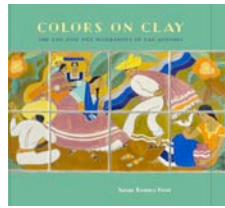




2009-2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sun., Sept. 20. Colors on Clay: a day in San Antonio.



A private river cruise, with a guide from the San Antonio River Foundation, the organization responsible for the art works along the River Walk's new

extension. Then brunch at La Fonda and off to the Witte Museum's Colors on Clay Exhibition, featuring brightly colored tiles reflecting the popular imagery of Mexico and South Texas, from the outstanding private collection of Susan Toomey Frost. Susan gave a talk and signed copies of her gorgeous new book, *Colors on Clay*, published by Trinity University Press.

Sun. Oct. 25. Day of the Dead ofrenda raising, potluck dinner & tour of Doug Rodenbaugh's folk art collection.

A poignant event in a wonderful Central Austin home with an awesome collection of folk art. We decorated an altar with photos and mementos of loved ones who have passed, we shared a meal, and we oohed and aahed over Doug's collection. He has invited us to do it again next year!

Sun. Nov. 15. "Links Between Mexican Folk Retablos and the Art of Jose Guadalupe Posada, Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo," by Jim Luedeke at Mi Casa Gallery.

Since its establishment in 1996, Mi Casa Gallery, at 1700 S. Congress, has grown to become one of the most respected exhibitors of Mexican religious and folk art in Central Texas. Owners Jim and Kelly Luedeke hosted us at an open house and presentation. We enjoyed Jim's talk, their impressive collection of retablos, light refreshments and discounted shopping.

Sun. Dec. 6. Holiday party & auction.

We enjoyed the season with friends in the beautiful home of Nilda de la Llata, owner of El Sol y la Luna, which catered the food. Spirits ran high with music by Grammy nominated Sister Sister y los Mistery, and the silent auction raised more than \$3,000.

Sat. January 16. Benini Galleries and Sculpture Ranch & a stop at Pieces of the Past.

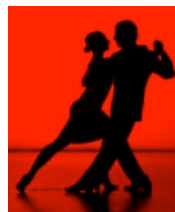


Near Johnson City, Benini (an Italian-born painter with 160 solo exhibitions to his credit) and his wife Lorraine own 145 acres where national and international sculptors are placing large-scale contemporary works.

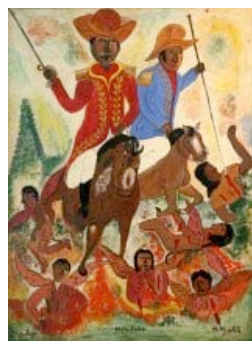
Benini spoke to us about his life and work. We lunched at Silver K Café, then enjoyed dessert, coffee and treasure hunting at Pieces of the Past, compliments of owner and business member Kathy Johnson.

Sun. Feb. 14, Membership party & Mexic-Arte's exhibit, "Imagining Mexico: Expressions in Popular Culture."

Amid a wonderful exhibit of folk art, music by the Austin Piazzolla Quintet, a tango demo and lesson by Mónica Caivano and Gustavo Simplis of Esquina Tango, food, spirits, a raffle, and good company all helped launch another great year for AFFA.



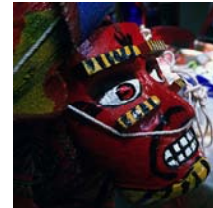
Tues. March 9, 4 pm, "Voodoo & Haitian Contemporary Art," a lecture by Gerald Alexis.



Formerly director general and curator of the Musée d'art haitien in Port-au-Prince and currently project coordinator of "Caribbean Voices and Images," for Institut Canadien de Québec, Alexis

will address the work of self-taught Haitian artist Hector Hyppolite. Co-sponsored with UT's Center for Latin American Visual Studies.

Thurs. April 7, 6 pm, George O. Jackson, Jr., images and talk, "Propitiatory Festivals of Central Guerrero."



Described as "a walking encyclopedia of indigenous folk customs of Mexico," George gave AFFA a first-rate presentation in 2006. This time his images focus on

rain petitions and he promises "LOTS of costumes, masks, rituals, and dances!" Reception and talk co-sponsored with UT's Long Institute for Latin American Studies. At UT's Harry Ransom Center, Prothro Theater.

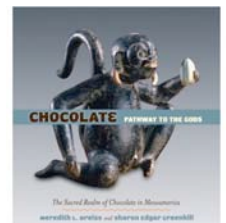
May, Saturday overnight, date TBD. Czech Texas: painted churches, polkas and pul a pul.

Visit the painted churches near Schulenburg, which were featured in a PBS special and check out the faithfully restored Sengelmann Hall for music, dancing and pul a pul (half Czech, half German-style food).



June 6. 7 pm. Chocolate: Pathway to the Gods, a presentation and book signing by Meredith Dreiss & Sharon Edgar Greenhill.

At the home of Sue Fairbanks. Chocolate desserts provided!



Have a film to recommend or want to host AFFA in your home? Nice and easy: we provide the snacks. Please email mcwheaton@austin.rr.com & put Movie Night on the subject line.

A word about 2010-2011

We are now planning our calendar, which follows the academic year, and would love to hear your ideas about programs or activities you think would interest AFFA. Please email Merry Wheaton: mcwheaton@austin.rr.com