also has copies of Mary V. Burkholder's books, *Down the Acequia Madre* and *The King William Area*. Copies of *The King William Area* are available for purchase at \$5 each at the KWA office. You can also drop by or call the office to see if your house is listed in this book.

Do you have a history about your house or historic photos you would like to share in the Newsletter or for the new walking brochure? Let us know by emailing [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) or call our Executive Director Cherise Bell at 227-8786.

- Cherise Bell

# OUT IN THE GARDEN

with Alan Cash



We are still under Stage 2 watering restrictions. They have changed slightly. Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is still allowed only once a week on your designated day determined by your address. Watering times have been changed to 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

## Garden Tips:

- Trim the "sucker" shoots sprouting at the base of crepe myrtles. These take nutrients from the main plant, reducing its vitality.
- New plants added to the garden need frequent watering for their roots to grow outside their root ball and become established in the soil. Annuals, perennials and shrubs should be watered thoroughly when the top two inches of soil are dry. The amount of water disbursed by a sprinkler system is not usually enough to sustain new plantings.
- Now is the time to trim climbing roses if you have not already. New growth will produce next springs flowers.
- Wait until the foliage of spring-blooming bulbs to turns brown before trimming.
- The recipe for hummingbird feeders is 1/4 cup sugar to 1 cup warm water. Change at least weekly.

There are many examples of xeric gardens throughout the neighborhood. Three such gardens are:

- 202 Adams. This garden is well established and includes the use of several colors of mulch in various designs.
- 624 E. Guenther. A recently installed garden displaying various drought-tolerant plants.
- 628 E. Guenther. This garden has several adaptive plants and a rain collection system that funnels water from rain gutters to large vases by means of a decorative chain.

Go by and see these gardens and perhaps you will get ideas for your own garden.

*Garden Note: What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)*



photo by Naomi Neuburger

## KWAKs Egg Drop Contest

The King William Area Kids participated in the second egg drop/ book swap on Saturday, where raw eggs in all sorts of packaging plummeted from the Taylor's second story balcony, some to never be put back together again.

Notable egg drop entries included a mariachi egg (complete with hat, Lily Stanford) which survived; a 99% egg pyramid (Bradley Toland) which met a spectacular demise; an egg "protected" in a jar of peanut butter (Nikolai Hussey); and eggs safely wrapped in foam, toilet paper or cardboard circles (Wiley, Felice and Rick Martinez, respectively) all of which survived the plunge, giving them the "winningest family" prize.

Kids also brought used books to swap with friends and neighbors. The kids took home books they wanted and left over fifty to be donated to the Bonham Academy Book Exchange.

- Barbara Taylor

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# Spring at Bonham Brings Academics, Art and Dance

## Art Festival

April 12th marked Bonham Academy's 4th Annual Art Festival Celebration, one of the highlights of spring at our school. This year's festival featured artists from all over the city, each with a special hands-on project for the children. Sarah Sharp from NISD helped the children make Chiluly necklaces. Deborah Keller-Rihn created sand mandalas with the



kids. Annette Landry captured the event on film as our roving photographer. Jump Start, the Southwest School of Art and Artpace all had interactive booths for the students to learn new techniques. Laurel Bodinus had her ever-popular poetry car, and Trinity University's APO service fraternity helped out at every turn. The kids were able to participate in activities with each artist and bring home their masterpieces to share with their families. In addition to art, the Bonham Folklorico Dance Troupe was able to show off their moves with several dance numbers choreographed by Ricardo Muñoz. The Bonham Band also entertained fairgoers with their repertoire of great numbers under the conduction of Melissa Enchandy.

## UIL

When the students at Bonham Academy compete, they compete to win. This was evident in this year's Elementary UIL Competition April 13th. UIL (University Interscholastic League) is an academic competition where SAISD's numerous elementary schools face off in competitions including English and Spanish oral reading, number sense, music and art memory, spelling, listening, geography, maps and graphs and more. Bonham teachers and parent volunteers work with the students after school for several weeks to get them competition-ready.



This year was Bonham's third consecutive win of the overall competition in the district. Bonham students came away with 12 first place, 10 second place and 6 third place medals. Congratulations for making your neighborhood very proud of you, Bobcats!



photo by Tyler Ibarra

## Folklorico Dance

On May 10th the Bonham Academy Dance Troupe treated parents and friends to a wonderful recital of regional Mexican dances choreographed by Bonham's very own folklorico coordinator, Ricardo Muñoz. Children from grades kindergarten to sixth dressed in an array of colorful Mexican costumes. Before each dance, children honored the mothers in the audience with beautiful poems read in English and Spanish. The Bonham PTA greeted each mother with a red carnation in celebration of Mother's Day.

Maureen S. Gonima



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## June Calendar

- 2 Concert on the River - Mission City Hot Rhythm Cats - 6:30 p.m.
- 5 KWA General Meeting - Blue Star Brewing Co. - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Farmers' Market - C. Chavez Blvd. & Labor St. - 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- 16 Concert on the River - Olivia Chacon Flamenco - 6:30 p.m.
- 26 KWA Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.