

Friends Newsletter



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A Message from the Chairman

As I start my term as Chair, I acknowledge, with thanks, the efforts of our outgoing Chair, Daryl Whitworth. Daryl provided great leadership for our Friends organization.

For 2012, Toni Reyes will serve as Vice-Chair, Karen Weber as Secretary, with George Culp and Carolyn Kennedy sharing the Treasurer position. We are pleased to welcome Penny Thomas and Matt Wigglesworth as new board members. Please take time to read their bios on our website.

The Board, with the expert leadership of board member Nolan Kuehn, is busily planning for the LBJ 100 bicycle tour to be held on March 24, 2012. Participation in this event continues to grow each year as its status in bicycling circles becomes more established. Join us this year as a volunteer.

The Board has also begun planning for the BBQ at the LBJ Ranch on May 5, 2012. Entertainment will be provided by the nationally-acclaimed Riders in the Sky group. The Salt Lick and Pecan Street Brewing have signed on to participate. Check our website for more information.

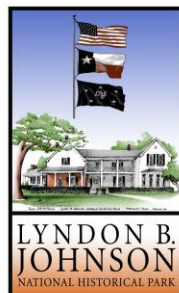
As a board we welcome the opportunity to serve the Friends organization. Come join us as a participant and/or a volunteer.

Danny Richardson

A Message from the Superintendent

We've taken a few breaths, enjoyed the Holidays, and are now back at the business of the park and Friends for 2012. The park rangers report an appreciative public continues to provide great feedback on Texas White House tours. The Board of Directors continues to provide strong advocacy on behalf of the park. Their demonstrated support for upcoming special events keeps me motivated and excited about the coming spring. The LBJ 100 and BBQ on the LBJ Ranch promise to keep the national historical park alive and contributing to Hill Country resident's quality of life. Thank you for your consistent support of our resources and for helping us to expand our reach and services.

Russ Whitlock



Throughout the year we'll join with the LBJ Library, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Texas State University, the LBJ Museum-San Marcos, the LBJ State Park, and Western National Parks Association to celebrate Lady Bird Johnson, a local lady who touched a nation.



LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour – March 24, 2012

Registration is now open for the 5th annual LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour set to begin at 9:00 AM on March 24 from the historic airstrip on the LBJ Ranch. The website for information and registration is www.lbj100bicycletour.org. This significant event and fundraiser for the Friends has generated thousands of dollars that the Friends Board has completely invested in educational and recreational programs in the national historical park. Please share the story and website with any of your bicycling friends and feel free to forward this newsletter.



1965 Lincoln Continental Added to Park Fleet

After a long search, the Friends Board has purchased a Lincoln Continental convertible for use in the park and as a tool for outreach in the Hill Country. Easily recognizable and synonymous with President Johnson, the vehicle will be donated to the national park for use in parades, at special events, and for special tours of the LBJ Ranch. Superintendent Whitlock responded to the news of the purchase by stating, “This is exciting news; we frequently are asked to participate in parades and other off-site events around the region. Now we’ll have a great attraction to draw attention to the park.”

Make Your Reservations Now for the 2012 Barbeque on the LBJ Ranch



What a combination! A multi-Grammy award winning “cowboy & western” performance with Salt Lick barbeque and some great local beer promises to create a great afternoon and evening on the LBJ Ranch. This major fundraiser and community outreach program will be held on the “top” of the ranch near the Show Barn providing a great view of the surrounding countryside and our registered Herefords, descendants of President Johnson’s prize winning herd. The Johnsons often held barbeque social events with good food and entertainment. The Friends are thrilled to join with the National Park Service to bring a memorable event to the LBJ Ranch.

Reservations are limited, don't delay, Friends members can purchase reservations now. Go to the Friends website to make your reservations. **Sales go public February 2.**

The Friends Board of Directors Would Like to Acknowledge our New and Returning Members

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