

CNC&F to host Art in Nature workshop series

Every Child is an Artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.

— Pablo Picasso

The Cibolo Nature Center & Farm will host Art in Nature, a series of art workshops featuring celebrated local artist and art instructor Jeanette MacDougall. The three-part work-

AT THE TRAIL



Claire Jenkins
CIBOLO NATURE
CENTER & FARM

shop will include Drawing from the

Heart on Oct. 29, Sketching and Painting on Nov. 10 and 11 and Watercolor your World on Nov. 17 and 18. Artists are invited to sign up for the workshop individually or for all three.

Drawing from Nature will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 29 and will encourage attendees to let nature inspire them as they

discover their artistic talent in this introduction to drawing.

With step-by-step, hands-on instruction, MacDougall will have everyone drawing confidently with graphite sticks and pencil. Through observational drawing of nature, attendees will learn how to apply line, color, texture and value while unlocking artistic talent.

"I can teach anyone to draw in a day," said MacDougall. "Beginners will be amazed at what they create by the end of this workshop."

On Nov. 10 and 11, one can take their artistic talents to a new level through Sketching and Painting. The two-day workshop will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., when attendees can capture the wonders of nature on their canvases.

The first day will focus on sketching, composing the features and forms that artists will be painting. During the second day, they will learn how to mix and apply color to create a painting that is uniquely theirs.

The final workshop, Watercolor your World, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 17 and 18. Attendees will be encouraged to infuse the richness of water into their impressions of the Herff Farm's natural and historic views.

With an array of watercolors and Jeanette's guidance, artists will discover how to add depth, movement, beauty and boldness to their work.

MacDougall has worked as an art educator for over 30 years at



Celebrated local artist and art instructor Jeanette MacDougall

the Southwest School of Art. Prior to that, she worked at San Antonio Children's Museum and San Antonio Art Institute.

She has an ongoing exhibit at Intermezzo Gallery in Comfort and her work is also on display in the Herff Farm Homestead. She was formerly the resident director at Moulin a Nef, an arts residency program in Auvillar, France.

Space is limited for the workshops and pre-registration is required. Go to www.cibolo.org for more information and to register.

CNC&F Happenings

LITTLE EXPLORERS, Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m., CNC&F Visitor Center. The Little Explorers will come for fun and adventure using their five senses to discover nature, listen to stories, sing songs, play games, explore the outdoors and make crafts to take home. For preschoolers and their caregivers.

DEER CAMP Friday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Herff Farm. Interactive workshop includes field dressing deer, wild hog and fowl, Dutch oven cooking, freezer wrapping and storing venison, making jerky and sausage, deer scoring, wildlife management and will also include a wild game lunch. Cost is \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. Individuals can register at www.agriliferegister.tamu.edu/deercamp.

CAN I "CAN" THAT? Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Herff Farm. Attendees will enjoy fresh food all year by growing and preserving their own while learning the basics of pressure canning through hands-on preserving of fresh produce. Gardening do's and don'ts will also be discussed. Cost is \$20. For more information, email nature@cibolo.org or register at www.cibolo.org.

DRAWING FROM THE HEART, Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Herff Farm. Let nature inspire you as you discover your artistic talent in this introduction to drawing. All materials are provided. Please bring a sack lunch. Cost is \$75, register at Cibolo.org.

FARMERS MARKET AT THE CIBOLO, Saturday, Oct. 29, 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.

YOGA FOR NATURE LOVERS, Monday, Oct. 31, 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. Cost is \$10 per class. Pay at the door with cash, credit card, or check.

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

Get ready for a spooktacular Boerne Boo at the library

Notes from the Underworld: Guest Columnist Hecate

"Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble."
— William Shakespeare

Life is good if you are a witch these days in Boerne. We rule October. Everywhere you look you will find our influence, no nook or cranny untouched by our warty fingertips.

From preschool walls plastered with black cat cut-outs to ghosts and ghouls swinging maniacally from eaves and trees, the whole town is looking devilishly dark.

Who can resist the frightful fun of Halloween? Certainly not I (cue the drumroll) Hecate, queen of the coven. Traditionally my choice of venue for Halloween has been Transylvania, where I might toast in the holiday with a goblet of blood shared with Dracula.

But drafty castles are so yesterday. Boerne is the happening place for Halloween.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m., the Patrick Heath Public Library, in partnership with the Boerne Parks and Recreation Department, will host Boerne Boo.

You might recall that last

THE BOOKWORM



Constance Keremes
BOERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

year the event was cancelled due to a deluge of the 40-days-and-40-nights caliber.

I assure you that I had no hand in that soaking – floods are not my style, my preference being fire and brimstone. But I digress.

This year's Boerne Boo promises to be a stupendously shivery soiree featuring all manner of delights for all ages.

Stop by the numerous activity stations for balloon sculpting, face painting and arts and crafts. Have a go at the ghoulish games galore, including a witch hat toss and bounce house.

Do be sure to come suitably costumed, for there will be a costume contest. Bring your decorated bicycles too and participate in the Boo-Cycle parade and contest.

And if all the excitement leaves you ravenous, you can stop by the available food trucks.

The day will finish with a fiery flourish when Aloha



Aloha San Antonio fire dancers promise sizzling entertainment at the Boerne Boo on Oct. 29.

San Antonio "Hula-Boo" performers take the amphitheater stage for a devilishly daring drum and fire dance.

The library's contributions to Boerne Boo have all been generously funded by the Friends of the Boerne Public Library. Even a selfish old witch such as I must tip her pointy hat to the ever-faithful Friends.

And whilst my hat is off, I must tip it to the steadfast partnership of the Boerne Parks and Recreation for all their work in helping to orchestrate the event.

And, of course, we both thank all the many commu-

nity groups and organizations for their generous contributions to Boerne Boo.

Today, I have no need of eye of newt nor owlet's wing. My cauldron can stand cold.

No potions need be brewed to convince you to attend Boerne Boo, for the astounding variety of features speak for themselves.

Climb out of your crypt, crack open your coffin, wing screeching from your belfry. Embrace the magic – the mystery – the mirth of Halloween at Boerne Boo!

FIELD DAY FOR FIENDS

Speaking of fiendish fun,

we ghouls have had no small giggle in you mortals' malevolent presidential election.

Why, old Beelzebub is beside himself with banshee glee as he watches the satanic shenanigans. Of course, what delights a demon mightily dismays a mortal.

Happily for you, the Patrick Public Library Youth Department can help lighten your presidential election load.

Stay tuned for a library voting booth at which you can cast a vote for your favorite book character. Harry Potter, Anne of Green Gables and Greg Henley are just a few of the literary legends you will

find listed on our ballot.

All the library votes will be tallied after the real presidential election and the winner posted on the Patrick Heath Public Library Children's Corner Facebook page.

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A word from Miss Constance: We are always delighted to welcome families and help you find that perfect book.

And remember, too, that outreach visits continue all year long. Do please contact me if you would like a visit to your school or daycare center. (keremes@boerne-library.org)

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Normal first frost date and what's likely for this year

This time of the year as we see the leaves turn colors and with an increased expectation of cooler temperatures ahead many want to know when the first freeze may occur. This is a very important question, and its forecast being accurate is equally important.

Weather forecasting is a fun and rewarding profession, but it sure is a humbling one. Yet as the epitome of the joke rolls off a tongue, yes, I still do get paid and not fired for being wrong (humor intended). Wouldn't you like to be in this profession? I do thank God for the humbling moments, but getting it right is my professional goal.

It has been a warm and dry October so far, yet the leaves are beginning to turn color. A weak cold front went through last Thursday, Oct 20, with a little rainfall here and there across the Texas Hill Country.

WEATHER PERMITTING...



Dave Knollhoff

Low temperatures got down into the middle to upper 40s with highs in the middle to upper 70s this past weekend.

So, your curiosity then might ask, when is the first freeze-frost going to occur this year? Here is my frustrating answer. I don't know as of writing this column. But...we are getting closer.

The normal first freeze-frost of the season for Boerne is Nov. 13. Looking back through archived weather data recorded as far back as 1904 for Boerne, the earliest freeze recorded was Oct. 8, 1952 and latest freeze recorded was Dec. 14, 1998.

Statistically 90 percent of the recorded first frosts come before Nov. 30 so there is only a 10 percent chance that we get a first frost after this December begins.

Additionally, there is strong evidence from sea surface temperatures and atmospheric conditions across the tropical Pacific Ocean, which strongly influence our seasonal weather conditions, that the La Niña pattern is expected now to be in place by late fall this year and lasting through at least spring.

La Niña historically has brought the Texas Hill Country drier and warmer than normal conditions for a six- to eight-month time frame,

and this expected La Niña should not be any different.

Now consider the warm soils, a lack of frequent precipitation events over the last month, the developing La Niña, weak cold fronts, the statistics stated above and finally my gut feeling, I would not be surprised to see our first freeze-frost near the middle to end of coming November.

But to be overly protective of your outdoor interests and listening to my own warning that not all weather forecasts are accurate – certainly extended forecasts – please stayed tuned to my weekly forecasts in the Boerne Star Friday editions in the Weather Ahead section for the latest

short-term weather forecast updates as we get closer

to the actual first freeze-frost of the cold season.

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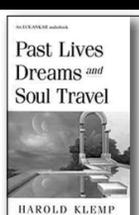
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