



## Letter from Lisa

Executive Director Lisa Lynde

They say you aren't supposed to ask a woman her age, but I have never been self-conscious about such things so I'm going to tell the truth. I turned 50 last month. I'm not entirely sure how I feel about it. It's a bit surreal. The realization I have been around for half a century just makes me feel tired. I try not to think about it! Instead I like to think about a few of the notables I share this milestone birthday year with.

The 747. Can a plane capture one's imagination? Yes! As a child I dreamed of flying on a double-decker plane. Two years ago, I had my chance on a KLM flight from LAX to Amsterdam. Alas, KLM has scheduled their 747's final flight for 2021. Hard to believe she'll have been at work for 51 years by then!

The Chevy Vega. This one has been gone a long time. Back in the day, my grandmother in rural Iowa bought an olive green one. She was in her 70s at the time. Twenty-plus years later and, having lived its whole life sheltered in a garage, looked brand new. Less than a year later, subjected to Michigan winters, it became a rusted shell of a car. What a run it had!

The environment. OK, so this is obviously much older than 50, but in 1970 we started to really take notice. Earth Day turns 50 this year and the Environmental Protection Agency does as well. Unfortunately, the earth is a bit worse for wear these days and in danger of suffering the fate of my grandmother's Chevy Vega. Let's work to get it back in the garage so we can keep it around a bit longer.

## The Molly Shafer Gallery Dedicated

Margaret Leeds, Nora Peterson, Sherry Hess



Photo credit: Alicia Spence-Schlesinger

We are delighted to welcome you to the newly dedicated Molly Shafer Gallery and to the opening of its premier exhibit featuring the work of Regina Moya, our virtual artist in residence.

Molly Shafer is a name that is synonymous with art in San Antonio and, in particular, with art in King William (KW), so it is very fitting that the King William Association Board should move to recognize Molly by naming this gallery in her honor. However, it is difficult to think of Molly and her many contributions to the neighborhood without thinking of Harry Shafer, Molly's husband, former president of King William Association (KWA).

Molly and Harry met in 1983 and they married in 1988. Molly joined Harry in College Station, the first archaeologist to

join the faculty of Texas A&M University's College of Liberal Arts. Molly was a psychologist and became director of Special Services for College Station Independent School District. These two art lovers eventually gravitated to San Antonio in 2002 and directed the creation of their magnificent King William abode in the lofts on Madison.

New to King William, they were amazed and aghast to find themselves confronting widespread graffiti in the neighborhood. They acted immediately to see what could be done. Molly and Harry, organized a group of neighborhood volunteers to address the graffiti and worked with the city graffiti abatement team for training and tools to do the job. This led to collaboration with local artists, neighbors and the city probation department to provide wipes, paint, and elbow grease to remove the blight. The graffiti abatement program subsequently inspired the delightful mural we see on the Insko Building at the corner of South Alamo and Guenther.

The Insko building's west wall had long been a graffiti magnet. Molly researched graffiti deterrence in large cities and found that public art—murals—work well because graffiti artists do not want to disrespect other artists' work. *(Story continued on pg.3)*

## What's Happening In & Around King William

### MARCH 4- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

King William Association, 122 Madison, 7:00 pm

### MARCH 6- NOVEL IDEAS BOOK FAIR

Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, 116 Blue Star, 10:00 am- 11:00 pm

### MARCH 14-15- ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIVER PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Riverwalk Downtown, 12:00pm- 8:00pm

### MARCH 25- ANTARCTICA- LAND OF ICE AND INSPIRATION

Steves Homestead Riverhouse, 509 King William St, 7:00pm

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LET'S BE FRIENDS



## President's Message

*There is nothing more likely to start disagreement among people or countries than an agreement.- E.B. White*

With the agreement to form the King William Association in 1967, I can affirm the accuracy of the above quote. We begin 2020 with a new board, some returning and some brand new. Our first meeting was an all-day retreat in January, which included our staff. It offered insight into diverse opinions of all gathered, but also gave us the opportunity to express our thoughts, and attempt consensus opinions to guide our organization. We acknowledged the history, growth, and expansion of the KWA, brought forward positive aspects of our neighborhood, identified challenges and potential threats, and speculated on great ideas. We then accepted the reality that not everything can be accomplished; try we shall.

Each of you likely has particular passions or preferences about the KWA. (And yes, we are NOT a homeowners association.) There were many topics raised at the retreat, and we support, encourage, or enjoy execution of this diversity, be it with the King William Area Kids (KWAKS) activities, Southtown events (still somewhat amorphous), or the annual gathering for the King William Yacht Club. We have had another successful Sauerkraut Bend run and will have a Home Tour run by someone other than Anne Alexander. I would offer that activities of more frequent and intense discussion included the King William Fair and the Cultural Arts District (CAD). As I brought up from the November General Meeting, each of these have an extensive history, controversies, and robust dialogue on their future. But we are actively engaged in the evolution of each. The KW Fair continues to specialize, with discussions underway to meaningfully reduce waste generated and lessen environmental impact. The CAD, under the direction of Nora Pederson, has a beautiful art exhibit underway, a lecture series planned, concerts in the park, and an updated and really neat website. Many thanks to Molly Shafer, emeritus for creation and advancement of the CAD.

*Based on the enthusiasm at the retreat, I hope we will have a productive and successful year and accomplish some of the ideas considered. And again, I encourage everyone to become at least aware, if not involved. We welcome your help. - John Doski*

*Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress.- Mahatma Gandhi*



### Graffiti Clean Up

We need to know about graffiti in the neighborhood, and we'll be setting up a graffiti work day soon to clean it up. So, we need to know where cleaning is needed, and volunteers. **KWA provides the supplies.**



# Membership Dues are Past Due!

## Please remember to renew your KWA membership ASAP!



Photo credit: Erich Landry

Molly obtained funding from the city, KWA and private donors and patiently worked through 5 layers of city bureaucracy to gain the approval for the mural. In 2008, artist Jane Madrigal, with the assistance of artist Jose Cosme, completed the mural that pays tribute to the history of the people and the San Antonio River.

Molly and Harry were also dismayed as First Friday, which began as a legitimate art walk, morphed into a carnival atmosphere

of food booths, loud music, excessive drinking, and trash buildup. Their activist natures came into play once again. They explored solutions, solicited allies and were instrumental in corralling many of the unruly aspects of the event. Food booths were no longer allowed.

In 2008, Molly, the consummate art lover, recruited residents to form the KW Public Art Committee, later renamed the King William Cultural Arts Committee (CAC). Molly's vision was to bring public art and cultural events to the King William neighborhood, with a focus on artists in the neighborhood. Under her leadership, our neighborhood has benefitted in many ways: the installation of 5 art benches,

four walking maps of King William, at the KWA office, wayfinding signs, concerts in the park, art exhibits and a speaker series. Current CAC members are Nora Peterson, Susan Athene, Ethel Pedraza, and Sherry Hess. Robin Raquet and Margaret Leeds are Board liaisons to the committee. Jim Gillette created an artistic and informative website for the CAD.

It was Molly who had the foresight and was the guiding force that led the Texas Commission of the Arts to officially designate this area as the King William Cultural Arts District. This rare and distinct honor was presented on November 29, 2011 at SAY Si'.

For the past 18 years we have had the benefit of Molly's love of the arts, her creativity, her drive and enthusiasm, her bent for activism. You might say Molly is still Director of Special Services and King William is the grateful recipient of those services. We thank you, Molly.

Please come by the KWA office to see the plaque.

## Rehab Corner -Please No Rocks in the Front Yard

Shelley Galbraith

Landscape designs in the King William Historic District vary depending on their setting and period of construction. These historic landscapes provide clues to the past and aid in the overall interpretation of our historic district and our homes. While some areas feature sweeping historic lawns and formal elements, many homes feature a diverse palette of landscape features, such as more informal xeric plantings, which are often appropriate within the historic context. Overall, the goal should be to conserve water while preserving the historic context.

Having said that, you should not replacing planting, including grass, flowers, bushes, and trees, with rocks and rock mulch. Rocks and rock mulch should not be used exclusively but may be incorporated into the overall design. Rock and inorganic mulch is encouraged around the base of the home is recommended to allow water to dissipate. However, it can detract from the character of historic structures and create stark contrast in the historic street pattern when used exclusively in the front yard.

Similarly, parkways or planting strips

between the sidewalk and the curb should be maintained with trees, plants, grass, and mulch. Lawn should not be replaced with pavers, raised planting beds or rocks, which changes the character of the streetscape.

For more information, find the Office of Historic Preservation's Design Guidelines online at <https://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/HDRC/HistoricDistrictGuidelines>.





## KWA Grant Helps the Cannoli Fund

The Cannoli Fund received a grant from the KWA to help with our work with dogs and cats in the neighborhood. The majority of the grant will be used to fund Save Our Strays. This program helps neighbors rescue stray dogs and cats, the expense of which can sometimes be substantial. Even the cost routine evaluation and testing, plus standard preventive care and, of course, spay and neuter and microchipping, is a significant



eliminate this financial barrier to rescue and fostering or adoption of stray dogs and cats by King William residents.

We are happy to report that the program has been embraced by our neighborhood animal-lovers. For some animals, this has meant basic vetting. For others, more major care was needed. For a Chihuahua/dachshund mix, we covered both heartworm treatment and dental cleaning and extractions, along with neutering and microchipping. For a German shepherd, it meant basic preventive care, treatment for worms, and spaying. For an Australian shepherd, care involved treatment for an autoimmune nose condition to which collie breeds are prone, as well as whipworms. For cats, care has included treatment for ringworm, intestinal parasites, skin lesions, and respiratory infections, in addition to vaccinations, spay/neuter, and microchipping.

Some of these animals have been adopted by their rescuers; others have found new homes in and out of the neighborhood. All are leading better lives off the streets, and are not contributing to our overpopulation problem by reproducing. The Cannoli Fund's mission is to improve the lives of animals, and thanks to this grant from the KWA, made possible by the hardworking Fair staff and volunteers, we are able to do so!

—Nancy Diehl, President and Co-founder

## KWA Lecture: Antarctica—Land of Ice and Inspiration

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020**

7:00 PM at the Steves Homestead Riverhouse, 509 King William St, 78204

Homeward Bound is a global leadership program for women centered on developing women as leaders who can speak and drive action in regards to climate change and the crisis that the world will face. Dr Deb Mueller, trauma surgeon and past President of KWA, was chosen from a pool of global applicants to participate. In December 2019 she joined women from 33 countries on the largest all woman expedition to Antarctica, the most ecologically sensitive place on our planet. Learn why she was inspired to apply, enjoy a visual journey to The Last Continent, and learn why climate change there will affect us all.

**OUR SPECIAL FIESTA EDITION NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED TO ALL KING WILLIAM HOUSEHOLDS THE WEEK OF APRIL 8TH. WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE 2020 KING WILLIAM FAIR.**

**VIVA FIESTA!**

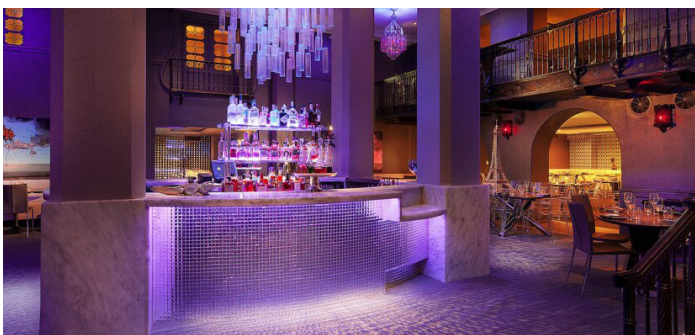
# Good Will Dining

Wm. Charles

Ever closer to an empty nest – our youngest, now driving and working part time, gives us the freedom to explore more of the things we love most – great culinary experiences.

This was certainly true last month as we took advantage of Culinaria Week. So, there were many options to choose from. We decided to try someplace new, Rebelle located in the St. Anthony Hotel is another Goodman Bowers creatively transforming a hotel restaurant into an exciting vibrant dining space and cuisine. We met up with some friends for a pre-dinner cocktail at Haunt – a modern take on a speakeasy – classic artisan happy hour cocktails, included martinis, old-fashioned, French 75's.

Rebelle's menu is undoubtedly seafood forward with emphasis on shareable plates cold and hot. We started with some east coast oysters accompanied with a Turkish apricot cocktail sauce. Our pre-fixe Culinaria Week menus started with an Ocean Chowder with bacon, crème fraiche served and sourdough



points; char-grilled Spanish octopus with corona beans, guanciale and basil pesto; crab cake, jumbo lump crab and caper dill sauce – so tasty. Our entrees included: Cioppino, white fish, shrimp, scallops, mussels, clams in an herb-tomato broth; half lobster, crispy garlic, herb butter, lobster claw stuffing and Prime N.Y. Strip with cheddar baked tomato and bearnaise sauce. We enjoyed a delicious Tempranillo Rosé and a luscious Russian River Pinot Noir. We finished with a key lime mousse, white chocolate crumble and blueberry compote and peanut butter pie, whipped cream, malted peanuts and chocolate pretzels.

The night was relatively young, and as we had taken advantage of the FREE valet parking, we strolled over to Maverick Whiskey for a night cap, which is another story for another time. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening with exciting atmosphere, warm attentive service, over-the-top cuisine and a great time with friends. Eat, drink, live!



CULINARIA™



## Out In The Garden

Alan Cash

### GARDEN NOTE:

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

-Audrey Hepburn.

Spring seems to have started early this year. Maybe it is true what they say about Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil. He did not see his shadow on February 2 which is supposed to mean spring is just around the corner.

Roses and mountain laurels began blooming in early February and some shrubs were sprouting new growth. The mesquite tree in the front garden at 735 E. Guenther began leafing out in early February. Some say this means freezing weather is gone. Because we had thunderstorms and lightning in January others believe we will have freezing weather in April. You cannot fool Mother Nature, so do what you would normally do in your garden and hope for the best. Typically, in the San Antonio area the latest frost is about the first weekend of March.



### Garden Tips:

1. If flowerpots become infested with fire ants, water with a solution of one teaspoon Orange Oil in a gallon of water.
2. According to the Old House Journal, we should plant petunias and nasturiums in vegetable gardens to repel aphids and other damaging insects.
3. Wait until early April to plant periwinkles and caladiums when the soil has warmed.
4. If you have potted ferns and would like more, cut them back to about two or three inches high. Then remove the root ball from the pot and with a sharp knife, cut it in half. Pot each section in a separate pot and water thoroughly with an organic liquid fertilizer. A solution of half strength is good as a root stimulator.

## Naomi Shibab Nye Honored



The award winning poet, Naomi Shibab Nye, who resides in our King William neighborhood, has received the Ivan Sandorf Award for Lifetime

Photo credit: Ha Lam

Achievement by the National Books Critics Circle.

The award is given to “a person or institution ... who has, over time, made significant contributions to book culture”. Past recipients include Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, and Joyce Carol Oates. Naomi will be presented this award at the New School in New York City on March 12.

Naomi can add this to the many accomplishments she has been given over her career, including 2018 Poem of the Year Award, for her poem titled Kindness, according to the Academy of American Poets. We congratulate you Naomi, and honored that you are a part of our King William Family.

## ACS Survey On Pet Sales Open

Hope that your Valentine’s Day was spent with the one that you love. And speaking of that, as one expert, Charlie Brown observed, “Happiness is a warm puppy!” You can find a lot of happiness at rescues and shelters all over San Antonio. And our survey says: Animal Care Services (ACS) wants feedback from you. Last summer, ACS conducted a survey to get feedback on several important topics. Over 3,200 respondents stated that unregulated pet sales in San Antonio contribute to our local animal overpopulation issues.

In response, Animal Care Services drafted proposals that included enhanced penalties for violators as well as additional pet sales restrictions. We would appreciate your opinion on them. The survey, available in both English and Spanish, can be accessed in a number of ways:

Log onto [www.saspeakup.com](http://www.saspeakup.com)  
Via the ACS website ([www.saacs.net](http://www.saacs.net))  
and click Pet Sales Survey Highlights banner OR

Via the ACS Facebook page @  
SanAntonioACS

*Your feedback is crucial—please take a couple of minutes to give ACS on March 23.*

Puppy season is upon us—look out for backyard breeders!: It is against the law for breeders to sell puppies on the corner, in the grocery store parking lots, etc.—unless they have a city permit. Many puppies are imported from Mexico, are too young, have had no shots, or are sick. If you see puppies for sale call 3-1-1. ACS will come out right away.

Microchips Mean Love: Last week a friend found a handsome English bulldog boy who had lost his way. We had him scanned for a microchip, and there were some issues with the registration, so we couldn’t contact the owners. We notified Animal Control and 30 minutes later his frantic owners contacted them. You can get your pets microchipped for free any time ACS is open—don’t delay!

I am available any time to speak with you and help with ACS-related issues.

**Sincerely,**  
**Cindy Cox**  
**District 1 representative to the ACSAB**  
**[nannbird@aol.com](mailto:nannbird@aol.com)**  
**210-315-1967**

## Sauerkraut Bend 5K Run 2020- Thanks to All Who Participated!

THANK YOU to all the runners/walkers, volunteers, sponsors, and neighbors for helping make the 2nd Annual Sauerkraut Bend 5K such a huge success! We had just over 400 registrations, and about 350 runners and walkers crossed the finish line. We’ve heard nothing but positive comments about the event, the course and those cool Robert Tatum designed t-shirts!



# Insiders View of the Fair: March

Syeira Budd

The inevitable uptick in activity at the KWA office this month means that Fiesta® San Antonio and our 53rd Annual King William Fair are just two months away. Although the Fair team works twelve months a year to prepare for Fair Day, there is a snowball effect that happens in March once all of our vendors, Parade participants, performers, contractors, and volunteer groups have been confirmed. A sampling of projects that you'll find us working on this month include:

- Preparing hundreds of packets containing logistical information such as vehicle passes, policies and procedures, and admission wristbands for 200+ Art & Craft vendors, 65+ Food vendors, 20+ Beverage vendors, 100+ contractors/volunteer groups, 100+ parade participants, and 25+ Special Exhibitors/Kids Kingdom Vendors.
- Preparing 45+ Sponsor hospitality gift bags.
- Compiling content for KWA's special Fiesta Edition Newsletter to be mailed to every household in early April.
- Preparing the letters that will be mailed to all Fair Zone residents and KWA members.
- Designing our official Fair brochure.
- Ensuring our service contracts are finalized for everything from electricity to portable toilets to temporary staffing and more.

- Confirming 25+ private property use requests and arrangements.
- Launching our online Admission and Food/Beverage/Activity Ticket sales.
- Promoting sales of our official 2020 King William Fair Medal and Admission Wristbands.
- Ramping up our marketing campaigns via social media, broadcast, and print outlets.
- Participating in Fiesta® San Antonio's official Media Day to promote the Fair to all San Antonio media outlets.
- Updating our website with our Art & Craft vendor list, entertainment lineup, parade participant list, and food vendor list.
- Sorting book donations for the Parade.
- Updating our AutoCAD master layout maps.
- Designing and printing a variety of special vehicle/parking passes and maps to be distributed to residents, vendors, contractors, and volunteers.
- Ordering supplies, including signage, beverage cups, zip ties, t-shirts, street marking tools, hand fans, and much more.
- Applying for our temporary electric meter permits with CPS.
- Moving all of our Fair supplies from

storage to the KWA office.

- And last but not least, holding a marathon of meetings to confirm that we've captured all necessary planning details with our community partners, vendors, volunteers, and contractors.

Whew! That's March in a nutshell with the controlled chaos and adrenaline of April yet to come. *Viva Fiesta!*



## 2020 Fiesta Medals Have Arrived

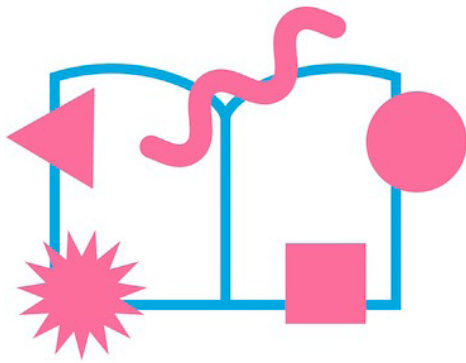
Our official 2020 King William Fair Fiesta Medal is now available to purchase at the KWA Office, 122 Madison, and at the Fiesta Store, 2611 Broadway. The medals are \$10 each (\$8 for current KWA members when purchased at the KWA Office).

The colorful artwork by neighborhood artist Regina Moya features the house at 611 Mission Street framed by a festive wreath and accented with free-flowing ribbons.

*Viva Fiesta!*



# Novel Ideas Art Book Fair at Blue Star Contemporary



## NOVEL IDEAS ART BOOK FAIR

San Antonio, TX  
March 6 & 7, 2020

This March Blue Star Contemporary is delighted to present the Novel Ideas Art Book Fair taking place March 6 and 7, the fair features over 25 exhibitors bringing artists' books, monographs, zines and printed ephemera. Conceived as a platform and community-building event for artists and producers operating primarily in the southwestern U.S. and Mexico who are dedicated to books as medium and material, the Novel Ideas Art Book Fair includes a range of exhibitors, both publishers and artists. Novel Ideas includes programming such

as talks, pop-up workshops, signings, an after party hosted by Paper Tiger, and four complementary onsite exhibitions. Purchase your tickets today!

We are thrilled to welcome world-renowned artist and curator Julie Ault

as the keynote speaker for the Novel Ideas Art Book Fair her lecture. The lecture takes place on Saturday, March 7 at 3 pm hosted by our friends at SAY Sí 1518 S Alamo St.

This month, we hope you will visit BSC and enjoy our first ever art book fair. Make sure to also visit our galleries and see our current exhibitions which

explore books as subjects and include the work of Emilia Azcárate, Ann Clarke, Arturo Herrera,

Candace Hicks,

Rand Renfrow, Benedikt Terwiel, Hye-Ryoung Min, and Sarah Welch. Read more about these shows in these great reviews by San Antonio Current, Rivard Report, and San Antonio Magazine.



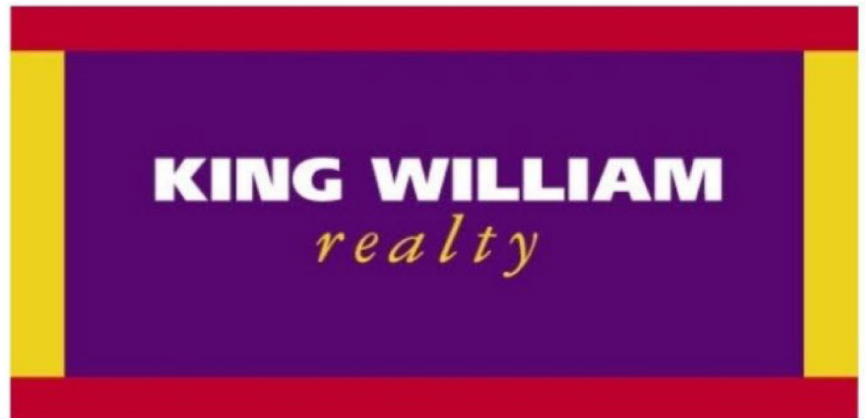
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