



Welcome, friends, what a nice Spring we have been having. I have rejoiced in the beautiful bluebonnets all around us. I hope you, too, have had an opportunity to drive around and view all the wildflowers in bloom and especially our beautiful State flower, the bluebonnet.

## Tour of AFFA Displays in Travis County Offices by Charles Peveto

Since 1987, Austin Friends of Folk Art has orbited the world of outsider art and folk culture. From indigenous art to indie films, from didgeridoos to tangos, from passionately collected ethnic crafts to FABULOUS original yard art, AFFA finds, enjoys and supports the best folk artists around.

AFFA has a most important permanent collection of many of the best representations of the many categories of Folk Art. Often, pieces of the collections are exhibited throughout our great city.



Gloria Mata Pennington,  
Charles Peveto



Meta Hunt, Gloria Mata Pennington, Charles Peveto, Shawn Malone, Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza, Hagan Barber

**Joining the group, led by AFFA President, Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza and Hagan Barber, were members, Gloria Mata Pennington, Meta Butler Hunt, Shawn T. Malone, and Charles Peveto.**

**AFFA is very pleased with this opportunity to showcase important and representative pieces of Folk Art from the collection.**

## **Pictorial Tour National Museum of Popular Cultures in Mexico City by Carol Hayman**

**AFFA is fortunate to have members who are collectors, as well as knowledgeable about the art from many cultures. Carol Hayman is such a member, in addition, she is a great photographer. Board members were recently treated to a pictorial tour of the museum in Mexico City. It was delightful to see the many different types of folk art and learn about the traditions represented.**

**On Thursday, March 28 a number of the members of AFFA gathered at the Travis County owned building at 700 Lavaca to tour areas of the building that Travis County has most generously offered AFFA to display pieces of the AFFA Collection.**



Charles' interest in architecture drew him to taking this photo of the Travis County Offices at 700 Lavaca



Carol Hayman



Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza



Audrey Selden, Gloria Mata Pennington, and Merry Wheaton.

## You are Invited – Upcoming Event

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for this program by Meta Butler Hunt, it's a treat to be present at programs prepared and conducted by fellow AFFA members.



**AFFA**  
AUSTIN FRIENDS OF FOLK ART

**Living with Folk Art**  
by Meta Butler Hunt

A presentation exploring folk art in film.



**SILENT AUCTION**

This will highlight film excerpts featuring folk art enthusiasts and is part of AFFA's Folk Art Film Series.

**SNACKS** **DRINKS**

**April 28th – 7:30 pm**  
Austin Film School  
2200 Tillery St. 78723

This is a free event, donations accepted.  
Please RSVP to: [info@austinfriendsoffolkart.org](mailto:info@austinfriendsoffolkart.org)



Meta Butler Hunt and Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza

## Member Dagmar Grieder Has Published a Book

A long-time member, Dagmar Grieder, has just had her book published. "The Mushroom Girl: From Hitler's Germany to Today's Texas" can be purchased on Amazon. I just received my copy yesterday and look forward to reading it. One reviewer states that the book is a touching memoir of a little girl's life as a refugee during World War II, "Her honesty and courage in facing obstacles of every sort endear us to Dagmar, both the child and the adult, as she captivates us with her storytelling". Truly, sounds like the woman we all know and admire!



## Until Next Month

The solar eclipse resulted in a lot of media stories and excitement, then the weather turned very cloudy and not everyone got a good view. I did have two interesting photos sent to me, one taken by Cheryl Miller here in Austin and one taken by a photographer in our Sister City of Saltillo.



I hope to see you at "Living with Folk Art" on April 28th. Until then, enjoy this lovely springtime!

Gloria Mata Pennington

Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza, President  
Jim Huff, Vice-President/Treasurer  
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