

Pic-Nic Papers

NEWSLETTER of the WIMBERLEY INSTITUTE OF CULTURES

An Outstanding Pie Social!

WIC celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Pie Social, its main fundraising event that has become a Wimberley tradition.

"It was the best year ever," said Pie Social co-chairs Linda Young and Sandra Gregg.

"The weather was perfect, and attendance was the highest in 20 years. It was a great success."

Shirley Buvens, chair of the first event in 1990, described the Pie Social as "a fun way to raise money and bring back the good old days" with home-made pies, games, lemonade and wild-flowers. Not much has changed over all these years.

As always there are legions of people to thank for this year's good fortune.

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Leaning Pear; The Wimberley View; Tropical Sno; Wimberley Cafe; Wimberley Galleries; Wimberley Pie Company; Wimberley V.F.W. Post; and Wimberley Village Candy Store.

There were more than enough pies—thanks to the generosity of many, many people—and a record-number of submissions to the best-pie contests as well.

Overall best-pie winner was **Rita Anderson**. Other winners:

Chocolate—1st Place: **Jay Strickler**; 2nd Place: **Pat Krov**; 3rd Place: **Sissy Dupre & Mac McCullough**

Nut—1st Place: **Bob Flocke**; 2nd Place: **Peggy Savage**; 3rd Place: **David Anderson**

Cream—1st Place: **Rita Anderson**; 2nd Place: **Janet**

WIC on Summer Break

Next Event:
Lecture Series
Monday, August 23

Every summer after the River Celebration, WIC usually takes a little break. There are no board meetings or membership meetings until September, but the Lecture Series continues with a casual get-together with some of Wimberley's most interesting residents. The next one is scheduled for August 23 with internationally known visual artists Edward Povey and D.L. (Donna) Tolar, who have made Wimberley one of their usual stops while on world tour (see Page 4).

This summer is a little different. The photo exhibit about the history of the town square at the Winters-Wimberley House closes to the public July 3, although it can be viewed for another week by appointment. We are happy to announce that the exhibit moves to the Wimberley Village Library for an extended stay.

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President's Message

If you didn't notice, this year the name of the "River Blessing" was changed to "River Celebration." Actually, the title was restored to the original name. The first WIC event, which extolled the importance of the Blanco River to our community, took place nineteen years ago in 1991. At that time it was called the River Celebration, and WIC used that title for three more years. In 1994 the title was changed to the River Blessing, and that name has been used since then.

So, why change it this year? Partly out of a sense of nostalgia brought on by the Pie Social's 20th anniversary, we acknowledged our gathering at the river as another enduring WIC tradition. We were grateful that Linda Allen honored the river with a reading this year as she did at the first River Celebration. And we were blessed with Tinka Eoff for organizing such a pleasant evening and the Clines, who let us use their lovely property on the river.

I have consulted my thesaurus in an attempt not to overuse "celebrate," but the word seems fitting for our annual program that reflects upon the role of the river in our community. Celebration encompasses the whole event, of which the blessing is certainly an important part. If you have a preference for next year's title or any comments, please e-mail me at barbarathibodeaux@verizon.net.

Welcome, New Members

Arts from the Heart
 Frank & Nancie Austin
 Blue Rock Artists
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 Mike & Charlotte Caldwell
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 Betty Sue Cooper
 Sara Kirkpatrick Dishman
 Linda Edone
 Lynne Flocke
 Judge Bill & Shelley Henry
 Richard & Anne Jackson
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 Vince & Carolyn LaRocca
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To the family of Nancy Attwell

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Thanks to Volunteer Docents

Thanks to the many WIC members who graciously volunteered their time as docents, the exhibit about the Square has been open to the public since early March. We wish to recognize and thank all of them, including the volunteers at the Visitors Center who also refer tourists to the exhibit. I apologize if any name was omitted. One of the schedulers is in the mountains of New Mexico and was unable to add to our list.



After July 10, the exhibit will be featured for another two months at the Wimberley Village Library.

Dick Adams
 Jeanie Adams
 Kay Allison
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 Olivette Beach
 Claire and Bruce Billingsley
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 Sam and Linda Young

Calendar

August 23

Lecture Series: Renowned U.K. muralist and sculptor Edward Povey and D.L. Tolar, 7:00 p.m., W-W House (See Page 4)

September 13

Quarterly Membership Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wimberley Community Center

October 15

Potluck Supper (covered dish), 5:00 p.m., at the Billingsley home, Dan Williams, Chair

October 18

Lecture Series: Blake Hendon, private land biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 7:00 p.m., W-W House

December 3

Fireside Holiday Supper, 5:00 p.m., at the W-W House and lawn

More Kudos...

Steve Gartside, Claire Billingsley and Barry Rhodes for coordinating the docents for the "Then and Now" exhibit.

Dr. Patrick Cox for donating to WIC proceeds from the sale of his book at the May 10 Lecture Series.

Jane Little for membership recruitment.

Dody Spencer, Mary Kochenderfer and Peggy Savage for organizing friends and /or groups to attend the "Then and Now" photo exhibit.

Renowned Muralist/Sculptor at August Lecture Series

Among the part-time residents of Texas are internationally known artists Edward Povey and his partner D.L. (Donna) Tolar, who travel the world researching for their art, coaching and teaching. These two noted artists, who have a studio here in Wimberley, are the featured speakers at the next Lecture Series on August 23.

Povey, who started drawing at age eight, became known in the 1970s for the striking multi-story murals he painted in Wales while at university. His paintings and bronzes are now shown across the United States and are part of private and corporate collections in more than 16 countries.

In the early 1990s Povey started coming to Texas, and later he and Tolar made Austin a regular stop on their tours of the U.S. and bought a home there, dividing their time between Wales, Florida and Texas. Recently, they have built a home (and studio) in Wimberley. Using Central Texas as a base, the couple is planning a series of



Famed muralist/sculptor/painter Edward Povey divides his time between Wales, Florida and Texas.

workshops and salons for artists and art collectors while continuing to exhibit and tour.

Cost for attending the Lecture Series is \$10 (includes refreshments), and reservations are required. You may leave a message with Tinka Eoff at 847-8722 and pay when you arrive. The program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us at the Winters-Wimberley House for a stimulating conversation with two accomplished visual artists who have made Wimberley their new home.

A VERY SPECIAL PIE SOCIAL - *Con't. from Page 1*

Adams; 3rd Place: David Anderson

Apple—1st Place: **Cara**

Wernli; 2nd Place: Merry

Krueger; 3rd Place: Anna White

Fruit—1st Place: **Gail Pigg;**

2nd Place: **Deb Bradshaw; 3rd**

Place: **Kate & Martha Grant**

Sugar Free—1st Place: **Anna White**

A "junior" pie contest for young people was new this year. The winners:

K-5th Grade—1st Place:

Gillian Guyes; 2nd Place: Emily Agee; 3rd Place: Butch Ahl

Junior High—1st Place:

Randi Haire; 2nd Place: Cassidy Eck; 3rd Place: Clementine Ahl

Senior High—1st Place:

Jackson Demaree; 2nd Place:

Amanda Logan; 3rd Place:

Amber Caswell

We owe a special thanks to the following:

Co-chairs: **Linda Young, Sandra Gregg**

Ticket Sales: **Mitzi Stevenson, M.J. Puckett**

Publicity: **Jay Strickler**

Display: **Claire Billingsley**

Master of Ceremonies: **Mac McClure**

Prizes: **Tinka Eoff**

Auction: **Ian & Norma Green**

Grounds: **Pete Anderson, Curt**

Busk, Wellborn Gregg, Skip

Jorgensen, Sam Young

Pie Committee: **Rita Anderson, Kay Henderson, Sue Ann**

Isles, Wally Ziegler

Pie Contest Judges: **Dave Lewis & Friends**

Hot Dogs: **Gary Brim, Kathy Gamel**

Drinks: **Carol & Dan Williams** (Lions Club donated ice & water)

Raffle: **Melinda Gumbert**

Kid's Activities & Sno Cones: **Barbara Reitz, Alice**

Lebkuecher

At Large: **Barbara Dawkins, Kay Joffrion, Pat Hector**

WIC Starts Second Preservation Project with Zach House

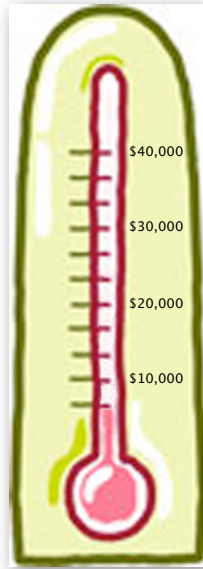
In early 2009 WIC began the process of acquiring an historic building in Wimberley that was built during the 1870s when the town had a mill.

"It's a miracle it's still here," said Bruce Billingsley, who with his wife Claire has led the effort to preserve the old house on WIC's behalf. "It's one of only three buildings from that era that still exists."

At its last meeting in May, the WIC board unanimously approved the arrangement that would transfer ownership of the house and land surrounding it, and in early June WIC President Barbara Thibodeaux signed a contract with the home's current owners. Because WIC will acquire not only the house but also the land on which it was originally built, the home will qualify for state as well as national historical markers and listings.

The house was built by Zach Wimberley, son of Pleasant and Amanda Wimberley, for his young bride Mary Elizabeth. As was customary at the time, the young couple was living with Zach's parents in what is known today as the Winters-Wimberley House, but Mary Elizabeth was uncomfortable and threatened to leave unless Zach built a separate home for her.

The house is a fine example of early Texas architecture, but restoration architect Emily Little says its gabled front porch sets it apart. The house was home to not only the Zach



WIC needs \$40,000 in donations to acquire the historical Zach Wimberley House property.

Wimberley family but also the N. E. Hughes families, both involved in the operation of the mill on Cypress Creek from 1877 until it closed in the late 1920s. Hughes was an accomplished rock mason who worked on the state Capitol building.

WIC is now organizing a fundraising campaign to complete the land purchase.

"The land and associated costs are about \$40,000," said Barbara Thibodeaux. "Once this is completed, WIC intends to undertake a second phase to restore the house." WIC commissioned Emily Little to prepare a Master Plan outlining the history and proposed restoration process for use in fundraising.

Restoration costs are estimated at \$50,000, and WIC will pursue grants as well as local donations to stabilize the house and re-point the stone fireplaces.

In the future the two parlors and hallway will be restored to the 1940s, when some members of the family still lived there.

In 1982 Mrs. Lillian Groesbeck put a roof over the house that is still in place. Were it not for that roof, the house could not have survived.

"By all that's reasonable, that house shouldn't be here today," said Bruce Billingsley.

Contributions should be sent to WIC at Post Office Box 167, Wimberley, TX 78676. All donations are tax deductible.

DINNER COSTS GOING UP

The per-person cost for dinner meetings at the community center is rising from \$12 to \$14, reflecting higher rent charges for the Johnson Room as well as security costs required by city ordinance.

MEETING DAY IS STILL MONDAY

The results of our "survey" to gauge interest in changing our Monday-night schedule to another day of the week for our membership meetings: Not many responses. The few

comments we received were to keep our Monday meeting dates. So, the schedule is not changed (for now).

SUMMER VACATION

Have a lovely summer. Our next dinner meeting is September 13.

WIC Membership Form

Check One:

Individual \$20

Family \$25

Contributing \$35

Sustaining \$50

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