

WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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Take home the Cows or take Home the Cash!

Our Beef on the Brazos raffle is now in its second year. The raffle is a unique opportunity for a chance to own a herd of cattle. Until June 30, \$50 raffle tickets are available to win twenty F1 Braford heifers. The cattle will be delivered free within 100 miles, or if the winner prefers, they will be delivered to Cattleman's Livestock Auction in Brenham, with a check sent directly to the winner. All proceeds from the raffle benefit the Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation.



Tickets can be purchased through our website www. wheretexasbecametexas.org or by calling 979-830-1824. Once your order is received, a raffle ticket will be mailed to the address you entered under billing. If your billing address is different than your shipping address, please let Ginger Moreland know at office@ wheretexasbecametexas.org after you place the order.





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Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation was created in the 1950s as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to facilitate preservation projects, celebrations and educational programming at the Washington on the Brazos Historic Site and its four attractions, Barrington Plantation, Independence Hall, Star of the Republic Museum and Fanthorp Inn.



www.where texas became texas.org

New WOB Drawing Contest

We are excited to introduce the Washington on the Brazos Drawing Contest!

We know everyone is looking for things to do at home and we miss seeing your beautiful faces around the site. So we are hoping to bring a little of the site to you and vice versa.

We want to see how you see our site! Drawings from all ages are welcome.

Here are the guidelines.

One) We will post a photo twice a week from somewhere around the site. We would like to see your drawing of the photo.

Two) Scan in the drawing or take a picture of it with your phone.

Three) Send us the drawing! Couple of ways to do this: post the drawing in the comments of the original post, message it to us or post it to your own page and tag us in it.

Four) We will repost the photos and they will be hung in our Visitor's Center once we are able to reopen the site.

First up is a photo of Independence Hall. We can't wait to see your drawings!



Below is our first entry

COVID-19 Update & Closure

Washington on the Brazos Historic Site is closed to the public in accordance with direction from Gov. Greg Abbott to close all historic sites and state parks in order to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people. We look forward to reopening and restoring programming as soon as we can ensure the safety of our visitors.



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Our annual Texas Independence Day Celebration was quite the success! We had over 6,000 visitors over our two day event on February 29 & March 1. The weather was perfect for the two full days we had of living history presentations, entertainment, hand crafted product and demonstrations. Check out some of the photos from this year's event.























Social Media Submissions



Photo by Brandi Bradley



Photo by Tony Siebers.



Our bluebonnets are in full bloom! These visitors snapped some great photos earlier in the season. Please tag us in photos you've taken at our site. We always love to see your photos and can't wait to swing our gates open and welcome everyone back.



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Upcoming Events

All events have been suspended through April. We hope to resume activities and events starting again in May. Please check our website and social media pages for continued updates. In the meantime, here are some of our tentatively scheduled events for the rest of 2020.

Juneteenth Heritage Celebration

June 27, 2020

Living History Saturday Third Saturday of the Month

Farmer's Market Third Saturday of the Month Sundown Social August 29, 2020

Bark in the Park September 26, 2020

Dinner at the Tavern October 24, 2020