

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Birdsong Brackenridge



2023 is the Year of Birdsong Brackenridge



Enjoy fall by visiting the McNay Art Museum and seeing Birdsong Brackenridge birdhouses created by ten nationally recognized architects. Viewing is free and the exhibit can be found at the McNay's main entrance and in the Stieren Center for Exhibitions Sculpture Garden through the end of November. Enjoy the offerings of the McNay while you are there!

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George in the Park

Come out and enjoy the Wilderness Trails. George is taking a look at the work his pals did along the trails.



Capturing the Beauty of Brackenridge Park Helen Ferne Slimp



Thank you to BPC Board Member,
Charlotte Slimp Mitchell for sharing
this story of her grandmother
Helen Ferne Slimp.

Brackenridge Park has long been a
source of inspiration for artists
seeking to capture its natural
beauty. Among them, artist Helen
Ferne Slimp (1890-1995) stands out
for her remarkable ability to bring the
Park's charm to life with oils.

Slimp had a deep connection with the park, often finding solace and
creative inspiration among its quiet landscapes. Her passion for
painting led her to explore all parts of the park, from the Sunken
Gardens with its vibrant foliage and serene water features to the
charming, rustic huts that once graced the grounds nearby.

Slimp's work serves as a timeless tribute to the Park's enduring
charm, preserving its historical elements for generations to come.
Through her paintings, Helen Ferne Slimp allows us to share
in her love for Brackenridge Park, preserving its timeless
allure for generations to come.

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8th Annual Monarch Butterfly & Pollinator Festival

Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m. -1 p.m.

Brackenridge Park

3700 N. St. Mary's St.

(near the Zoo entrance)

This year's FREE 8th Annual Monarch Butterfly & Pollinator Festival will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 9am-1pm at Brackenridge Park right next to the Zoo entrance!

Tag monarch butterflies and transform into a pollinator for the day as you immerse yourself in an educational playland to celebrate the monarch butterfly, pollinators, and the ecosystems that sustain both them and us. Over 30 educational partners will provide hands-on, nature-based experiences for children and adults.

This community endeavor supports the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and the city of San Antonio as a Monarch Champion City, and is presented in partnership with the Brackenridge Park Conservancy, Keynote Sponsor.

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**MONARCH
BUTTERFLY &
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FESTIVAL
SATX**

Eclipse & Sips



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Brackenridge Park Conservancy
Picnic Fundraiser

Saturday, October 14
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Picnic Brunch

Brackenridge Park,
Atop Historic Alpine Drive
(parking near Tuesday Musical Club
and Japanese Tea Garden)

Experience the solar “annular” eclipse atop the historic Alpine Drive! Eclipses are rare on their own, but to be able to see the Ring of Fire Atop of Alpine Drive, overlooking San Antonio’s Japanese Tea Garden and Brackenridge Park, is even more remarkable. Alpine Drive is home to joggers and hikers frequenting the park, but it is not open to vehicular traffic. The outdoor picnic will have everything you need for the perfect sky party.

This fundraiser picnic brunch will help the Conservancy fund special projects such as free programming and events in the park for the general public to enjoy. Free events throughout the park have included Parktoberfest, held every September and its upcoming Family Fishing Day scheduled for October 28.

Classic Picnic for 2 adults: \$75

Individual picnic: \$40

Kids Picnic: \$10 each

Early Bird ticket purchases include: Amazing views, solar eclipse

glasses, a delicious brunch meal prepared by local favorite W.D. Deli, 1 bottle of award-winning Rosé for 2 adults or 1 high-end mini bottle of Prosecco for individual packages.

Tickets will also include vouchers from local eateries including Art of the Donut, Maple Street, Comfort Cafe, and discounted tickets to attend the Witte Museum for people to enjoy after the eclipse.

This fundraiser is in partnership with City of San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department and Eclipse Over America.

Special thanks to our sponsors.

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Family Fishing Day

Saturday, October 28

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Brackenridge Park

Joske Pavilion

Come drop a line in the river and see what you hook. Join us for our annual Family Fishing Day on Saturday, October 28! This event is free and open to the public.

Thank you to our sponsor Claire Vaughan and Big Give Friends for support. BPC is partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, Fin Addict Angler Foundation, and San Antonio River Authority.

More than 600 channel catfish will be released in the San Antonio River for junior anglers, their parents and avid fishermen to enjoy. Those attending will be able to sign up for a fishing etiquette class and use fishing rods and reels for the morning. Of course, you can bring your own fishing pole!

Check-in at Joske Pavilion from
9 a.m.- 1 p.m. (event will end at 2 p.m.).

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Share Your Walk



Sarah Joe LeMessurier in 1938, age 3, is all dressed in Sunday best for a goat cart ride. She said that Depression era families could come to the park for a free outing. The goat and donkey rides were a great attraction. Sarah Joe and her brother took full advantage of the park, swimming at Lambert Beach, horseback riding lessons at the stable and then riding horses into the river and onto the shady trails. "How could I have been so lucky, as a child, to have had such glorious memories of the park."

If you have a story to share, please send it to us at info@brackenridgepark.org.

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