

# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION NEWS

JULY 2023

## THE VACATION ISSUE

### “NO FINER PLACE THAN SHINER” IS WHAT THE LOCALS SAY

*Cindy Miller*

It’s that time of year again. Many people spend their summers traveling throughout the United States or abroad, but some families look for ways to vacation close to home. There are so many options for “daycations” or “staycations” around San Antonio. Consider a quick road trip to Shiner, Texas. The locals say there is no finer place than Shiner!

#### Sample some Shiner Spirits

The city of Shiner is named after Henry B. Shiner. It is best known for the Shiner Brewery. Daily tours educate guests on the history of the brewery. You can see every step of the brewing process and hear about the founder’s legacy. The German and Czech immigrants are credited with starting the brewery. Unable to find the types of beer they were accustomed to drinking in their home countries, they decided to brew their own. Kosmos Spoetzl was a soldier who had been a brew master in Germany. After learning to brew in Germany, he worked for years at the Pyramids Brewery in Cairo followed by a stint in Canada. He later moved to San Antonio in search of a better climate for his health. He brought with him a family recipe for a Bavarian beer made from malted barley and hops. The tour guide pointed out the statue created in his image and pointed to his hat telling the group that Kosmos was said to have kept the recipe under his hat. Shiner Premium Beer and Shiner Bock are not only sold throughout Texas and the United States but also



have a global presence. Your price for touring the brewery includes tokens for Shiner beer that can be enjoyed throughout the tour and in the gift store.

Also onsite is the recently opened Shiner Distillery. Vodka, gin and Moonshine (Shiner Shine) are made. The distillery team is ready to give you a tour and serve you some samples of their spirits. We enjoyed the large servings of BBQ at the brewery restaurant. Watching the ladies make the homemade potato salad was a treat to watch and eat! Generous servings of meat and sides compliment the Shiner Bock perfectly.

There are tables outside where guests can enjoy their meal before or after their tours.

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*The mission of the King William Association is to promote the health and welfare of the King William neighborhood by preserving the historic and residential nature of the neighborhood and fostering educational, recreational, and cultural activities.*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Shawn Campbell*

Is it really the vacation issue because a lot is going on at the King William Association in the summer.

1) The Nominating Committee will be elected shortly, and they will be looking for KWA members who would like to serve on the board and have been a member of the KWA for one year. At the moment four board members will be needed. If interested, please let me know and I will forward your name to the committee when seated. Please vote.

2) The King William 4th of July Social is being planned in Upper Mill Park following the King William Regatta with our new Commodore Jen Morey. This is a neighborhood wide, bring a covered dish, side or dessert, family event and serves as the General Membership meeting for July. Bring family, invite neighbors and friends. If you would like to help set up, please let me or Brad Shaw know.

3) Yikes, we need to start working on the Holiday Home Tour for 2023. If you would love to show off your home or have questions about how that works, please call, text or email me.

4) And, there are only 250 seats available (less now) for Designer Bag Bingo & Silent Auction on Aug. 12th. If you want to purchase individual tickets or tables I would not wait. Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, Brahmin, Prada, Consuela, LV. Information is in this newsletter, the weekly eblast or go to [ourkwa.org](http://ourkwa.org), click on **Events**, then **Designer Bag Bingo**.

Ah, all is right with the world. I finally saw a hummingbird at my feeder.

## JULY EVENTS

- 3 Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 4 July 4<sup>th</sup> Regatta & Social
- 17 Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 19 Historic & Design Review Commission Meeting
- 19 KWA Board Meeting

## BOARD BRIEFS:

At the June 21 board meeting, the Executive Director gave updates regarding Fair customer refunds. Reported that membership name badges have been ordered. President Campbell spoke on the upcoming July Social Regatta and the Bingo event on August 12. Committee members from the Architectural Advisory Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, Membership Committee, and Residential Quality Committee, all reported active and engaged work in support of the KWA. July 4th Regatta and Neighborhood Social is right around the corner. Hope to see all our neighbors at 11am at the Upper Mill Park!

*Tina Garza, Board Secretary*

## NEIGHBOR NIGHT & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG



### The July 4th Regatta & Social replaces the July Neighbor Night & General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendar for the next Neighbor  
Night & General Membership Meeting

September 6

Neighbor Night: 6-7 p.m.

General Membership Meeting: 7-8 p.m.

122 Madison St.

## STARS, STRIPES &...REGATTA!



**July 4<sup>th</sup> Regatta & Social**  
**Tuesday, July 4**  
**10 a.m.**

**Regatta at Nueva St. Floodgates**  
**Social at Upper Mill Park**

All neighbors are invited to participate in King William's traditional **July 4<sup>th</sup> Regatta celebration** of our river and our passion for the offbeat. On the morning of July 4, neighbors will gather at the Nueva Street floodgates of the San Antonio River in their canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and other floating contraptions. Some participate in the canoe race, some participate in the one-person kayak race, most just come for a leisurely paddle through our neighborhood. All participants should be in place in the river by 10 a.m. sharp!

All paddlers, kids, dogs, boats and floats will be styled-out in their best stars-and-stripes decorations. Each participant is a contestant in the "Most Stylish" competition – the zanier, the better. Awards will be presented at the social that follows the Regatta to the neighbors who finish first in each category: canoe, kayak and style. Please encourage your neighbors to participate in the KW Independence Day extravaganza!

**If you want to participate, get more info, or if you want to lend or borrow a canoe or kayak, please contact Commodore of the King William Yacht Club Jen Morey at [jlemorey@gmail.com](mailto:jlemorey@gmail.com). Now is the time to dust off your paddles so you can participate in our July 4 fun!**

After another exciting Regatta, the residents of King William will gather for a **potluck social** to celebrate this year's winners. The Regatta should conclude around 10:30, and the lunch buffet should be ready around 11.

The King William Association will provide fried chicken and beverages (water, sodas and other libations, but feel free to BYOB!). Residents are invited to bring their favorite dishes to share - appetizers, salads, side dishes, desserts. While chairs and tables will be available, you are welcome to bring your own chairs and blankets to the party.

The Barbershop Quartet Heart's Desire will entertain us at 12 Nn. Our board director extraordinaire Tina Garza will be spinning cotton candy. There will be face painting for kids and adults, corn hole, bocce, and "fishing." Come celebrate the birth of our nation and the joy of

living in our wonderful neighborhood. All neighbors are invited.



THE BARBERSHOP  
QUARTET HEART'S DESIRE  
WILL ENTERTAIN  
BEGINNING AT 12 NOON.



### Learn about Shiner's History

The Edwin Wolters Memorial Museum is a wonderful place to learn about the history of the area. Antique collections and exhibits tell visitors a vivid story about the area's past.

### Eating and Shopping in Shiner

A must stop in Shiner is the Antiques Art and Beer. Over 250 beers and wines are served. Sit down and relax, bring your pets, and even have some fudge. One of their fudge recipes includes Shiner beer. You will even be able to get certified. Really. You must drink a Shiner in Shiner and walk away with a certificate.

If you are looking for trendy clothes and unique gifts, B'Marie's is the place to be. Women's apparel, shoes, jewelry and gifts are available for those who enjoy boutique shopping.

Those looking for Texas made, or Texas grown items, will appreciate the gifts, art and delectables at Blue Stem. Amazing pies and cinnamon

rolls are worth the drive! They are open from Tuesday – Saturday 10am - 6pm.

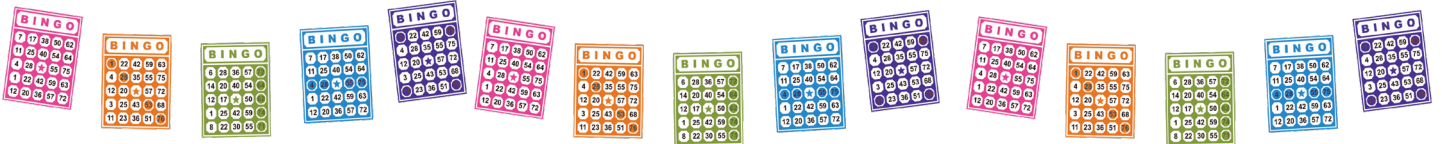
Sweet Bea's is the place for ice cream! The cute shop is filled with many flavors of ice cream and a variety of toppings. Milkshakes, sundaes and banana splits are also on the menu.

The short drive makes Shiner the perfect "daycation."



THE ST. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH IS A HISTORIC CHURCH IN SHINER NAMED AFTER TWO BROTHERS SAINT CYRIL AND SAINT METHODIUS WHO WERE MISSIONARIES TO THE SLAVIC PEOPLE IN THE 9TH CENTURY. IT IS LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.





**DESIGNER BAG**

**B I N G O**

## INAUGURAL KING WILLIAM "DESIGNER BAG BINGO" FUNDRAISER

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For questions, please contact Shawn Campbell [shawn78@swbell.net](mailto:shawn78@swbell.net)



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## SIGN ME UP OR RENEW MY DUES TO BE A KWA MEMBER IN 2023

*Dues for 2023 are payable by January 15 in order to receive complimentary King William Fair admission and be included in the printed directory. We nominate voting members in good standing to serve on the Board of Directors and nominating committee. A voting member must be current with annual dues 30 calendar days prior to any vote. The membership year runs January 1 to December 31. Dues may be paid any time but will not be prorated. The King William Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).*

### VOTING MEMBERS: Select a category:

- Individual (\$30/1 vote)       Business/Organization (\$50/1 vote)  
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**INDIVIDUAL NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(Check one)  I AM  I AM NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION.

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- Architectural Advisory     Board     Cultural Arts     Home Tour     King William Fair  
 Newsletter Committee     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please fill out the KWA membership form above and mail to the KWA office. You may also drop your KWA membership form in the mail slot in the door facing Madison (not the parking lot entrance). You may also email us at [info@ourkwa.org](mailto:info@ourkwa.org), or you may become a KWA member online by going to <https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join>.

Renew your membership today or join King William Association for the first time! The membership year begins in January, but it is never too late to renew or join.

The more numerous and diverse our members the more powerful our voice in the effort to advance the KWA mission of preserving and protecting our historic residential environment. We encourage you to become involved in the work of KWA and to participate in KWA sponsored events that offer an opportunity to strengthen a sense of belonging by building relationships with neighbors. Your membership offers other benefits in the form of discounts on KWA merchandise and at businesses in the area.

Equally important, your membership helps support KWA programs, including the King William Fair!

Joining for the first time or renewing your membership is quick, easy and secure online by visiting our website at [www.ourkwa.org](http://www.ourkwa.org).

Shawn Campbell  
KWA Board President

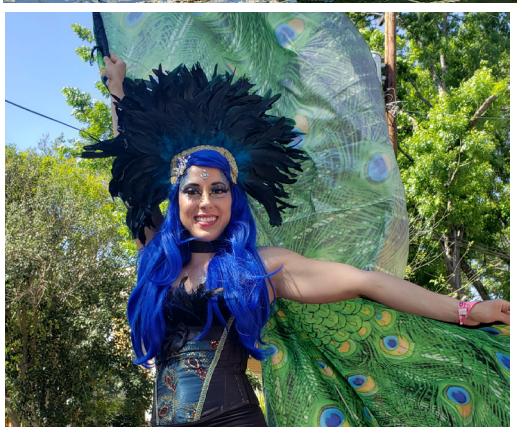




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## FAVOR DE ACTIVAR O RENOVAR MI MEMBRESÍA DE KWA PARA EL 2023

Para recibir la entrada gratuita a King William Fair y ser incluido en el guía impreso, favor de pagar la cuota antes del 15 de enero del 2023. Solamente, se nominan miembros activos para servir en la Mesa Directiva y el comité de nominaciones. Para poder votar, el mismo debe estar al día con las cuotas anuales 30 días corridos antes de cada votación. La membresía es efectiva del 1 de enero al 31 de diciembre. La cuota se puede pagar en cualquier momento, pero no se prorrateará. La Asociación King William es una organización sin fines de lucro 501(c)(3).



## MIEMBROS CON DERECHO A VOTO: Seleccione una categoría:

- Individual (\$30/1 voto)
- Empresa/Organización (\$50/1 voto)
- Patrocinador (\$75)
- Familia (\$40/2 votos)
- Benefactor (\$250)
- De por vida (\$1,000)

## MIEMBROS ASOCIADOS: Seleccione una categoría:

- Individual (Gratis)
- Familia (Gratis)
- Negocio/Organización (Gratis)

### NOMBRE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

(Para los miembros empresariales con derecho a voto, indique la persona designada para votar y el respectivo suplente.)

### NOMBRE COMERCIAL (si aplica): \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECCIÓN: \_\_\_\_\_

### CIUDAD/ESTADO/CÓDIGO POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seleccione uno)  VIVO  NO VIVO DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE LA ASOCIACIÓN KING WILLIAM.

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## GRACIAS POR SU APOYO!

Por favor llene el formulario y envíelo por correo a la oficina de KWA. También puede depositarlo en la ranura de la puerta que da a Madison (no en la entrada del estacionamiento). También puede enviarla por correo electrónico a [info@ourkwa.org](mailto:info@ourkwa.org), o puede activar su membresía en línea en <https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join>.

## Bill Cogburn

*I recently ran across a charming, untitled essay written by Mary Burkholder. In it, she describes the history of a corner of our neighborhood which you will recognize as being the site of the King William Park and the property encompassing the Wulff House at 107 King William Street.*

*Mary Burkholder lived at 226 Madison for 50 years until she died in 1997. She was a school teacher by profession, but most of us old timers remember her as a chronicler of our neighborhood's history. Thank you Mary for your amazing body of research.*

At first, this bit of land was part of the wilderness where the Coahuiltecan Indians moved about freely. It was important even then because it led to a bend in the river nearby. Who knows how many pairs of moccasined feet trod this soil on the way to fish in the river or to gather wild mustang grapes, agaritas and blackberries. Were those old pecan trees the forebears of those we have today?

In time, the land was claimed by the Spanish king and this little plot of land became an irrigated garden for Mission San Antonio de Valero. With two acequias nearby supplying plenty of water, it was still an ideal spot. Think what may have grown here – beans, corn, chilies, watermelons and cantaloupes? While the Indians still passed this way, now there was discipline because they had been taught to grow their food rather than depend on nature's supply from the wild.

Things were thus for nearly a century when in 1793, the missionaries felt that they had completed their work at the Alamo and their efforts could best be used elsewhere. That's when the mission and its holdings reverted to the king. But the Indians who were left at the Valero mission needed a place to build their huts and grow their food so again this piece of ground came to be the land chosen for partition among them.

Pedro Huizar, surveyor for the Indians, measured for them, suertes of land on the other side of the Acequia Madre of the Alamo. On the west side of the Acequia, he received as his reward for this service, a suerte extending from the far side of what is currently the King William Park (currently Turner Street) to Durango Street (now Cesar Chavez) and extending about a block north of it. And here was this chosen spot.

We don't know how Huizar used his suerte or if he made any use of it at all. Thirty years later, after his death, his children, Antonio, Geronimo, Carlos and Jose Guadalupe, who were living at the Presidio of Espirito Santo de Bahia at Goliad, sold the suerte to Ramon Musquiz for \$274.

A few years later, half of the suerte, again including this little park, was sold to Juliana Bosque for 100 silver dollars. In March 1849, her children, Pedro and Petra Cabrera sold this half suerte to John James for \$200. In 1854, it was bought by the firm of Lewis and Groesbeck who turned around and sold it to John C. French that same year. Two years



later, John Groesbeck bought it, and in 1866 his widow Phoebe had it platted into town lots.

While Anton Wulff and his family were spending the Civil War years in Germany, he conceived the idea for a home that would come to be called Wulff's castle. He found just the right site for it in Mrs. Groesbeck's development, and in 1868 he purchased five lots bordered by Garden St. (now S. St. Mary's), King William and Washington Streets (unnamed at the time).

The lots were shaped like a fan because of the bend in the river. The lot farthest north, bordering Martinez Street (which became Durango then later, Cesar Chavez) encompassed our park. That was fortunate because now it belonged to a man who cherished his land. While he planted and watered and pruned his many flowers and shrubs, Mr. Wulff also tended a vegetable garden. His family, who had been living near the town center, were now ready to move into their new home. Now they felt they were living in the country. They even walked to the far end of King William Street for their picnics. What a happy time!

Year after year their gardens flourished. The river flowed by and there were happy sounds from the large family of children growing up in this beautiful place. Martinez Street was then, just an alley leading down to the river where Mr. Wulff, an enterprising business man, kept his wagons and mules for transporting his goods to Mexico.

By the turn of the century, most of the Wulff children had married and moved away. After Mr. Wulff died, his widow decided to sell her home. A third of the property on the Washington Street side had already been sold to Thomas and Carrie Cobbs. Their daughter, Helene, who was married to Max Mayer, could have bought the castle but she decided it had too many stairs. Instead, she purchased from the rest of the family another third of the property bordering Martinez Street which contained our park. In 1902, the homestead was sold to Arthur William Guenther and his wife Elise for \$7,000. The Mayers built a beautiful brick house with a colonnade and arbor in front leading to the street.

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## OUT IN THE GARDEN WITH ALAN CASH

Here are some general comments on backyard gardening. Enjoy.

\*About watering potted plants. If they are wilted in the morning, water thoroughly. Wilted in the afternoon may only be from heat stress. Be careful not to overwater.

\*Visit [GardenStyleSA.com](http://GardenStyleSA.com) for advice and landscaping tips for ways to maintain your lawn and garden through the coming summer.

\*SAWS water rules enforcers are patrolling neighborhoods and issuing fines. Water lawns from 7am to 11am and 7pm to 11pm one day a week on days based on the last number of your house number.

\*Watering by hand with a hose and nozzle can be done any day, any time.

\*Fertilize shrubs, lawns, and flower beds every 2 to 3 months with an organic granular fertilizer. Fertilize potted plants with an organic liquid fertilizer every 2 to 3 weeks.

Add mulch to flower beds to retain moisture and reduce the heat in the soil. Maintaining a depth of 3 to 4 inches should be enough.

## Garden Note

*Some gardeners say, plant twice as much and let the bugs have their half. But who wants half a green bean.*



## MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS!

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**The Guenther House River Mill Store:** 10% off total purchase



# CONTEMPORARY AT BLUE STAR

*Daniela Oliver de Portillo*

July is here and summer vacation is in full swing! Whether you decided to stay in town for your vacation break or you have out of town guests, consider a visit to Contemporary at Blue Star for a refreshing set of thought-provoking exhibitions which provide an opportunity for contemplation and reflection.

This month the Contemporary opens three new solo exhibitions featuring new work by Brittany Ham, Adam Schreiber, and Michael Velliquette, three artists with strong ties to our community. Ham and Schreiber are alumni of the Contemporary's Berlin Residency Program and Velliquette is a former San Antonio resident, now based in Madison, WI. This year marks the 20-year anniversary since his first solo exhibition at the Contemporary.

Brittany Ham: *Unmooring* explores personal and physical interior and exterior spaces through oil paintings and charcoal drawings, reflecting on personal experiences with lockdown and early motherhood. Adam Schreiber: *Stadtwald* presents intriguing photographs of Berlin's hidden corners and decontextualized objects, inviting viewers into a game

of curiosity and concentration. Michael Velliquette: *The Direct Path* showcases intricate paper sculptures that communicate ornate preciousness and a new appreciation for ordinary materials.

Also on view is *Actions for the Earth: Art, Care & Ecology*, curated by Sharmila Wood and produced by Independent Curators International (ICI), this traveling exhibition explores artistic practices that promote a deeper awareness of our interconnectedness with the Earth. The exhibition features interdisciplinary artists addressing global crises such as climate change, social inequity, and public health concerns. Notably, the exhibition features instruction-based meditation, deep listening activities, and even an indoor community garden where seeds have been planted to germinate over the course of the show. These community engaging components offer visitors practical tools to incorporate eco-consciousness and mindfulness into their everyday lives. Additionally, the show includes video art, and installations that provide a multi-dimensional and immersive experience for viewers.

We hope to be part of you and your friend's vacation plans!



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## CULTURAL ARTS INVITES YOU

**On view through August 31**

Art Exhibit featuring artist Terry Ybanez

**September 14**

Opening of Art Exhibit featuring artist Doerte Weber

**September 17**

Concert in the Park featuring Dirty River Jazz Band

**October 22**

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**November 12**

Concert in the Park - TBA

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# BLUSH RESTAURANT AND BAKERY .... MUCH MORE THAN A PLACE FOR A BOOZY BRUNCH

Cindy Miller

When asked to interview Blush Brunch at 713 South Alamo, I must admit I expected a small café where you could get a cup of coffee and enjoy a light pastry and perhaps a limited menu of brunch items. I was pleasantly surprised by the sheer size of the building, the menu, the vision behind the business, and the owner's ambitious plans for expansion.

Efren Moreno is not new to the food industry. He has owned Scratch Sandwich Company in Laredo for over ten years. After college, he and his wife relocated to San Antonio for his wife's job. She is a construction manager and was on the team in charge of building the federal courthouse in 2019.

The Morenos rent their current space from the Garcia family, owners of Garcia Art Glass, the neighboring studio. It was built in 1914, and an ice creamery that made and sold ice cream were original tenants followed by Meny's Paint in 1940s and 1950s. The renovation continues with plans for an expansion upstairs. The restaurant currently serves patrons in the bakery area, a large dining room, or a beautiful covered outdoor patio. Exciting plans for continued expansion upstairs are in the works.

His wife has been instrumental in the evolution of Blush. She manages the social media accounts and marketing, and Efren credits her with the design and décor that has transformed the building they occupy which was originally built in the early 1900s. Much care and planning were involved to ensure many details of the original building were incorporated into the modern look with a vintage appeal.

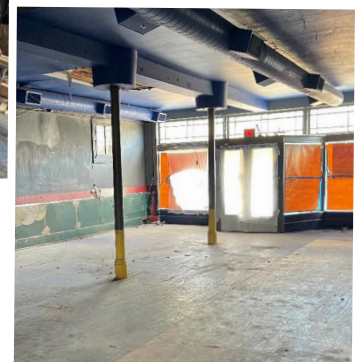
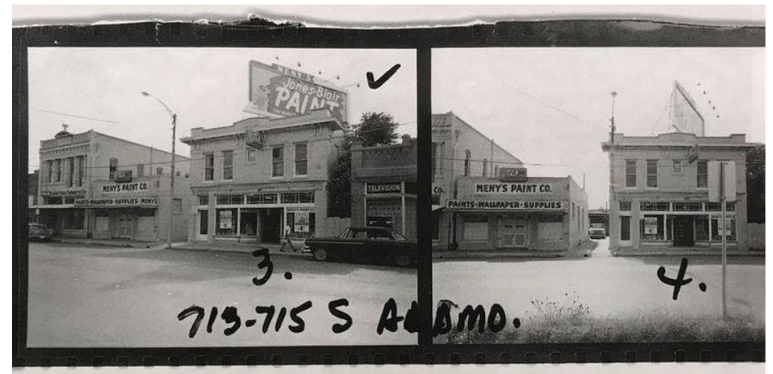
Blush is proud of the business they are building. The international team includes chefs from the Philippines, New Zealand, and Guam. The current customer favorite is the Crème Brule French Toast. Customers love the crème anglaise stuffed brioche, served with seasonal berries, brown butter, crumble, and wildflower honey. They have set a goal for early summer to begin offering an evening dinner service. Their menu will include a variety of cocktails, appetizers, charco oysters, burgers, salads, scallops and wild shrimp. Their talented team of chefs will be creating new dishes that can be paired with the various drink options.

This budding business venture will be featured in an upcoming short film. Director Jose Corres filmed a part of one of his ten short ten-minute films called *San Antonio, I Love You* onsite while high lighting the Southtown vibe. Guest Relations Manager Steven Bustamante is filled with confidence and has big plans for Blush. The management team is striving to create a place for guests to feel 100% indulged. He asked me to imagine a place in San Antonio with an uptown New York City vibe. Guests will soon be able to enjoy live music in a luxurious setting that will ultimately offer food and spirits from 7am to 12am. Plans for an upstairs "speakeasy" are in the works and the goal for completion is

the end of the year. The ample space and luxurious details make it the perfect place to hold private gatherings, such as luncheons, graduation parties, rehearsal dinners, small weddings and corporate events. Management is ready to help you plan the perfect event and will assist you in creating a personalized menu to impress your guests with a memorable dining or entertainment experience.

Both owner and manager love the neighborhood! They truly enjoy their regular customers who stop by for their daily cup of coffee. Knowing your regulars by name is something that Mr. Bustamante says is one of his favorite parts of the job. The Morenos love the area as well and have chosen to make nearby Denver Heights their home.

As I was leaving, they showcased their signature hospitality by gifting me a decadent pastry topped with a combination of cheese, sugar frosting and coconut. They also want to welcome all King William Association members to come by and say hello! A 10% discount will be given to all KWA members. Stop by for brunch, ask for a tour, and get ready for all the exciting things happening as this business continues to grow and expand.



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Here the seven Mayer children grew to adulthood. Only two were still living in the home in 1950 when F. G. and Kathryn Antonio bought all the lots that Mr. Wulff had previously owned. By 1937, the Cobbs' house had come down, but the other two were still standing and occupied even after they were sold to Akers Enterprises in 1954.

Then came the saddest time of all. In 1964, the new owners, The United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, "restored" the Wulff homestead and adorned it with a pink overcoat, but there was a greed for parking space that has caused the downfall of many a cherished building. So down came the colonnade, and this became a spot more barren than ever before. For even in its idyll days, nature must have come to its rescue with her wild greenery.

For the next 10 years it was thus until 1974 when the most devoted group of conservationists in our city adopted this storied area. Once again, this bit of land is planted, watered and cared for and except for the absence of the river, which was made to give up its wayward contour, has come full circle to become again the beautiful bit of ground it was meant to be from the beginning.

- Mary V. Burkholder



Open to art and design professionals residing in the United States

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ST. JAMES AMEC CULTURE CROSSING DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS AT SAN PEDRO CREEK CULTURE PARK

**CLOSE DATE: MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023 AT 5:00PM**



The San Antonio River Foundation, in partnership with the San Antonio River Authority, City of San Antonio, and Bexar County, seek to commission an artist team for a large-scale installation for the St. James AMEC Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek Culture Park, which will feature a permanent shade structure and the display of more than 300 names of original parishioners. This cohesive design will serve as a signature work of art to honor one of the most historically significant sections of the park.

This opportunity is open to all art and design professionals, ages 18 and over, and residing in the United States, regardless of residence, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability.

Applications close Monday, July 31, 2023 at 5 p.m.

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