

CNC&F garners support through online auction

Are you daydreaming about tapping into your adventurous side, scheduling a getaway or enhancing your garden or property? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then it is time to check out the Cibolo Nature Center & Farm's (CNC&F) online auction. The auction can be found at www.32auctions.com/cibolonaturecenterandfarm and is being held in conjunction with the nature center's Protect & Preserve Gala Luncheon on Oct. 21, at the Historic Herff Farm.

Funds raised will support mission to promote conservation of natural resources through education and stewardship.

The following auction items are available to bid on now through Oct. 21 at 8 p.m.:



• The Cibolo Nature Center & Farm Monarch Meadow Trail Naming Opportunity: This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity can be yours to honor or memorialize your or a loved one's commitment to Protect & Preserve, forever! The Monarch Meadow Trail will meander through the 20-acre meadow at Herff Farm, a beautiful and peaceful walk on this historic Hill Country property. The landscape is being restored

with native grasses and flowering plants that support beneficial pollinators, including the threatened Monarch butterfly, the state insect of Texas. The large trailhead marker is engraved on heavy-gauge steel, permanently pointing the way to a lovely experience with our natural world.

• Loving Lake Tahoe Getaway Vacation in the heart of Heavenly Village. The Marriott Grand Residence Club is steps away from the all season Heavenly Gondola, restaurants, and world-class casinos and night life. Every season has something to offer, whether it's skiing, hiking, biking, fishing, boating, golfing or just relaxing. Accommodations include a full kitchen with dining-living area, two bedrooms, and three bathrooms. Sleeps 10; available date: Check in: Sept. 29, 2017; Check out: Oct. 6, 2017. Donated by Bill and Lynn Haywood.

• 1948 Ford 8N Tractor: Own a piece of Texas Hill Country History. Beautiful vintage tractor in full working order, 10 gallon fuel tank, 23 horsepower, 4 cylinder gas engine, 6 volt battery. Weighs 2400 pounds. Ideal for display on your property or to maintain it!

• Adventure Gear for Two: REI Half-Dome 2 Tent is lightweight and weather worthy, sturdy in three seasons and offers many comfortable touches for two backpackers. Includes footprint to protect tent floor from abrasion and wear. Complete your outfitting with two CNC & Farm fleece vests, two CNC & Farm ball caps, Field Guide to Wildflowers of North America and a \$25 gift certificate to spend in the CNC & Farm Gift Shop! Donated in part by REI.

• Big Bang Fireworks at the Herff Farm: Spend your Independence Day in style. You and 19 guests will enjoy a private picnic party complete with good ol' Texas barbecue, dessert, beer and sodas. Then top off the evening as you and your group watch the incredible firework display from the best viewpoint in town, on the iconic porch of the Historic Herff Homestead. All your friends will be talking about this unforgettable event!

• Custom Garden Accoutre-

ments & Consultation: This beautiful and practical potting bench and custom built two-tier galvanized planter filled with seasonal vegetable plants and edible flowers will refresh your outdoor space. High bidder will also receive a two hour landscape consultation from Keith Amelung of "Have Spade, Will Travel." He can help you design a new project, tweak an existing landscape or lend directions for building your own vegetable garden. Donated by Keith Amelung and Dick Meyer.

• Experience the Magical Flight of the World's Largest Bat Colony: You and 11 of your favorite people will have the life-affirming opportunity to witness the evening emersion of over 15 million Mexican free-tailed bats as they leave Bracken Cave for their evening meal of insects! You will be forever touched by witnessing this natural phenomenon, just a short drive from the San Antonio area.

Included with your package are six hardback copies of "The Secret Lives of Bats: My Adventures with the World's Most Misunderstood Mammals," by Merlin Tuttle to keep or give away. Coordinate your special evening on bat-viewing dates between May and September 2017. Donated in part by Bat Conservation International.

• Capturing Memories with Ashlee Neuman Photography: Family portrait session at a local location of your choice. Includes 1.5 hour session, proofing gallery and five free digital downloads.

In addition to the auction, funds will be raised through the Protect & Preserve Gala. Event emcee Chet Garner, host of PBS's acclaimed Daytripper, will help us celebrate the conservation of land, water and wildlife. Catalina Trail will headline the event as our special presenter with her incredible story of adventure and persistence discovering the Mexican wintering site of the Monarch butterfly, the state insect of Texas, in the 1970s.

A limited number of tickets to this special event are still available and can be purchased online at www.cibolo.org.



Cibolo Nature Center & Farm's Protect & Preserve Gala's online auction is live now and features items such as a Monarch Meadow Trail Naming Opportunity to honor or memorialize your or a loved one's commitment to Protect & Preserve, Forever.

CNC&F Happenings

LITTLE EXPLORERS, Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 10 to 11 a.m., CNC Visitor Center. Little Explorers program for preschoolers and their caregivers to have fun and adventures using their five senses to discover nature listen to stories, sing songs, play games, explore the outdoors, and make crafts to take home. The third Wednesday each month will feature Mother Nature as a special guest for Story Time!

A THIRST FOR NATURE EVENT: OWLERS & GROWLERS, Thursday, Oct. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., CNC Auditorium. Bring the kids, grab a beer and enjoy an evening of owls. Craig Hensley, TPWD's "Wizrd of Wildlife" will give a brief presentation about the fascinating anatomy, diets and lives of owls, including the opportunity to dissect an owl pellet. After the presentation, we will head out on an "owl prow!"

FARMERS MARKET AT THE CIBOLO, Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Herff Farm. Enjoy fresh air and delicious local produce, live music and more at the only Farmers Market in Texas on the grounds of a historic 1850s pioneer farm. Buy fresh local vegetables and farm-fresh eggs, original arts and crafts, homemade breads, jams, jellies, pastries and locally produced honey.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL! Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Herff Farm. Join us for pumpkin painting, hay bale maze, water activities, crafts and much more. Presented by the Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed Partnership. More details at cibolo.org

YOGA FOR NATURE LOVERS, Monday, Oct. 17, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., meet at CNC Visitor Center. Classes every Monday evening at the nature center conducted by Kristen Walker of WellSpring Yoga in Boerne. Classes may move to different outdoor sites at the nature center each week depending on weather and size of the group. \$10 per class, payable at the door with cash, credit card or check.

The Cibolo Nature Center is at 140 City Park Road, the Herff Farm is at 33 Herff Road, both in Boerne

We're marking Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! It is not too late to salute our Latino heritage.

The celebration traditionally runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

It is a time to honor the many and varied contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States while celebrating the culture.

We hope that in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month you will discover the many joys and depths of beauty to be found in our Latino culture.

How very rich and varied are the visual arts, music, dance and literature from the many nations south of our border. And weaving it all together is the Spanish language itself – as melodic as a song once sung you will forever hold in your heart.

Young children are especially receptive to learning a new language. Research inspired by the White House Summit on Early Education has cited numerous benefits of being bilingual.

As noted by the U.S. Department of Education and Health and Human Services, in partnership with Too Small to Fail, bilingual people "have an easier time understanding math concepts and solving word problems, developing strong thinking skills, using logic, focusing, remembering, and making decisions, thinking about language, learning other languages."

Our Youth Department can help nurture your youngster's



embrace of Spanish. We have a robust and comprehensive collection of both Spanish and bilingual books featuring classics, popular fiction and nonfiction.

The collection also includes DVDs and CDs. Our library also has available in our databases the highly acclaimed Little Pim language learning from Mango Languages as well as Tumblebooks, animated online books, many of which are in Spanish.

We also feature two programs to enhance your child's introduction to Spanish.

Our Thursday Little Listeners storytime at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers age two and up now features a bilingual component, generously provided each week by Señorita Rosalia.

Elementary-aged youngsters can practice their Spanish each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. with our library's Miss Wendy.

Start the celebrations with one of these Latino-themed books!

"A Handful of Stars" by Cynthia Lord. A deeply moving novel about the budding friendship between Maine native Lily and migrant Salma, both of whom confront the painful reality of prejudice

one summer. "Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez" by Kathleen Krull. An inspiring portrait of social activist Chavez and his tireless work on behalf of California migrant workers.

"I Pledge of Allegiance" by Pat Mora. A touching tale of a little girl and her great aunt, both of whom work hard to learn the pledge of allegiance.

"Looking For Bongo" by Eric Velasquez. When a young boy's abuela accuses him of being careless with his Bongo, he devises a clever trap to nab the toy snatcher.

"Who Was Frida Kahlo" by Sarah Fabiny. Discover the remarkable life of Frida Kahlo, an invalid for most of her life, who nevertheless persevered to create stunning works of art inspired by the culture and history of her Mexican homeland.

PAJAMA PARTY
We'll celebrate Winnie the Pooh's 90th Birthday with a Pajama Party Friday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m.

The first Winnie-the-Pooh book, written by A.A. Milne, was published in October 1926. Since that time, the loveable bear with a taste for honey has captivated youngsters.

Who can resist a trip to Hundred Acre Wood, populated by such pleasing pals as Christopher Robin, Eeyore, Tigger, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo and Owl.

Come help us celebrate the wonder of Winnie-the-Pooh at our pajama party! Join us for

a Pooh puppet show, craft, games and refreshments.

Wear your jammies and be sure to bring your own Teddy or favorite plush pal as we end the evening with a Teddy Bear Parade!

GOOD FRIENDS
The PHPL salutes the Friends of Boerne Public Library!

Oct. 16 to 22 is National Friends of the Library Week, a time to honor the Friends organizations that support public libraries throughout the nation.

The Friends of the Boerne Public Library is a nonprofit organization designed to support our library by funding new equipment, supplies, public programs and special projects that are not covered by other funding sources.

Our Youth Department is tremendously grateful to the Friends for the support they have given us over the years. The Friends have generously funded our collection development of books and audiovisual items, subscription to Tumblebooks, an online book program, preliteracy programs and author visits.

They will also be generously funding this year's Boerne Boo celebration on Oct. 29.

Our beloved friends have a beautiful book store just to the left of our library.

The Friends' Under the Windmill Bookshop is open weekly on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are also open on the first Tuesday of



Christopher Robin Milne and his beloved bear Winnie, both of whom inspired father A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh books.

each month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with special deals for seniors.

Stop by and you will be amazed by the variety of books and collectibles on sale!

KINDER-READY

Our 1000 Books before kindergarten goes online!

If you enjoyed our online summer program with READSqured, now is your chance to go online with us again for an exciting program exclusively just for babies and preschoolers!

This new program encourages families to read 1000 books with their children before kindergarten.

Incentives are offered in increments to sustain interest in continued daily reading to the child.

Simply go to our website (www.boernelibrary.org) and click on the READSqured link.

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