

**OCTOBER 2023** 



# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS



The KWA board election is coming up next month! John Doski is nominated for President and Shawn Campbell is nominated for Vice President. Short biographies of the nominees are outlined below.

#### John Doski, President

My wife Deborah Mueller grew up in Charleston SC and always wanted to live in an old house. As I was completing a Pediatric Surgery fellowship in Dallas, she was in San Antonio renting a room from Emily Wurzbach Mickler, age 99, and in practice as a US Air Force Trauma Surgeon. Tasked with finding a house, she found and we went on to purchase the Charles and



Emilie Hummel House at 309 King William. We moved into the house in King William in 1999 and then enjoyed entertaining Emily in the house, which her Aunt had owned and she had played in as a child. We tracked down Hummel relatives and were able to obtain photographs of the family and house. With help from our King William family, we were able to petition and obtain Texas Historic Commission designation for the Hummel House. We have thoroughly enjoyed living here, moving Deb's mom Millie to 308 Washington, raising two terrific girls, Sarah and Julia, opening the house to King William Home tours, and each with significant service on the King William Association Board of Directors. It is critically important to annually find neighbors willing to commit their time, talent, and treasure to understand, guide, and advance the mission of the King William Association. It is with this need and charge in mind that I recommit to service on the Board of Directors.

#### Shawn Campbell, Vice President

I have lived in King William since 2011. Previously served on the board from 2017-2019 and for the past two years as board prez. Jim and I have two grown sons with lovely brides, and they still like to be around us. I like to seasonally decorate our front yard and porch and love walking on the river. I would be happy to complete my third year on the board in a supporting role.



#### **Anne Alexander,** Board of Directors

I've lived in the 'hood since 2002, but it's been my Social Neighborhood since the 1980s. I've volunteered at the Home Tour since the '80s and served as Home Tour Chair from 2007 through 2018. I'm currently on the Architectural Advisory Committee.



#### Paul Acovio, Board of Directors

I've been an Internal Auditor for the last eight years and prior to worked in Risk Operations, Quality Assurance, and Quality Control for eight years as well. I have also been serving in the Army National Guard since 2007. I am currently a Logistic/Quartermaster officer. I have worked in Special Operation units since 2013 with three overseas deployments.

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Shawn Campbell

You will get to meet the new slate of 2024 Board Nominees in this newsletter. The Nominating Committee did a great job under the direction of Tina Garza, Harry Shafer, Rick Casey, Leigh Anne Lester and Christine Vina dividing up the directory and calling everyone! As they started that process, and it's always a little nerve racking wondering if you will recruit candidates, I spoke with our Parliamentarian Gretchen Garceau-Kragh about what happens if you don't have enough candidates/board members to make a quorum and she replied you can't do business. She noted in our current bylaws under Article 5, Officers (d) there is a phrase "or until their successors are elected" that allows the executive board members to continue past an expired term and suggested we consider that for the board of directors because it does not say that now. In addition, Section 6.05 (b)(1) requires KWA to vote by paper ballots and the current Robert's Rules of Order Revised allows for other options. So, I called for an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee of Brad Shaw, Gretchen Garceau-Kragh, Mariah Pfeiffer, Carlos Villarreal and Leigh Anne Lester to consider some post Covid tweaking/updating of our Revised 6/5/2019 edition. The KWA board also moved to have the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee look at revising Article 4 regarding Associate Members which has not proven to increase membership or attendance at events. These considerations are in process and as per our bylaws, the General Membership will be notified in writing by our parliamentarian two weeks before a vote, which in this case will be no later than October 18 for the notice and November 1 for the vote which will also be when we vote for our new 2024 KWA Board. Should the Bylaws Committee reach a proposed consensus earlier it will be in the next eblast. So, stay tuned. And, again, because our Nominating Committee was so successful "the sky is not falling" and we have new faces to vote on...but it would be good to be prepared for the future. Our October General Membership meeting program will introduce our new SAFFE Officer, but if you have questions about the bylaws come to discuss.

## **OCTOBER EVENTS**

- 2 Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 4 Neighbor Night & General Membership Meeting
- 11 Finance Committee Meeting
- 12 Presentation: Cultivating Native Plants in KW
- 16 Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 18 Historic & Design Review Commission Meeting
- 18 KWA Board Meeting
- 21 KW Area Yard Sale
- 22 Concert in the Park: Youth Orchestra of San Antonio

#### **BOARD BRIEFS:**

At the September 20 board meeting the Executive Director gave updates regarding office personnel. Jen Huss is our new Events Director and Angela Suhor has been promoted to Operations Manager. Events Director reported on the progress of the 2024 Fair and gave the Board the timeline for the Fair that staff has been working on. Thanks to the success of the Designer Bag Bingo event the KWA is now able to create a Minor Home Repair Program for King William residents. More to follow. Do not forget the upcoming Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale event on October 21, 2023 and the Holiday Home Tour scheduled for December 2, 2023. Volunteers (house docents) are still needed for the Holiday Home Tour. Committee members from the Architectural Advisory Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, Membership Committee, Nominating Committee, and Residential Quality Committee, all reported active and engaged work in support of the KWA. Hope to see all our friends and neighbors at the Neighbor Night & General Membership Meeting on October 4, 2023 at 6:00pm and 7:00pm respectively at the KWA office. Our new SAPD SAFFE Officer Virginia Olvera will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

# MEET OUR NEW EVENTS DIRECTOR JEN HUSS



A recent Texas transplant, Jen enjoyed her first King William Fair this year. She could not be more excited to now be a part of the team that puts on this phenomenal event.

Jen has an extensive background in project management and leadership working in corporations dedicated to giving back to their communities while providing an excellent customer experience. She is delighted to have the opportunity to apply her knowledge and experience to the King William Association

mission. As the Events Director, Jen is looking forward to adding more events to the Association's annual calendar in order to be in a position to give back even more to the San Antonio community.

Having lived and traveled throughout the United States, Jen is eager to establish roots here in San Antonio, taking full advantage of the rich diversity, history, and cultural offerings that the city provides.

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM JEN!** 

# KWA AWARDS \$55K TO LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS



KWA provides grants to schools and other organizations serving the King William neighborhood and its residents. Grants are awarded on an annual basis dependent on the KWA budget, and for 2023 there was \$55,000 in grant funds available. Since 2001, more than \$500,000 has been granted.

The King William Association (KWA) has awarded grants totaling \$55,000 to 12 grant recipients for 2023! Through the King William Fair, and in keeping with its mission, the KWA was able to raise funds for arts, education, and community improvements in the neighborhood. Grants were awarded to: America's Walking Club, Bonham PTA, Brackenridge Cross Country, Brackenridge Drama Dept., Cannoli Fund, Contemporary at Blue Star, Footbridge Foundation, Friends of Bonham, Jump Start, SA Art League & Museum, Sala Diaz, and Villa Finale.

"The King William Fair is special because a percentage of the funds we raise are channeled directly back into the community," said KWA Executive Director Lisa Lynde. "The funds are used to implement programs, services, and initiatives that address local needs, support the arts, and improve the overall well-being of the people these organizations serve. KWA's direct investment with community organizations helps create positive, sustainable impacts and strengthens the social fabric of our community."

Working to meet the goals of KWA, grants may be used for a variety of purposes including program support, physical projects, or program development. At the discretion of the board of directors,



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# **OUT IN THE GARDEN WITH ALAN CASH**

Autumn is here. It is time to fertilize lawns to keep them healthy and strengthen roots so they can survive cold winter weather. Use an organic granular fertilizer.

Autumn is also the time to trim, divide and mulch perennials and flower beds as the weather cools. Add color to the garden by planting pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, and salvias.

From October through January add trees and shrubs to the garden. Feed and mulch them as well.

During cooler winter weather when time in the garden may be limited, is a good time to relax and enjoy the work of other gardeners by going online and visiting beautiful public gardens. One such garden is Mirabell Palace and Gardens near Salzburg, Austria https://www.



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salzburg.info/en/sights/top10/mirabell-palace-gardens. Built in the early 1600s, the site was the location of some scenes in the movie The Sound of Music.

# Garden Note

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.



## **MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS!**

#### SHOW YOUR KWA MEMBERSHIP CARD AND GET REWARDED!

Being a member of the oldest historic district in Texas has its rewards! When you become a member of the King William Association you are awarded with an official King William Membership Card to use at various businesses to receive discounts! Use your 2023 Membership Card at the following locations. Thanks to our members for helping the King William Association preserve the historic nature of the King William neighborhood, and thanks to our Business Sponsors who reward our members for their support!

Contemporary at Blue Star: \$10 off BSC's Friends &

Family Annual Membership

Caliente Hot Glass: 10% off gallery pieces

**Energy X Fitness:** 10% off all products & services

Halcyon Coffee, Bar, Lounge: 10% off total purchase

**Hub MRKT:** 10% off Bicycle Tune Up

**Iron Clad Metal Roofing:** Deductible discounts available













MBS Fitness, Yoga, & Pilates: 10% off membership

**Pharm Table:** 10% off total purchase (excluding Happy Hour)

San Antonio BCycle: 50% off Annual Membership

San Antonio's Gourmet Olive Oils: 10% off total purchase

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Stella Public House: 10% off total purchase

**Sweat Equity Infrared Saunas:** 10% off total purchase

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



# **CONTEMPORARY AT BLUE STAR**

#### Daniela Oliver de Portillo

Everyone at the Contemporary at Blue Star is excited to welcome the fall and to celebrate San Antonio's talented community of artists in the Red Dot Show, opening to the public on October 6 and on view through January 9.

Our opening night celebration, the 33rd Annual Red Dot on October 4, is not just any art event; it's a celebration of our incredible creative community. We are shining a spotlight on over 100 local artists, whose work will be available for purchase, catering to various tastes and budgets. The proceeds from art sales will not only benefit our amazing artists but also contribute to Contemporary at Blue Star's year-round exhibitions and free art education programs. These programs are all about inspiring, nurturing, and innovating through contemporary art.

And talking about innovation, this year the Contemporary is teaming up with Kaleido, a San Antonio-based art tech startup offering artists and collectors a social marketplace with augmented reality capabilities. Guests at the show will be able to utilize the platform's capabilities to hear directly from artists about their work, and collectors who purchase an artwork on Kaleido will receive a certificate of authentication with unique AR features.

We're also thrilled to honor some outstanding individuals this year. Our



artist honoree is Cathy Cunningham-Little, known for her breathtaking neon and light creations. As a patron of the arts, we are pleased to honor Andi Rodriguez, a passionate advocate for our city's cultural scene. This year's Arts Education Champions are our very own MOSAIC Student Artists, who are shaping the future of art in San Antonio.

This event is not just about art; it's about coming together as a community to celebrate creativity, support local artists and the Contemporary. Please mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's make this year's Red Dot art sale and exhibition the best one yet!

For more information and to view the artworks available, visit <u>contemporarysa.org</u>. We can't wait to see you this fall!

# NEIGHBOR NIGHT & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING











122 Madison

Neighbor Night: 6-7 p.m.

Membership Meeting: 7-8 p.m.

During the October General Membership Meeting, we will welcome our new SAFFE Officer Virginia Olvera #1347. This will be a town-hall style meeting and an opportunity for you to speak directly with Officer Olvera about your neighborhood concerns.





# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### □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).

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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, or you may become a KWA member online by going to <a href="https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join">https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join</a>.

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 strenghten 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 <a href="https://www.ourkwa.org">www.ourkwa.org</a>.

Shawn Campbell KWA Board President

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# FORMULARIO PARA MEMBRESÍA DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

□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).

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Joining the KWA was a big step for me, but after learning more about KWA and how it operates, I've come to enjoy being a member of it. I have lived in the neighborhood since 2018, and my wife has lived here most of her life. I am hoping to bring new perspectives and ideas to the table. Working in Risk Operations provided me the opportunity to refine my analytical skills. I've written numerous policies and procedures for several lines of busi-



ness, some of which are still used today. I have never sat on a board for an association so this would be new to me and something I can dive deep into. I enjoy supporting all small businesses within the community and would like to see how I can help as a board member. I would want to help improve membership and participation from our neighbors. I know on my street, there aren't too many neighbors who are members and would like to see how we can go about changing that. Above is a photo of my wife Jessica, our dog Lily, and me after I returned home from Officer Candidate School on 29 July 2023.

#### Lauren Chittenden, Board of Directors

I was born and raised in San Antonio and received a BFA in Art Education from Texas Christian University, an AOS degree in Graphic Design from Pratt Institute, and an unofficial 'life education' living in New York City for the better part of 10 years. Growing up on the Northside, I was delighted to learn about King William as my husband and I became reacquainted with our hometown - the rich history, vibrant community, and the access to the best in arts and hospitality drew us in. It took a lit-



tle while for everything to align, but we made our way to the neighborhood as quickly as we could, and have loved carving out space for our family here. We have two young boys and can often be spotted out and about, riding our bikes, going on coffee runs and exploring the river, tree lined streets and all the playgrounds in the vicinity. We recognize how special this neighborhood is and have enjoyed participating in the Sauerkraut Bend 5K, 4th of July Regatta and Social, and of course the King William Fair and Parade. I am honored to have received a nomination to serve on the KWA board as it has aligned with my desire to become more involved with my city and community and better acquainted with my neighbors. I appreciate the consideration of your vote and look forward to an opportunity to serve.

#### Tina Garza, Board of Directors

I have lived in my family home on South St. Mary's Street all my life (57 years and counting!), along with my husband Rick Ybañez, our 14 year old Brackenridge High School Freshman Christopher, and our two faithful watchdogs, Amy and Coco. I served on the KW Board 16 years ago and am also a former



Bonham Academy PTA board member. Having been Board Secretary for the past two years, I would be honored to be re-elected to finish my last year on the board continuing to serve my neighbors and our fabulous neighborhood. I look forward to meeting all my neighbors, listening to their issues and concerns, and helping to find a solution that will improve everyone's way of like in King William.

#### Randy Gay, Board of Directors

Randy and his wife, Jane Bockus, have lived in King William for about six years. They love the neighborhood and their neighbors. Randy is an artist and photographer and finds plenty of inspiration all around the King William area. You may have seen some of his work displayed in his front window on Madison. Previously, Randy worked for Apple,



was a stay-at-home dad, and long ago, an attorney.

#### **Sean Lyons,** Board of Directors

Sean Lyons was born and raised in San Antonio. He lives on King William St. with his wife, Jennalie, and his 13-year-old daughter, Pearl. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, has practiced law in Texas for over 25 years, and he is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Sean currently serves on the Board of Texas Public Radio and on legal professional boards, including the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. He served as a federal



law clerk, is a past president of the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association, a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a past board member of the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights of Immigrants. His recent pro bono activities include acting as local counsel in federal litigation aimed at protecting voter rights, and obtaining asylum in the U.S. for a Cameroonian woman and her two minor daughters. Sean's wife, Jennalie, is Grants Manager at ArtPace. She is active in several organizations including Preservation Austin, San Antonio Conservation Society, and Blue Star.

#### **Cindy Miller,** Board of Directors

Cindy and Blant Miller have been homeowners in King William for almost 10 years. The empty nesters were drawn to this special area of San Antonio because of the beautiful, historic homes, the walkability, and proximity to downtown events and restaurants. Cindy is a retired school principal and currently works as an independent consultant to schools in the area. Her husband, Blant is a self-employed Certified Public Accountant.



She has been a volunteer columnist for the King William Newsletter for the last few years. She enjoys visiting with the residents and business owners of King William. Her column has given her the opportunity to

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# KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS...(CONTINUED FROM PG8)

meet some wonderful people and hear about their love for our neighborhood. The Millers have two children who live in the Houston area. Their son Marcus is an attorney for Perry homes and his wife Anna is a dietician. Daughter Morgan is an engineer for NASA while son in law Sam works for DaVita as a financial analyst. Her goal as a board member is to continue to spotlight the wonderful people and businesses that make King William an ideal place to live and visit.

#### **Shannon Stephens,** Board of Directors

A graduate of Trinity University, Shannon has lived in San Antonio for 35 years. She and her husband, David, moved to King William in 2019. Shannon works for Kelly Wade Jewelers, a fine jeweler in the Alamo Heights area, and holds GIA certifications in both diamonds and colored stones. In addition, she sits on the boards of the



San Antonio Public Library Foundation and the Children's Hospital of San Antonio Foundation and is actively involved in the San Antonio Book Festival. She is also a member of the Battle of Flowers Association. Shannon and David are the parents of two children, Harris and Helen, both of whom are currently in grad school, so they now spend too much time with their dog, Gus. Avid architecture and history lovers, Shannon and David had long wished to move to King William, and were delighted when the opportunity arose to finally purchase a home in the neighborhood. They love the arts, the food and fun, and most especially, their neighbors.

#### **Levi Stoneking,** Board of Directors

While Levi Stoneking is a relatively new resident of San Antonio and King William, he's no stranger to the area, having visited many times over the decade prior to moving here. Levi's husband, Jimmy, grew up in San Antonio and put him on notice early in their relationship that they'd one day relocate "if this is ever going to work out". How fitting, then, that they'd ultimately buy the home where Jimmy brought Levi on his first vis-



it, during Fiesta, for a King William Fair party! They feel so lucky to have joined such a beautiful and welcoming community. Levi is a real estate and finance lawyer with Bracewell LLP, though these days you're as likely to find him rummaging around Home Depot as you are negotiating documents in a board room. He looks forward to bringing both skill sets to bear in service of the King William Association.

#### **Holly Strain,** Board of Directors

After many moves with the Air Force, Holly and her husband Steve purchased their house in King William as their "forever home." They are thrilled to be raising their young daughter in a true community and thank their neighbors for being so welcoming. Professionally, Holly works in health policy repre-



senting non-profit organizations before Congress and the Federal government. In her free time, Holly and her rescue mutt Buddy are regular walkers around the neighborhood and on the river.

#### Carlos Villarreal, Board of Directors

I am a native Texan, from the Rio Grande Valley. My wife, Macarena, and I are professional translators (Spanish/English). We have lived in King William since 2017. We first learned of the King William Neighborhood Association when we remodeled our home and worked with the KW Architectural Advisory Committee, who helped us nav-



igate the Office of Historical Preservation policies and processes. Since become residents of this neighborhood, I have served on the KW Board during the pandemic years. During my time on the board, I severed on various committees. I currently volunteer at my church, St. Cecilia as the Director of Religious Education. I am also in graduate school, working on my dissertation proposal.

#### **Helen West,** Board of Directors

Born and raised in San Antonio, Helen spent her first several years living at her grandparents' ranch outside of Johnson City and attended early school years in Johnson City. Her family later moved back to San Antonio, and she graduated high school at Robert E. Lee. After high school, Helen began working for the head of the journalism department at Trinity University and later assistant to the



dean of the university. After a few years there, she took jobs in the legal field and also worked on numerous political campaigns during that time. Later she moved to California, working in San Diego and fulfilling her dream of living on the beach! She eventually returned to Texas, first to Austin and then back home to San Antonio. Helen was married for 30 happy years to her husband the late Robert West, founder and CEO of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation. Working and traveling with him to among other places, Alaska, Europe, Russia, Bolivia, Indonesia, New York and Wyoming, she satisfied her love of travel with the added dimension of having him by her side most of the time. She has been active in many charitable and non-profit organizations, including the Harry Jersig Center at Our Lady of the Lake University; Friends of the Ronald McDonald House; Cancer Center Council (President); Friends of Hospice; Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research and Golden Circle; Cancer Therapy & Research Center Board of Directors; St. Luke's Lutheran Hospital Board of Directors; and St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries as well as the board of the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center. Helen enjoys time with her friends and family, playing with her dog Annie, traveling and gardening.

## YOSA - Youth Orchestra of San Antonio

Sunday, October 22 5:30 - 6:30 PM

#### **Beautify San Antonio Park**



Lights, Camera, Music! The YOSA Philharmonic presents unforgettable music from blockbuster hits like "Star Wars," "The Lord of the Rings," "Pirates of the Caribbean," and more! Prepare to be enthralled and inspired with a journey through the music of the silver screen.

YOSA changes kids' lives through music. YOSA provides young musicians of all backgrounds the opportunity to play music together so they can learn, grow, and thrive while connecting with the community. YOSA provides transformative music experiences to more than 2,500 young musicians ages 8-20 through YOSA Orchestras, YOSA Summer Symphony Camp, and YOSA School <a href="https://www.YOSA.org">www.YOSA.org</a>.

Mark your calendars now for YOSA's FREE concert for all ages. Come early and bring friends, a blanket or chairs, and a picnic if you like on Sunday, Oct 22, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Beautify San Antonio Park, 801 So. Main Ave, San Antonio 78204.

# **GUEST PRESENTATION**

# **Cultivating Native Plants in King William by Pam Peck**

Thursday, October 12 7-8 p.m.

#### **Molly Shafer Gallery, King William Association**



Learn the ecological benefits of using native plants, how to choose plants that will thrive in your yard, and review over 50 hardy and beautiful native trees, shrubs, perennials, and groundcovers commonly available in local nurseries.

Pam Peck has been an avid amateur home gardener for 40 years, the last eleven of which have been in San Antonio. Pam is a life member of the Native Plant Society of Texas. She currently serves as a board member and the volunteer coordinator for the San Antonio Chapter. Most mornings you will now find Pam happily puttering in her garden as she recently retired from federal service where she practiced federal sector employment law. Come and be inspired to garden like a native on Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the King William Association Office, 122 Madison St., S.A., TX 78204. FREE and open to the public of all ages

# KW CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT GETS A NEW LOOK

Thanks to the King William Cultural Arts Committee for their dedication to community improvements in the neighborhood, the Cultural Arts District (CAD) has an updated gateway sign at the corner of S. St. Mary's and King William St. welcoming visitors to the area. Also new is the CAD logo designed by local artist and KW Fair's Chief Parade Wrangler Alicia

Spence-Schlesinger! In July of 2011, the King William neighborhood was designated a Cultural Arts District by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Since then, the Cultural Arts Committee has been bringing the community together through free concerts in the park series, art openings, guest presentations and other events throughout the year.



# **CALIENTE HOT GLASS: TIMELESS BEAUTY OF GLASS**

#### Cindy Miller

Ralph and Kathleen Laborde are patrons of the arts as well as King William residents. They met in King William as next-door neighbors in 1988 when they lived in side-by-side Victorian homes on Wickes. They restored their home on Wickes, then on Cedar, and, after living out of the neighborhood for a while, returned and currently live in their renovated home on Guenther. Ralph is the founder and owner of River City Hydraulics where Kathleen assisted. Over the years in King William between them they have served on the King William Association Board, the Finance Committee, chaired the Home Tour and the King William Fair. Their interest in art is manifest in founding support of SaySi.

Ralph developed an interest in glass blowing about 2006 when he asked for glass blowing lessons from Kathleen for his birthday. Three years later he purchased equipment to start Caliente Hot Glass LLC. The studio began as a place for local artists to access the furnace and equipment they needed to produce their glasswork. It has since become a destination for visitors and residents of San Antonio to experience and participate in the art.

Today, artist in residence, Glen Andrews is known for creating one-of-a-kind pieces sure to be appreciated by anyone with an appreciation for the timeless beauty of glass. His work is described as a beautiful dance that shows how glass and color move together when influenced by extreme heat and air.

Office Manager and artist, Ruth Bushman speaks with great admiration for the owners. "They are silent partners who encourage, support, and are constantly looking ways to make art accessible to the residents of



IMAGE FROM CALIENTE HOT GLASS WEBSITE

San Antonio." The studio has items in stock for customers to view and purchase. Exhibits and collections created by resident artists are also on display. Classes and tours are available to individuals and groups by appointment. Seasonal artwork classes are offered throughout the year. Private events such as bachelorette parties, team building, and birthday parties are also offered.

Visiting the studio gives guests a place to explore the process of ancient work while giving them the opportunity to put their own creative tendencies to use. King William Association members can present their card and redeem a 10% discount on products and classes. Come on over and join the fun!

## 32ND ANNUAL KW AREA YARD SALE



# **SATURDAY** • **OCTOBER 21, 2023** • **9AM - 2PM**

SIGN UP by Monday, October 16 to ensure your listing on the map! Call 210-227-8786, email <u>veronica@ourkwa.org</u>, or complete the online form at <a href="https://www.ourkwa.org/yardsale">https://www.ourkwa.org/yardsale</a>.

#### Have items but don't want to have a yard sale or make a trip to Goodwill? Donate your items to the KWA!

Proceeds from sale items will benefit the **KWA Homeowner Assistance Fund**, which helps keep residents in their homes by funding an income-based repair fund for small emergencies (burst pipes, electrical issues, etc.) Drop off your donation items to the KWA office by Thursday, October 19. Drop off during business hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please no clothing items.

You must obtain your own garage sale permit from either the City of San Antonio Development & Business Services Center (1901 S Alamo) or H-E-B.



The King William Association (KWA) is hosting its 2023 Holiday Home Tour featuring seven historic homes from Adams St. to King William plus Villa Finale. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online or on Tour Day at the KWA office. A tea reception will also be provided.

If you are interested in working a 2-hour shift as a docent in one of these fabulous homes in exchange for a free ticket to the tour and tea, contact Gretchen Rose at <a href="mailto:gerose17@gmail.com">gerose17@gmail.com</a> or 772-696-1918.

# **PURCHASE TICKETS:**

https://www.ourkwa.org/holiday-home-tour

