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Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation...



DUBYA Stats...by the numbers

	January	February	March	April	May
Tickets Sold:	19,106	15,686	24,210	22,518	26,303
Passports Sold:	81	75	124	97	80
School Groups:	22	38	42	71	95
Group Tours:	15	19	33	35	27
Special Events:	3	14	3	17	7

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Applause, Kudos, and Congratulations...

Linda Thiebaud was selected for membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The organization promotes professional and personal growth of women educators who have demonstrated their ability, initiative and dedication and excellence in education. Linda is pictured with Drew Daywalt, author, and Oliver Jeffers, illustrator. The two men won the Bluebonnet Award for their book, *The Day the Crayons Quit!*



Tom Carr, docent at the Presidential Library and Museum, and his wife Nancy went to support the Rangers during Spring Training.

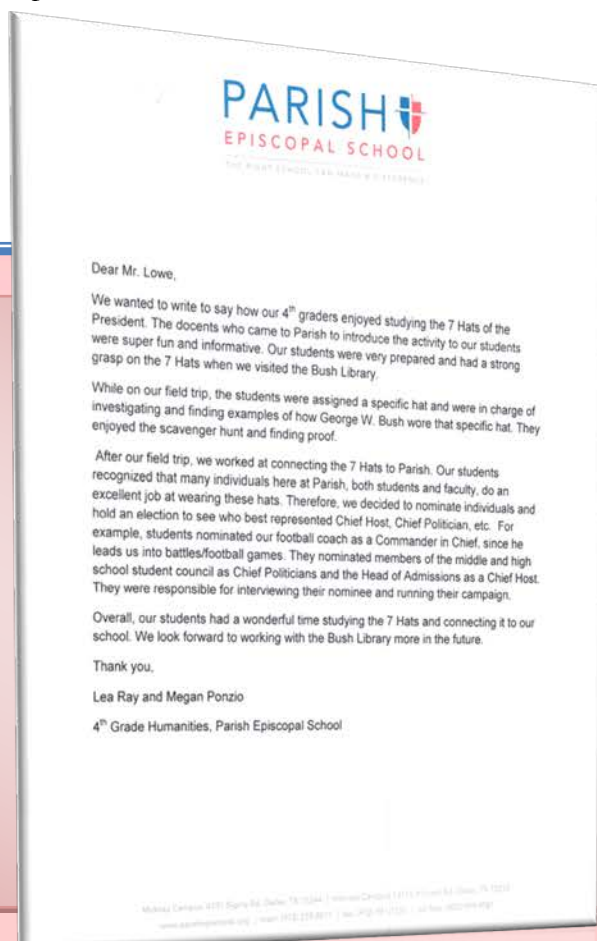


Picture of the Monday Afternoon Marines at Café 43 in March; the team participates in a quarterly team lunch.



This is a picture of four ladies from the Wednesday Afternoon W's while taking an informal tour of the Native Texas Park before duty time on April 15, 2015. It was amazingly beautiful and the wild flowers on the great lawn were in full bloom as you can see from the photo.

Last fall, several docents coordinated efforts to take the Presidential Hats Program to Parish Episcopal School. Presidential Hats is an education program designed to teach students about the seven different roles of the U.S. President. The docents who participated in this program at Parish are Sally Adamson, Susan Sparkman, Barbara Van Dyke, Patricia Flynn and Gary Sommerfelt. They received a nice thank-you letter from the Parish School, (pictured to the right). The program was developed by docents Linda Massey and Sally Adamson. Susan Sparkman serves as the lead coordinator for the Presidential Hats program. Kudos to the group for taking the museum to the classroom!



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Clark McWatters is a docent studying in Boston for his Bachelors degree. On February 13, 2015 he sent us a picture of the snow in Boston. We look forward to having him back on-board this summer. We are sure he will welcome the warm Texas temperatures.



Doug Smith presented with an Outstanding Service Award for helping craft the exhibits in the museum. He stepped in as an exhibit specialist by using his wood shop to craft displays, exhibit pieces, and fine tune anything else that was needed. His help was invaluable.

Natalie Wilcox (granddaughter of Diane and Don Wilcox, Presidential Library and Museum docents) is a 3rd grader at White Rock Elementary school. She did her REACH (gifted and talented) project on Laura Bush. They had to design a sack to hold all their props for the presentation. She baked Laura Bush "Cowboy Cookies" for her treat at the end! Great job, Natalie!



Incredible Encounters...



Mrs. Laura Bush attends the Afghan Children's Initiative Benefit Dinner at the Afghanistan Embassy in Washington, DC on Thursday evening, March 16, 2006. Seated with Mrs. Bush are Dr. Khaled Hosseini, author of The Kite Runner; Mrs. Shamim Jawad, host and wife of the Afghan Ambassador to the U.S.; and Mr. Tim McBride, member of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council. White House photo by Shealab Craighead

Today during our shift Wednesday, February 11th, we had a group of women visit who were attending the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council at the Bush Institute. These attendees were accompanied by selected docents brought in just to facilitate the museum tour. While I was walking through museum area six, I heard one of the ladies say to no one in general, "Look, there I am!" She was in the photo where Mrs. Bush and Margaret Spellings were in the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan meeting with Mrs. Karzai and other women. She asked me to take her picture in front of the picture that was on display. We struck up a conversation; in the photo, she was dressed in the traditional style of her homeland for women and in the museum she was dressed very well in traditional American business style clothing. She said that she was the wife of the previous Afghan Ambassador, who served for seven years in Washington during the Karzai years and we talked about her many visits with Mrs. Bush during those years including three separate trips back to Afghanistan and many visits

while in Washington. She was thrilled with the Museum and especially thrilled to see herself in the exhibit. She was looking forward to the scheduled luncheon with her good friend Mrs. Bush. She is a very accomplished and classy lady. Her name was Shamim Jawad and her husband is Said Tayeb Jawad and they currently live in Washington. – Howard Haddock, Wednesday Wonders (Wednesday Morning) Team Coach

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Yesterday during the fire evacuation, the docents were chatting with visitors. Julie Begzos engaged with a couple from Michigan. Julie is from Michigan and they had Western Michigan in common. As we asked more questions, the gentleman named Neal Turner was a professor there, and had the football coach's two children in class. A light bulb went off and I asked, "Was their last name Cubit?" Of course it was... I only know 5 people in Michigan but Nancy Cubit is one. We served on a board of the American Football Coaches Wives Association. Professor Neal went on to say Ryan Cubit took his Corporate Finance course and later changed his major to finance!

Neal and Ruth Turner came to our Bush Center once before, and the Government Shutdown prevented their visit... then this fire evacuation occurred. They were a happy couple and some of our best visitors ever. Carolyn Allen



Volunteer Spotlight...



SALLY ADAMSON

Story by Patricia Allen

Yes, that is our own SALLY ADAMSON kissing George W. at the "Close Up Inauguration" in 2001. Not really, it was a great poster of him, but we love it. She said she never had the opportunity to kiss him in person.

For ten years while teaching, Sally took her HS students to Close Up Washington DC for a great citizenship program. They attended Inaugurations in 1997, 2001 and 2005, and she was thrilled to be there for our Texas President both times.

Sally is the epitome of a great teacher. With a B.A. in History from Southwestern University and a Masters of Economic Education from the University of Delaware, she taught social studies at Duncanville HS for 35 years. In the 1980s, Texas decided to

reduce Government classes to one semester and add one semester of economics. She became a "project oriented" economics teacher and was surprised at how much she enjoyed teaching about our free enterprise system. She had her students "learn by doing". They ran a donut business, created a mini town as entrepreneurs, played the Stock Market game and researched great economists, among other projects. She continued to be inspired by the excitement of the students and the praise from their parents.

Sally met her husband, Jim, when they were in college at Southwestern. They have a married son and married daughter, each giving them a grandson. Sally says the grandchildren are the most wonderful reward in life! Speaking of grandsons, Sally recently broke her foot while kicking a football to her grandson and, unfortunately, will not be able to come to work for a while unless it is a wheelchair!

When Sally retired in June 2011, she knew she wanted to volunteer in some way, ideally to use her teaching skills to benefit the community. When she met Heather Nice at a meeting just before retiring, she told her she would love to volunteer for her. In Spring 2012, when Heather was starting to work on lesson plans for the new library, she invited Sally to join her at the Lewisville site. Sally had really wanted to work with a museum right after college but at that time there weren't really museum educators and she didn't have a curator degree. So in many ways, Sally's lifelong dream has finally come true!! She really enjoys the people she works with and also loves reliving the history of the 2000's through the Library's exhibits. It is her hope that the opportunity to take Bush Library programs out into schools continues to grow and that she can do more of that in the future. She sees a lot of opportunity for outreach and hopes it can be increased.

Thank you, Sally, for your work and dedication to the George W. Bush Presidential Library. Your efforts will insure the future of the Library and the education of all its visitors.

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Activities Surrounding the Native Texas Park Blossomed in Spring of 2015

"The 15 acre park at the Bush Center is unique among presidential libraries and reflects President and Mrs. Bush's love of the native Texas landscape, their longstanding commitment to environmental conservation and restoration, and their belief the Center's grounds should contribute to the everyday life of nearby communities and enhance the experience of visitors. The landscape contributes to the Center's ambitious sustainability objectives by increasing biodiversity, restoring native habitat, reducing the need for irrigation, and employing an organic maintenance program."

-Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates

Since May of 2014, a small group of passionate-about-nature volunteers has been working on several projects that bring to life the aims stated in the above paragraph. It began with a tour of the Native Texas Park led by Project Manager Herb Sweeney that touched on several important points throughout the park. From that initial tour, volunteers have put together a self-guided walk brochure, a scavenger hunt for children, docent-led tours and a training program for current volunteers to become park docents.

The self-guided walk brochure, created by Lois Diggs, will soon be made available for times when a volunteer isn't available to give a live tour of the park. The brochure comes in both spring and fall versions that cover several eco-regions, photos of plants to look for and explains the innovative rain-water collection system that runs throughout the grounds.

The scavenger hunt handouts, created by Marilou Simon and Emily Hoffman, will soon be available for download online from the Bush website. Spring and fall versions will be available to both parents and teachers who can then lead children on a tour of the park. It also complies with TEKS standards in several subjects.

This past spring, docent-led tours of the park took place every Thursday at 2 PM and 3 PM, March through May. Tour leaders were Mike Choatecil, Lois Diggs, Carlos Flores, Patricia Flynn, Rod Franz, Peggy Holt, Emily Hoffman and Hertha Hughes. With PR help from the museum docents, our guides were able to have a group of visitors for each tour. The tours elicited great feedback such as: the park is *"a hidden gem in the middle of the Urban environment"*; It is *"Amazing that someone or many had a great vision to create this spectacular Native Texas experiment to bring back the prairie"*; *"Something old is suddenly very new"*; *"I will come back every week on my own to see what beauty will pop up."* In conjunction with the tour, Marilou Simon has been taking photos of the new plants each week and posting them on the volunteer board. Out of fifty-three forbs and wildflowers listed by the landscaper, twenty-four have been sighted this past spring. First seen were the pollinator plants, and currently, plants whose leaves feed butterfly larvae can be sighted. In the fall we look forward to seeing plants that provide berries and seeds that will feed the migrating birds.

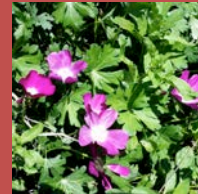
The park docent training program was put together by Mike Choatecil, Emily Hoffman and Carlos Flores. Three classes were held with a total of 45 participants. The training consisted of classroom work and a tour of the park. In addition, new tour guides must shadow a more experienced guide before being able to lead their own group. Once trained, volunteers can choose their tour days.

Look for another park docent training over the summer. Basic museum training is a pre-requisite. Once trained, volunteers can either devote themselves to park tours or work a combination of park and museum. Plans are for standing tours of the park in the fall, September through November, at 9 AM and 10 AM whatever days volunteers are available. We're also looking into docent talks about park flowers and features.

Do You Know Your Wildflowers?

We know you can recognize a Bluebonnet, but how about some of the common prairie flowers that can be seen in spring time along the roadsides and in the Native Texas Park? Match the pictures with the names. Answers are at bottom of page.

1



Indian
Blanket

2



Texas
Lantana

3



Butterfly
Weed

4



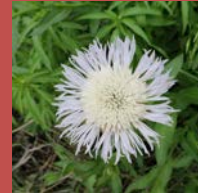
Clasping
Coneflower

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American
Basketflower

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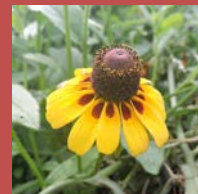
Pink
Evening
Primrose

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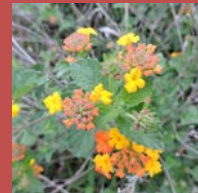
Winecup

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Texas
Yellowstar

9



Engelmann's
Daisy

1. Winecup 2. Texas Star, 3. Pink Evening Primrose, 4. Engelmann's Daisy, 5. Indian Blanket, 6. American Basketflower, 7. Butterfly Weed, 8. Clasping Coneflower, 9. Texas Lantana.

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The 'Seal of the President of the United States'

Story by Judith Banas

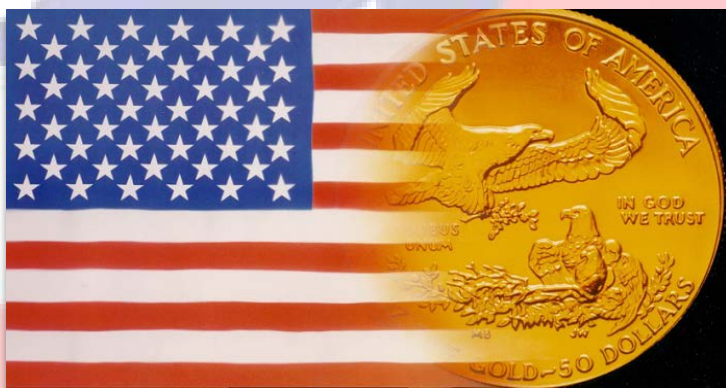
The sculpture which has been installed at the Admissions Desk has an interesting past. The 'Seal of the President of the United States' was designed by Miley Busik Frost. During Reagan's term, Trammel Crow had an exhibit of Presidential Letters (starting with George Washington) and, because of their 'Presidential authority', permission was given to have this sculpture made and exhibited in Crow's building with the letters.

Upon Trammel Crow's death and the sale of the building to a foreign owner, the sculpture was removed and put in storage. After the building again changed ownership, the owner called Miley Frost to discover the original cost (\$100,000) of the sculpture and to find a place where it could be exhibited. The Presidential Seal must be exhibited in an environment that is 'Presidential' in nature. Of course, a Presidential Library and Museum meets

this criterion.

Miley Busik Frost is a very accomplished sculptor. **She is the sculptor for the 'SMU Mustangs'**, which has become an iconic symbol on the east side of campus. Among her many other creations are the 'The Founder's View' (Settler Family) at the Crescent Hotel; 'Together a New Beginning' the sculpture that was in Reagan's Oval Office (in the place where President George W. Bush had the Remington); and the designer of the reverse side of the U.S. Gold Eagle Coin.

A sculptor will always take into consideration the environment in which the piece will be exhibited. Miley was concerned that the 'Seal', made from stainless steel (on a wooden base covered with granite and weighing 800 pounds and six feet in diameter) might not fit with the tan look of the Presidential Center made from limestone. But, when she saw the six display cases of precious metals and jewels, she knew it would blend very well. We are very lucky to add this beautiful sculpture by such a highly regarded sculptor to the Admissions Desk. It will be a wonderful addition to Freedom Hall and reflect the quality and uniqueness of the Museum.



U.S. Gold Eagle Coin



'Together a New Vision' in President Reagan's Oval Office



'The Founder's View' at the Crescent Hotel in Dallas

Volunteers by the Numbers...

Statistic	Total Jan 2015 Thru Jun 2015
Active count	338
Applicant count	75
Became Active	57
Became Applicant	46

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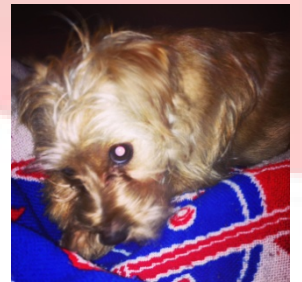
NARA Notes...



ELIZABETH COGGINS
Public Programs Coordinator
Story by Cyndy Sterrantino

Elizabeth serves as the Public Programs Coordinator for the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. She has held this position since January 2013. Before she moved to Dallas, Elizabeth lived in Mississippi for most of her life. She attended Mississippi State where she graduated with a Masters of English. Before joining us at the Presidential Library and Museum she worked at the Ulysses S. Grant Library on the Mississippi State University campus.

Prepare for cuteness overload! Elizabeth has a puppy named Duke, (pictured to the right). She adopted him from a Dallas Animal Services Shelter on October 17th of 2014. The puppy was a gift from her boyfriend Bill. At the beginning of football season, Bill promised that if Mississippi State beat LSU, A&M, and Auburn he would buy Elizabeth a puppy. Much to his surprise (and Elizabeth's) Mississippi State beat all three teams and went to number one. Duke just had his first birthday.



Elizabeth's duties at the Presidential Library and Museum include responsibilities such as partnering with departments from SMU, the Bush Foundation, Bush Institute, and local museums; Elizabeth serves as the Library liaison for functions jointly hosted with these organizations. She is responsible for logistics and arrangements of public programs including scheduling, planning, budgeting, and travel. She facilitates informal programs such as the Library Director or Archivists speaking to civic groups, students, teachers to name a few. She supervises activities and services for visitors to the museum. I should say VIP visitors such as Chuck Yeager and Prince Albert of Monaco is the best part of her job. I would agree! Elizabeth works as a team with facilities manager, volunteers, ticketing sales staff and everyone else involved with making the Library such a success. She does admit the facility is continually in motion and the most challenging part of her job. She manages online ticketing, field trips, and bus funding.

Bi-Annual Volunteer Assembly...

On Friday, April 10, 2015 the Volunteer Assembly Committee hosted the bi-annual volunteer assembly. The volunteer assemblies provide an opportunity for volunteers to ask questions of senior executives at the National Archives and Records Administration as well as the George W. Bush Institute. Alan Lowe, Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, was the keynote speaker for the spring assembly. Below are a few responses from his open Q&A session:

Q: Tell us about your family.

Alan met his wife while attending Kentucky together. She held two corporate positions before going back to school and getting a degree in education to teach first grade but she is not currently teaching. Their daughter, Caroline, is 13 and according to Alan is "very bright and beautiful!" She apparently is indeed very bright being selected to participate in the Duke program due to high standardized-test scores and spoke of some of her musical gifts. He is obviously very proud of his family which showed in his face and voice.

Q: Where was he on 9/11 and can you tell us about that day?

Alan was at the National Archives headquarters in College Park in Maryland, and of all things, all connection with the outside world was lost despite the fact that he was equipped with the latest in security technology. At the time, he was Director of Operations and his first duty was to close all presidential libraries and museums but he was unable to get hold of them. His wife called him on his personal phone to see if he was alright and he had her call the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum (Bush 41) in College Station to close and asked that Bush 41 contact all the other presidential Libraries and Museums.

Q: What is the biggest challenge that he has faced as director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum?

Alan feels that the resolution of the electronic records is his biggest challenge. He has hopes of being the one to crack the code on how electronic records are kept. He hopes to have a new system in place for future presidential libraries.

The next volunteer assembly is scheduled for October 6, 2015. Brian Cossiboom, Vice-President of Operations for the Bush Center, will be the keynote speaker. For a full transcript of the Q&A with the Director, email the volunteer office. The meeting was transcribed by Howard Haddock.

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Fun Photos... Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation; Tiffany Divis on White House Gifts; John Blake and the Texas Rangers, and a host of other fun happenings at the Library.

