

2019 NACD ANNUAL MEETING TOURS

Protecting the Alamo City from Flooding

hosted by Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

COST: \$60

The Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts has partnered with the San Antonio River Authority to provide a tour of the improvements made to both ends of the river to improve the quality of life for residents and business owners and increase the water quality, quantity and diversity of plant and animal species.

The first stop on the tour will be at the beginning of the San Antonio River, where flood water is piped 150 feet below the city for three miles to prevent flooding in the downtown area. This is also where the city controls the water levels in the world famous River Walk.

Tour participants will then travel outside of town to the Mission Reach area of the river to see the eight-mile ecosystem restoration and recreation project along the river. The river serves as an important natural buffer that will protect the Mission from future development.

Texas Night

hosted by Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

LOCATION: Buckhorn Saloon and Museum

TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

COST: \$135

Dust off your boots and enjoy a night of dancing in the world-famous Buckhorn Saloon! Live music will be brought to you by the “Old Friends” band. Admission includes all-you-can-eat and all-you-can-drink for the night, as well as access to the Buckhorn Museum. Stroll on over to the Buckhorn located at 318 E. Houston and stop and take a quick picture at the Alamo on the way by! Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Buckhorn Museum features wildlife from all over the world; including fish from the seven seas, animals from every continent and strange animal oddities which have been collected for over 100 years! Our exhibit halls are comprised of over 520 species of wildlife, many of which are record holders. The Buckhorn’s most prized record holder is the famous 78-point buck. This impressive rack was sold to the saloon owner Albert Friedrich for a mere \$100 back in 1890. Other amazing specimens include a record 1,056 pound black marlin and a 10,000-year old prehistoric Irish elk.

Hill Country Tour

hosted by NCDEA

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

LOCATION: Fredericksburg

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COST: \$95

Sit back and relax as NCDEA takes you along scenic Hill Country back roads to the charming German community of Fredericksburg, once the edge of the frontier and home to brave German pioneers. You will have the opportunity to enjoy shopping and browsing in the quaint antique shops and gift boutiques along Main Street. There will be time to explore the Admiral Nimitz Museum* (*additional entrance fee) and Historic Center as well as the History Walk of the Pacific War and the Japanese Garden of Peace. Lunch is on your own at one of the many fine restaurants in Fredericksburg.

After lunch, the tour will continue to Stonewall, Texas, where you will visit the Lyndon B. Johnson Ranch located on the Pedernales River. Here, we’ll see

the “Texas White House” and hear tall tales of one of Texas’s favorite sons, Lyndon Baines Johnson and former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson. Come along and enjoy the culture, beauty and magic of this unique area.

The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

hosted by NCDEA

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

LOCATION: San Marcos

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$50

Run by Texas State University, The Meadows Center (formerly Aquarena) introduces visitors to the lush diversity of the San Marcos Springs and intricate system of waterways. Glass-bottomed [boats](#) set out for guided tours of Spring Lake, gazing at the aquatic life and university midterm papers below. Above the springs that bubble up from the bottom, soft shell turtles and bluegill sunfish swim in the clear waters and songbirds survey the sky. Eight endangered species populate the springs, including beetles and two species of salamander. On land, visitors can explore gardens of native Texan plants or a hall of nature exhibit.

IMAX movie “The Alamo”

hosted by NACD Auxiliary

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

LOCATION: San Antonio

TIME: 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$22

Please join us to relax and watch the IMAX movie “The Alamo”. This film will help us to further appreciate the San Antonio area and heroic events that occurred at the Alamo. We’ll walk over to the theater together at 5:45 p.m. in

time to enjoy some treats and will return by 7:00 p.m. for your evening activities.

Lyndon B. Johnson Ranch and Fredericksburg Tour

hosted by NACD Auxiliary

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019

LOCATION: Fredericksburg

TIME: 11:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$50

If you're anxious to see some of the beautiful Texas hill country, come along on a bus ride to Fredericksburg! Known for its gorgeous hills and German heritage, Fredericksburg will play the scenic backdrop for our tasty lunch and shopping excursion on main street. We'll then visit the "Texas White House" and working ranch of President Lyndon B. Johnson. See where President Johnson was born, lived, died and was buried. It's a fascinating peek back in history to see this home and ranch as it was during the LBJ presidency. Please bring a jacket and wear comfy walking shoes.

National Museum of Pacific War Tour

hosted by NACD Auxiliary

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019

LOCATION: National Museum of Pacific War (Fredericksburg)

TIME: 11:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$68

Come along on this wonderful journey as we take a ride through the sweeping Texas hill country. We'll stop for a delicious lunch and have some time to stroll through art galleries, antique shops and a pit stop to grab a treat. For our last stop of the day, we'll explore the Museum of the Pacific War.

“Uncommon valor was a common virtue,” said Fleet Admiral Nimitz of the leadership exhibited by Americans in the Pacific Theater. These words ring true today as their story is told in the Pacific War Museum. Fredericksburg is also the hometown of Admiral Nimitz, commander of the Pacific Fleet during World War II. Please bring a jacket and wear comfy walking shoes.

Natural Bridge Caverns and Gruene, Texas Tour

hosted by NACD Auxiliary

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019

LOCATION: Gruene

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$72

Join the NACD Auxiliary as we tour the majestic, naturally occurring Natural Bridge Caverns. Adventure is around every bend as we explore what single drops of water have created throughout the passage of time. We'll enjoy lunch together before discovering the massive underground cavern system. We'll then hop on the bus for a step back in time in Gruene's historical district. We'll spend time at the famous Gruene Hall, stroll through antique stores, and unique shops. Join us for this beautiful get-away!

Missions and San Antonio Architecture Tour

hosted by NACD Auxiliary

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019

LOCATION: San Antonio

TIME: 11:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$50

San Antonio is known as the “Queen of Missions” and is fondly referred to as Mission City. It is said that “There is not a presidio along the entire frontier line that can compare with it.”

Together, we'll view a movie on the architecture of the city, have a guided tour, and enjoy a wonderful lunch together. Following that, we'll visit the Mission Concepcion, a National Historical Park, the best preserved of the Texas missions, founded in 1716 by Franciscan friars. We'll also take a drive through the historic King William District, home to extraordinary architecture on the south bank of the San Antonio River.