



2025 Winter Newsletter No
Other Place

Thank You

As 2025 draws to a close, we pause to reflect with deep gratitude on what we have accomplished together at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. Thank you for your support in making it possible.

Because of your generosity, the Friends have been able to support a wide range of vital projects this year. From restoration work on historic structures and conservation of natural and cultural resources, to educational and interpretive programs that bring LBJ's legacy alive for new generations — your contributions make a real, lasting difference.

Your support helps us preserve the ranch, the historic homes, the visitor center, and the stories of a President and First Lady whose influence continues to resonate. It helps ensure that the heritage of LBJ and his family remains accessible to the public, as they wished.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited about the opportunities before us — from continuing preservation and restoration efforts to launching fresh educational and community programs. We hope you will stay with us on this journey.

If you would like to renew your gift, start a recurring donation, or make a new contribution to support the Park's future, you can do so here:

Donate to Friends of LBJ NHP: <https://www.friendsoflbjnationalpark.org/how-to-give>

From the bottom of our hearts — thank you. Because of you, LBJ National Historical Park remains a living tribute to history, heritage, and hope for generations to come.

With warm appreciation,

The Friends of LBJ NHP Board & Staff



★ A RIDE TO PRESERVE HISTORY ★

LBJ 100 2026 Announcement

Dear LBJ 100 Friends and Riders,

Thank you all so much for taking part in the 2025 LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour. Your energy, enthusiasm, and support help make this event a true “Ride to Preserve History.” We regret that the LBJ 100 will not be held in 2026. The ride has been our major fundraiser in the past. However, the economics of hosting cycling events have become less favorable, and thus, our net gain from 2025 did not meet our target. As a non-profit, we must use our resources effectively so that our work can continue. We’re now in the planning stages of a new type of event to be held in the fall of 2026 that promises to yield better results. Please stay tuned for an announcement this spring.

While we’re pausing for now, we understand that the ride, with its history, its challenges, and its beauty, is important to many. We support the LBJ 100 and look forward to hosting it again.

Again, thank you for being part of this community and for riding in 2025. Your participation helps support the preservation, education, and restoration work the Friends do in partnership with the National Park Service.



With Thanks to Our Community for a Memorable Lamplight Tour Season

As our Holiday Lamplight Tour season comes to a close, we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a success. Your enthusiasm and presence brought the tours to life, making each evening special.

We are especially grateful to our dedicated volunteers, NPS guides, and staff, whose hard work and commitment ensured a welcoming experience for all. Thank you to our community for your continued support—we look forward to sharing more memorable moments with you in the seasons ahead.



Honoring History Through Art: Cabinet Oak Project

The Friends of LBJ National Historical Park are pleased to share news about the recent sale of "History Man," a powerful sculpture from the Cabinet Oak Project by renowned artist James Surls.

With this sale, one exceptional work remains available: Whistling Man, also by Surls. Created from a large oak tree harvested from the Texas White House Ranch, Whistling Man embodies both the physical landscape and the enduring legacy of the site.

This remaining sculpture presents a rare opportunity to acquire a piece of art deeply rooted in the land and history that shaped President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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Friends Event Calendar 2026

2026

EVENTS
SCHEDULE

27 AUGUST

Annual Lyndon B.
Johnson Wreath
Laying Ceremony

26 SEPTEMBER

BBQ on the
LBJ Ranch
Fundraiser



LBJ National Historical Park Highlights



Texas White House Rehabilitation Updates

The Big Picture: Texas White House Complex Preservation and Renovation



Ranger Spotlight

Rachel Pierson is the Museum Curator for the park, arriving in 2023 after deciding to trade the lava flows and rainbows of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park for her current adventure.

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Originally from Detroit, she moved to the Big Island of Hawai'i during college, where she lived for 18 years and eventually found her way onto the museum career path. When she's not in a museum, she's spending time with her daughter and many rescue animals, writing fiction, traveling, or buried in a good book.

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