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NEWSLETTER

Brackenridge Park Conservancy

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Your gift supports the BPC mission to protect, restore, and preserve Brackenridge Park.

Miraflores Update



Work is underway to connect Miraflores to Brackenridge Park.

ADA-accessible and walkway restoration will enable the Brackenridge Park Conservancy to lead guided tours of Miraflores in the future.



Entry into Miraflores from the bridge over the San Antonio River from Brackenridge Park.



Two columns, stored by the Conservation Society of San Antonio, will also be re-installed.



Historic bricks are being re-installed on a sand base by the concrete walk.



Concrete walk poured around the Dr. Urrutia statue.

Do you have artifacts from Miraflores? Please email Lynn Osborne Bobbitt, BPC executive director, at lynn@brackenridgepark.org to arrange to re-introduce your pieces into the Miraflores landscape.

King Antonio XCVIII

King Antonio XCVIII will visit Brackenridge

Park at the Joske Pavilion on Sunday, June 20, 2021, at 1:15 p.m. to celebrate Fiesta 2021 with Fiesta Medals.

A seventh-generation Texan, Phil Bakke and his family have a long tradition of service to their community, the Lone Star State, and the military. His great-great-grandfather was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence; another ancestor fell while defending the Alamo.



BPC Board President Joe Calvert is the executive aide to King Antonio XCVIII.



The BPC Fiesta Medal is available for purchase for \$10. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Viva Fiesta!
June 17-27, 2021

Save the Dates

Parktoberfest

Celebrating Oktoberfest in the Park
Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, 3-6 p.m.,
Koehler Pavilion
A free event

Special Annual BPC Gala

Honoring Nelson and Tracy Wolff
Wednesday, March, 23, 2022
A ticketed event



Watch this space for details!

Tuleta Street Garage Signage



The first of three Brackenridge Park signs have been installed on the Tuleta Street parking garage in the Park.

The sign installation is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Frida Kahlo Painting



A painting, "My Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Brackenridge Park", by Julene Franki is on display in the BPC office for viewing. The showing of her painting celebrating legendary artist Frida Kahlo in our office coincides with the San Antonio Botanical Garden's "Frida Kahlo Oasis" exhibit that runs through Nov. 2.

This acrylic on panel painting is inspired by Diego Rivera's 50-foot mural, "Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park" in Mexico City.

Notecards featuring the painting are being printed. If you are interested in purchasing them, please contact us at info@brackenridgepark.org.

You can learn more about Julene and her art on her website, julene.io.

Congratulations, 2021 Grads!



Congratulations to the 2021 Graduating Class in San Antonio!

Like many teenagers and their families, High School Senior Miguel Angel Montoya Jr. was in the Park for some photos to commemorate this wonderful time.

San Antonio is proud of all our graduates!

Go to our [Facebook](#) to post your graduation photos in the Park!

Membership

The 2021 Membership Drive will launch in August. Watch your mailbox for details! Thank you for your continued support.

Spring Cleaning

The Conservancy office is undergoing a spring cleaning!

Thanks to Ben and his crew at America Air Duct Cleaning for the deep cleaning of our A/C system, including disinfecting and sanitizing,



History Tales: Miraflores



American Institute of Architects members attending a national convention in 1931. Attendees are gathered in the elaborate setting of stone seats, raised pools, and stone walkways at Miraflores.
Source: Bill Fisher

Miraflores consists of 4.5 acres and is the only extant portion of a 15-acre private park that extended from Broadway to the San Antonio River.

Dr. Aureliano Urrutia built Miraflores in 1921. He had been an important political figure in Mexico and relocated to San Antonio during the Mexican Revolution. He established a medical practice here and was well known in the community, hosting many social gatherings at Quinta Urrutia and Miraflores.

An unusually diverse variety of garden ornaments, including benches, urns, sculptures, and walking paths, created a pleasure garden that interpreted Mexican history. Artesian springs supplied water for fountains, pools, and canals. Many artworks by Dionicio Rodriguez adorn Miraflores.

Urrutia sold Miraflores in 1962 to USAA. Miraflores become part the City of San Antonio parks system in 2006.



OUR MISSION

The Brackenridge Park Conservancy is a steward of and an advocate for

the park and an instrument for preserving and enhancing the park's natural, historic, educational, and recreational resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

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