

The Newsletter

OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION

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King William National Night Out 2008 Block Parties Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Let's give neighborhood crime a going away party! Turn on your porch light, bring a potluck dish, and visit with neighbors, friends, and family at one or more of the National Night Out neighborhood block parties on Tuesday evening, October 7. Please contact the block party organizers listed below to volunteer your time and for more details.

Cedar/Pereida Party

Location: Children's Shelter Parking Lot at Cedar and Pereida Streets

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Organizer: Jen Stanford, 223-4338

E. Guenther/Crofton/ Constance Party

Location: 155 Crofton Avenue

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Organizers: Johnny Heidelberg, 223-0013, and Beverly Schwartzman, 824-9190

King William West Party

Location: Park at corner of Main and Sheridan Streets

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Organizer: Sherry Hess, 916-6772

O.P. Schnabel Apartments Party

Location: O.P. Schnabel Apartments at 919 S. Main

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Organizer: Anna Dovalina, 226-1646 or 204-4836

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.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



HEMISFAIR PARK

Remembering HemisFair '68

by Robin Raquet

October 6, 2008, marks the 40th anniversary of the closing of HemisFair '68. I plan for this essay to be the first of a series about HemisFair. In '68, I had just graduated from Texas Tech, and started training for my position as Bi-Lingual Official Guide that January. I have great memories and I remember so many excellent, and eye-opening, events.

The fair was characterized as a "Jewel Box." Our attendance was strong, and everyone was charmed by the fabulous foreign, domestic, and artistic pavilions. We had an international food



court, water-skiing in the lake, daily parades and a myriad of unique events. Remarkable shows were the Bolshoi Ballet, Fiddler on the Roof, Verdi's opera, Don Carlo, Ray Charles, and many more.

All of San Antonio had been spruced up and striking modern architecture built, such as the Tower of the Americas, the Hilton Palacio del Rio, the Lila Cockrell Theatre, Arena, and a convention center. The River Walk was updated and expanded. As a direct result of HemisFair, San Antonio emerged as a serious tourist and conference destination.

However, I think it would be a good idea to set the stage to help us remember what was going on back in 1968. Even

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FAIR*VIEW: Does the Parade Make the Fair?

The early King William Fairs combined a home tour with food, drink, and entertainment. While the Fair no longer includes a home tour, it offers arts and crafts and a children's play area. KWA's "official" Fiesta event, as recognized by the Fiesta Commission, is the Fair, not any single component of the Fair, such as the parade.

Yet the most memorable part of the Fair seems to be the parade, which often takes on a life of its own. The parade evokes an emotional response that sometimes makes dialog difficult. Over the next three months, this column will discuss different aspects of the parade.

When reading these columns, ask yourself these fundamental questions: What relationship should the parade have to the Fair? What is the best way to promote fairness in the parade and Fair experience? What is the best way to promote safety and security in the parade and Fair experience?

The Fair itself began in 1968, was held for three years, then took a two-year hiatus before returning in 1973 under the leadership of Ilse Griffith. The early Fair entertainers were street musicians. By 1981, the

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KWA Board of Directors August 2008 Meeting Recap

This recap of the August 20, 2008, Board of Directors meeting is submitted by Secretary Roselyn Cogburn to provide timely information for KWA members. Minutes on which the recap is based will not be approved by the Board until the September 2008 meeting and may be amended by Board members before that time. For more information or clarification, call or email any Board member or Secretary Roselyn Cogburn.

- Attorney Frank Burney discussed legal representation of KWA on a variety of issues including: Graffiti on commercial property, code compliance issues, redevelopment of Children's Shelter property on Cedar Street.
- By-Laws Committee presented proposed changes; changes will be presented to new Board members next month for study and suggestions; changes will then be presented to general membership for approval.
- Chair Select still needed for 2009 KW Fair.
- Board discussed grant requests and voted the following grants from Community/Cultural funds:
 - \$15,000 - Say Si
 - \$12,000 - ACCD Scholarships for Brackenridge High School graduates
 - \$10,000 - Bonham Academy ArtSmart - in two segments
 - \$9,000 - Brackenridge High School Library - computers and printers
 - \$8,000 - Page Middle School Band - in two segments
 - \$6,000 - Bonham Academy Library
 - \$3,300 - Concerts in the Park
 - \$63,300 - Leaves \$4,000 in reserve for later grant requests
- Re-development of the Children's Shelter is a concern to immediate neighbors and the whole neighborhood. The parcel (Shelter building, zoned R-33; historic house next door, zoned R-4; parking lot, conditional zoning) is being offered for \$2.1 million; Steve Yndo, agent.

KWA Financial Recap

Proceeds from the Fair are allocated by the Board among the three permanent accounts of the Association, as previously detailed in the August 2008 newsletter. The Board allocated 2008 proceeds as follows:

Permanent/Rainy Day	35%
Preservation Historic	30%
Community/Cultural	35%

See Meeting Recap above for more details on Community/Cultural allocations.

2008-09 Board of Directors

The 2008-09 Board of Directors was voted in on September 3, 2008. Watch for "Meet the Board" profiles of this year's Board members in upcoming newsletters. Please see the back page for a list of current Board members.

A special THANK YOU to the following outgoing Board members for the time, energy, and dedication they brought to the Board these last three years:

Noemi Cue	W. Laurence Doxsey	Susan Erickson
Johnny Heidelberg	Bonnie Pfannstiel	Harry Shafer

Letters to the KWA Newsletter Editor

SAY Sí

SAY Sí is a place to learn and grow, a place to dream and play. As we move closer to our 15th anniversary year that statement couldn't be closer to the truth.

We can't help but look back at our history and feel humble and nostalgic, from the multitude of students that have been a part of our program, to the hundreds of exhibits. And, we can't forget the many supporters, like you our neighbors, who have understood from the very beginning the importance of our program. Quite simply, the arts have the power to transform lives.

SAY Sí first opened its doors on February 4, 1994. Eight students from Brackenridge High School walked through the door that Saturday morning. And now, 14 years later, SAY Sí works directly with over 170 middle and high school students from over 70 schools in several programs in our new facility and thousands more in our outreach programs. The success of SAY Sí is overwhelming. We have been recognized throughout the city for the work we are doing and received the President's Commission on the Arts "Coming Up Taller" award. SAY Sí is important because it fills a need not being met by our public schools. SAY Sí gives San Antonio Youth a place to nurture their artistic talents; it has become a home away from home for our students and a community of individuals who reciprocally support one another's creativity.

While SAY Sí has grown and flourished, it continues to serve primarily the inner city of San Antonio and our neighborhood schools. 53% of our high school students come from Brackenridge High School. Over 60% of our students attend inner-city school districts and 54% of our student's families are below national economic poverty levels.

Among the significant accomplishments of SAY Sí and its students:

- In the last 3 years SAY Sí has had a 100% high school graduation rate
- 100% College or University Placement
- Over 60% of students are attending schools outside of San Antonio

In a very short time we have had a remarkable level of achievement and growth. However, with this growth has come significant risk; we took a leap of faith [and significant debt] to build our new facility, and while it has become everything we dreamed it would be, we continue to look for ways to sustain our growth. The financial commitment from the King William Association continues to be a critical component to our success.

SAY Sí would not be in existence without the King William Association. SAY Sí began under the umbrella of the King William Association, was initially funded by a grant of \$5,000 from the Association, and has been enthusiastically supported through the years by the neighborhood. The SAY Sí Board has always had several King William neighbors on it. It is important that everyone realize the role that the Association has played in the success of SAY Sí. All of us who have worked with the program over the years really appreciate the wonderful support.

For more information on our exhibits and events please visit our web site at www.saysi.org

Thanks again for all of your support.

Mike Schroeder
SAY Sí Founder and
King William Resident

Beverly Schwartzman
SAY Sí Board Member and
King William Resident

Re: Train Horn Issues

Several neighbors have written in past months questioning the rationale for creating a "quiet zone" along the Union Pacific tracks in the King William/Lavaca neighborhoods. For those who live in KW north of Eagleland, I am certain that it is possible to romanticize the sound of faraway train horns, but for those who live AND work at the southern end of the neighborhood, the excessive volume of the horns has had a dramatic and negative effect on the quality of life. "Wear earplugs" is a humorous response, but an unsafe suggestion: what about being able to hear smoke alarms, the ring of the telephone, or the call for help from the next room? For business owners (and there are quite a few), being able to conduct business while on the phone or with customers becomes impossible as each train passes.

One could argue that the trains were "here first," but the unpleasant reality is that property values have remained depressed near the tracks, and many folks who cannot afford high rents or own their own homes elsewhere have no real choice but to live where they do and endure the noise. Aggravating the situation are the Union Pacific engineers who blow their horns far in excess of what is required by Federal regulations, perhaps out of spite or just indifference to those who are living, working or sleeping nearby.

Darryl Ohlenbusch



**HemisFair Film Series
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Slab Cinema continues the collaboration with the City of San Antonio Downtown Operations Department to present "Movies by Moonlight" in HemisFair Park.

October 2 - E.T.

October 9 - Young Frankenstein

October 16 - Ghostbusters

October 23 - The Birds

October 30 - Nosferatu with live accompaniment from Mombassa Code playing with Attack of the 50-foot Woman

This family friendly event is FREE to the public; concessions available; bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

Pre-show starts at 7:30, feature film at 8:10.

Films will screen in the field between the arch and the Magik theater building, at S. Alamo and Nueva (across from La Villita).

More info at slabcinema.com, 212-9373.

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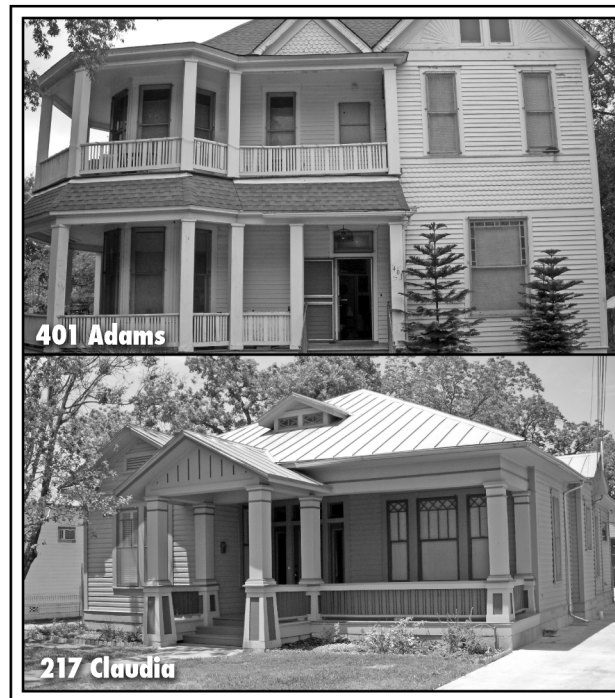
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Southtown Mainstreet Alliance Awarded TIRZ Inner City #11 Funding

Southtown has been funded \$648,202 to invest towards the Southtown Capital Improvements Project. This funding will address some of the infrastructure and landscaping improvements needed to advance Southtown's commercial corridor to the next level in the cultural heritage regional tourism industry.

Southtown is unique in what it offers the residents and visitors to the City of San Antonio. We have restaurants, art galleries, studios, and performance venues that rival other majors U.S. cities. We are looking forward to the implementation of this project and a new look for Southtown. The Southtown Mainstreet Alliance is very grateful for the diligence of Councilwoman Cisneros and her staff and to the City of San Antonio Housing and Neighborhood Services Department for their assistance in accomplishing this benchmark. For more information call the Southtown offices at 210-226-0888.



*Juan Gutierrez,
Southtown Executive Director*

FAIR*VIEW: Does the Parade Make the Fair?

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While the parade route was growing and changing, the Fair Zone was also growing from a one-block area to a defined 14-block area between Alamo and the river, and Guenther and St. Mary's. The layout of the Fair Zone has been driven by available empty space for the entertainment venues and by the electrical system for the food vendors. Neither the Fair Zone nor the parade route, however, are cast in stone.

Stay tuned for more parade information in next month's column

Rose Kanusky, Fair Chair

SACS Heritage Tours 2008: The Most Fun You Can Have for Free!

You would expect people who live in old houses in Texas' first historic district (that's us, folks) to be enthusiastic about sharing San Antonio history with our city's school children – and we are!

Every November, King William neighbors guide Conservation Society Heritage Tours of wide-eyed fourth-graders to the most interesting and historical places in San Antonio.

Get in on the fun by calling SACS at 224-6163 to volunteer. Heritage Tours 2008 will be November 3 - 14. Pick one of those days which fits your calendar, then go to the River House (brick building behind Steves Homestead) at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, to sign up for the school you want and the places you want to visit.

Most KW neighbors choose a school nearby so they don't have far to drive and car pool when possible. Some choose by destination so they learn something new each year about our unique city.

For more information call Conservation's Stella Ashley 337-4870 or Alice Ives 342-5929. Or--here's an idea!--ask the KW neighbors who volunteer every year: Ed Day, Edith Stockhardt, Margaret Leeds, Alan Cash, Bob and Joan Carabin, Olga Flores, Anne Alexander, Johnny Heidelberg, J. R. Pleban, Penny Weiderhold, Ed Haverlah, Erin Strauss, Marie Ann Smith, Hope Cortes, Tom Berg, Linda Davis and Molly Shafer.

Roselyn Cogburn

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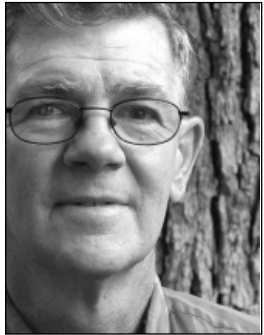
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Out in the Garden

with Alan Cash

The amount of water available to us is not unlimited and we should always do what we can to conserve it. Water saved is water we don't have to buy. Here are some simple ways to do that. If you read the SAWS newsletter contained in your monthly water bill, you may already have seen them.



1. Water your yard once a week or less and do it before 10 AM or after 8 PM if using any kind of sprinkler system.
2. Sweep, don't wash your porch or driveway.
3. Install a high efficiency showerhead. These are available free at SAWS customer service centers.
4. Turn off the water while you

brush your teeth.

5. When washing a small number of dishes, use a plastic dishpan and when finished pour the water on potted plants.

October is a good month to thin out Iris plants which may have become over crowded. Trim the leaves to a height of 4 to 6 inches in a fan like shape. When replanting, be sure they are placed at the same depth as they had been.

Now is also the time to plant seeds of bluebonnets, larkspurs, and other wild flowers. Keep the soil moist to promote germination. They will grow slowly during the winter months but really come to life as warm weather approaches in the spring. Although not a wild flower, it is also time to plant seeds of sweet peas. Sweet peas are good cut flowers to bring in the house and the fragrance is as sweet as mountain laurels. Sweet peas are vines and will need a trellis or fence to grow on. Blue bonnets, larkspur, and sweet peas prefer cool weather and will fade away with hot weather in late spring. Collect seeds for the next year as they mature and discard the dried plants.

It is still warm but fall is not far away. Remember falling leaves make good mulch to put around plants to protect their roots from cold weather. This may be the winter for the cold to return so be prepared.

If you would like to surf the Internet for gardening ideas and information, here is a website that has been around awhile: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/plantanswers>

Another source of gardening information is the free monthly electronic newsletter by Neil Sperry. Mr. Sperry also has a bi-monthly garden magazine. Sign up for the newsletter at www.neilsperry.com.

Garden Tour: If you like to tour gardens, you are in for a treat. The Garden Conservancy is a National non-profit organization dedicated to preserving America's exceptional gardens for public education and enjoyment. Each year the Conservancy sponsors garden tours throughout the country and this year one is in San Antonio. The tour will be on Saturday, October 18, 2008. There will be 6 gardens open from 10 AM to 5 PM. The cost of the tour is \$5 for each garden or \$25 for all 6 gardens. Tickets and garden locations are available in advance at The Twig Bookstore at 5005 Broadway, and Shades of Green Nursery at 334 Sunset Rd. Information about the Conservancy and the tour can be found at www.gardenconservancy.org.

Garden Note: Vincent Van Gogh said, "If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere."

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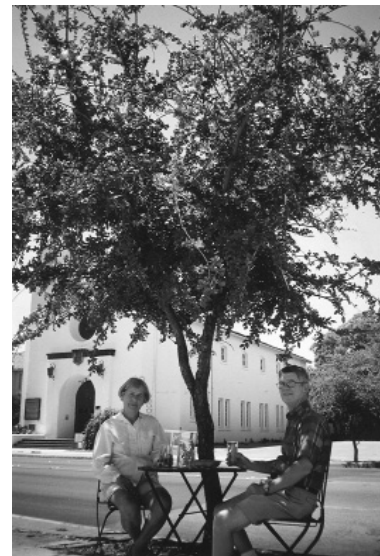
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A Picnic in the Shade

The King William/Lavaca tree planting project was started in the fall of 2002 with an initial planting of 42 trees along S. St. Mary's St. as part of the Mission Trails Parkway. Sponsored by both neighborhoods, plantings have continued so that now there are about 300 trees planted along streets throughout the King William and Lavaca neighborhoods. As the small trees were planted, someone would usually jokingly comment that we would come back the next year and have a picnic in the shade. Some of those first trees planted in 2002 are now large enough to have a picnic in their shade. The accompanying picture shows Mary Ann Ohlenbusch and Alan Cash, project coordinators, doing just that under the cedar elm tree at the corner of S. St. Mary's St. and Florida.



Alan Cash

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Volunteers Needed for King William Holiday Home Tour 2008

Ticket and tour details will be included in our November newsletter, but please don't wait to sign up to volunteer at this year's Holiday Home Tour! Anne Alexander, our Home Tour Chair for the second year in a row, has been working hard to organize this year's Holiday Home Tour, which will showcase an amazing variety of homes, from the Madison Lofts to a newly renovated 1866 historic home. You won't want to miss this year's tour, and the best way to enjoy the tour is by being a part of it and receiving FREE admission for as little as two hours of your time!

Some of the volunteer opportunities available are:

- House Chair (coordinate volunteers and information for one of the six homes on the tour)
- Docents (welcome and guide visitors through one of the homes for a two-hour shift)
- Ticket Sales (sell tickets on the day of the tour)
- Public Relations (handle advertising and press)
- Cookie Donations (provide cookies and beverages for the refreshment table)

Please contact Anne Alexander at 277-2775 or annealexander@satx.rr.com today to let her know that we can count on your help.



Holiday Home Tour 2007 Volunteers - Pat Leyva, Tina Garza, and Gloria Wrigglesworth

COP Class Coming Up

Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Save the date – Saturday, October 25 – for a combined King William and Lavaca Citizens On Patrol class conducted by SAPD Officer Felipe Santos, Jr. and COP Board President, Mina Lopez.

King William and Lavaca are comparatively safe neighborhoods but COP can help us cut back on burglary, graffiti and other vandalism, car break-ins and code compliance issues.

The four-hour class will be taught 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 25, at the KWA office. Breakfast will be served. An optional "Ride-Along" can be scheduled for another time. (Ask Harry and Molly Shafer for their recommendation on doing the Ride-Along. They

found it very interesting.)

Neighbors who regularly walk or bicycle for exercise and/or to exercise their dogs are already doing the leg work. COP training will help us put our eyes and brains to work while we walk.

Contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or king.william@sbcglobal.net to sign up for the COP Class of '08.

Roselyn Cogburn

Stories Galore: Chris Odell Tells About the "Woman in the Window"

Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, continues on **Sunday, October 19, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.** at the Commander's House, 645 S. Main. Stories must be suitable for families with children and must not be derogatory to any race or belief.

This month's "Stellar Teller," a person of some renown as a talespinner, is Chris Odell. Chris is one of the original tellers from Stories Galore in 1995. She is the originator of "Cinderfella" and tells about the "woman in the window," a scary story fit for October.

For more information, call Elder Stone at 673-4468 or 857-0881.



Viva! Tango Trio - Janis De Lara and George and Aaron Prado

King William Park Concert Series:

Viva! Tango Trio

Sunday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEWS!!! The King William Association has funded the King William Park Concert Series for 2009! The pleasant Sunday evening ritual of leisurely listening to good music, picnicking, and chatting with friends will continue next year. Details of each FREE concert will be in the newsletter, the Weekly Update e-blast, and on the web site.

The October 19th concert in King William Park will be presented by Viva! Tango Trio. The players will be Beth Johnson, violin; George Prado, bass; and Geoffrey Waite, piano. Janis De Lara will be the soprano soloist. The program will include traditional Argentine tango, several tangos of Astor Piazzolla, and an example of "Hollywood" tango. Two of the best tango dancers (as well as tango instructors) in San Antonio, Josue Vasquez and Loreen Alvarez of Puro Tango Argentino, will dance during the performance.

Special note: Rain venue, bar, restaurants, and post-concert socializing at St. Joseph's Hall.



Puro Tango Argentino Dancers - Josue Vasquez and Loreen Alvarez

What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

October 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 KWA Fall Social & Grant Awards Presentation Casbeers: TBA	2 Casbeers: TBA HemisFair Movies: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial	3 Southtown: First Friday Beethoven: Oktoberfest Blue Star Brew: The Psychics Casbeers: Nakia & His Southern Cousins Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars Gemini Ink: First Fri. Reading Jump-Start: The Windows created by Daniel Jackson SAY Si: Nosotros Project	4 Beethoven: Oktoberfest Casbeers: Terri Hendrix	5
6 Gemini Ink: Community Talk w/ Rick Casey	7 National Night Out Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra	8 Blue Star Brew: Ed Sherry Big Band Casbeers: TBA	9 Casbeers: TBA Classic Theatre: The Glass Menagerie HemisFair Movies: Young Frankenstein	10 Beethoven: Oktoberfest Casbeers: Red Meat Classic Theatre: The Glass Menagerie & Rancho Pancho	11 KW Area Garage Sale Southtown: Second Saturday Artwalk Beethoven: Oktoberfest Casbeers: Johnny A	12
13	14 Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band Casbeers: TBA	15 KWA Oct. Board Mtg. KWA Nov. NL Deadline Casbeers: TBA	16 Casbeers: TBA Classic Theatre: The Glass Menagerie Gemini Ink: Autograph Series w/ Andrea Barrett HemisFair Movies: Ghostbusters	17 Casbeers: Bobby Bare Jr. Classic Theatre: The Glass Menagerie & Rancho Pancho Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars Jump-Start: Renaissance Guild ACT 1 Series	18 Beethoven: Oktoberfest Casbeers: Ginger Leigh Classic Theatre: The Glass Menagerie Jump-Start: Renaissance Guild ACT 1 Series	19 KW Park Concert: Viva! Tango Trio Stories Galore: Chris Odell
20	21 Blue Star Brew: San Antonio Jazz Orchestra Casbeers: TBA	22 Casbeers: TBA	23 Casbeers: Lewis & Clark HemisFair Movies: The Birds	24 Casbeers: Jeff and Vida Jump-Start: Spareworks	25 KW/Lavaca COP Class Casbeers: TBA Jump-Start: Spareworks	26
27 KWA Nov. NL Mail Prep	28 Blue Star Brew: Primetime Jazz Orchestra Casbeers: TBA	29 Casbeers: TBA	30 Casbeers: Suzanna Choffell HemisFair Movies: Nosferatu	31 <i>Halloween</i> Casbeers: TBA SAY Si: Muertito's Fest Fundraiser	November 1 Casbeers: Dave Gonzalez and the Stone River Band SAY Si: Muertito's Fest Community Festival	2
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The KWA office will be closed 10/27 - 10/31.

- 10/1 **Fall Social,**
6:30pm at 516 King William
- 10/7 **National Night Out**
- 10/11 **KW Area Garage Sale, 9am-5pm**
- 10/15 **November Newsletter Deadline**
- 10/15 **October Board Meeting,**
7pm at KWA office
- 10/19 **KW Park Concert, 7pm**
- 10/25 **KW/Lavaca COP Class,**
9am-1pm at KWA office
- 10/27 **November Newsletter Mail Prep,**
6pm at KWA office

Looking Ahead...

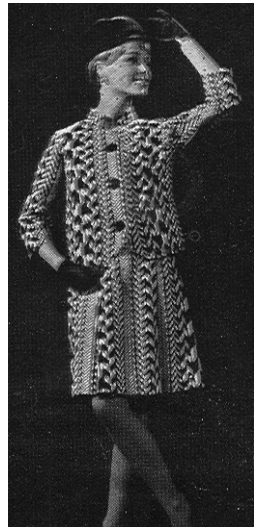
- 11/5 **November General Membership Meeting,** 7pm at Blue Star Brewing
- 11/12 **Dec./Jan. Newsletter Deadline**
- 11/19 **November Board Meeting,** 7pm
- 11/24 **Dec./Jan. Newsletter Mail Prep,** 6pm at KWA office

Remembering HemisFair '68

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though the fair was a huge success, attracting lots of attention and promoting San Antonio worldwide, we weathered a number of challenging and serious events. One reason I choose to recount these is because there are a number of striking parallels today.

San Antonio's fair was such a bright spot at home and abroad. But during early days, there were a couple of events that put a pall on our celebrations. Firstly, Martin Luther King Jr. fell on April 4th, just 2 days before the opening of the fair, and then Robert Kennedy died also, on June 5th. While everyone was subdued and hearts were broken, we employees had to pull ourselves together, and try to divert everyone's attention and to make everyone happy.



Originally, our fair was going to run for a year, but Mexico launched a strong protest because the 1968 Summer Olympics were to be held in Mexico City. The Olympics were to start in October and they did not want to be eclipsed by our event. Since the focus of HemisFair was "Confluence of Civilizations in the Americas," with Mexico as a major force, our closing was moved to October.

On the political front, there was a presidential election. Strong Democratic candidates were Hubert Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern. Serious Republican candidates included George Wallace, Nelson Rockefeller, Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, and George Romney. Several of these politicians and their families visited the fair, including Hubert Humphrey, John and Nellie Connally, Nelson Rockefeller, and even Spiro Agnew! Our First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, visited a number of times.

On the international front, we had an unpopular war with no end in sight, in Viet Nam, with anti-war protests. Russia had invaded Czechoslovakia, just as they did in Georgia recently. At the time, we faced problems such as racism, immigration, equal rights and poverty. Even so, in the U.S., progressive movements were cropping up, young people were energized, and there was much optimism.

Now that I have set the stage, I promise that the next article in this series will be much more upbeat. After all, I mostly remember being employed as a 22 year old at HemisFair'68 as the best time of my entire life.

Please contact Bill Cogburn at 228-9711 to share your stories about HemisFair '68.

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- Carry a flashlight
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- Make sure your costumes are reflective
- Check all candy
- Keep your pets inside, especially black cats (3 days prior to Halloween)
- Check addresses for sex offenders on the Texas Department of Public Safety web site at records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/SorNew/index.aspx. Sex offenders are precluded from handing out candy or interacting with children.



18th Annual King William Area Garage Sale

Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Calling all participants & shoppers! Our annual garage sale day is a treasure hunter's paradise (we had almost 70 registered sale locations in the neighborhood last year). A map of the sale locations will be available at www.kingwilliamassociation.org by Friday, October 10, and at the KWA office on sale day.

If you would like to participate in this year's King William Area Garage Sale, please follow the procedures below:

1) Call 227-8786 or e-mail king.william@sbcglobal.net us by Friday, October 3, to register. Please clearly leave your name, address and phone number. We will include you on the map and in the advertisements. We will also send you a postcard to confirm your registration. Please let us know if you change your mind so that we can remove you from the list.

2) You must obtain your own garage sale permit at: City of San Antonio Development & Business Service Center (S. Alamo at S. Flores) or H-E-B.

3) Collect and price those dispensable treasures!

4) Limited advertising space on the reverse side of the map is available to highlight your sale. The map will be distributed to all shoppers. Ad rates start at \$10. Contact the KWA to reserve your space.

Newspaper and online advertisements will be placed giving sale addresses, and a map showing all locations will be available the day of the sale. PLEASE SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, TO ASSURE LISTING IN THE ADVERTISEMENT AND ON THE MAP.

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KWA Fall Social & 2008 Grant Awards Presentation

Wednesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.
Home of Ed and Dana Haverlah,
516 King William

Celebrate fall with good food, great
company, and cooler weather at our Fall
Social! The 2008 KWA Grant Awards will
be presented at the beginning of the evening.

Please bring a main course/side/salad/dessert
to share. Beverages, plates, cutlery, tables,
chairs, etc. will be provided by the KWA.

Volunteers Needed: We'd love to have your
help setting up, serving beverages, and/or
cleaning up after the social. Please contact
Hope Garza-Cortés at 274-4636 to help.

Upcoming Events

**King William National Night Out
2008 Block Parties**

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

See page 1 for more information.

**18th Annual King William
Area Garage Sale**

Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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**King William Park Concert Series:
Viva! Tango Trio**

Sunday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

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**King William/Lavaca COP Class
Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

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