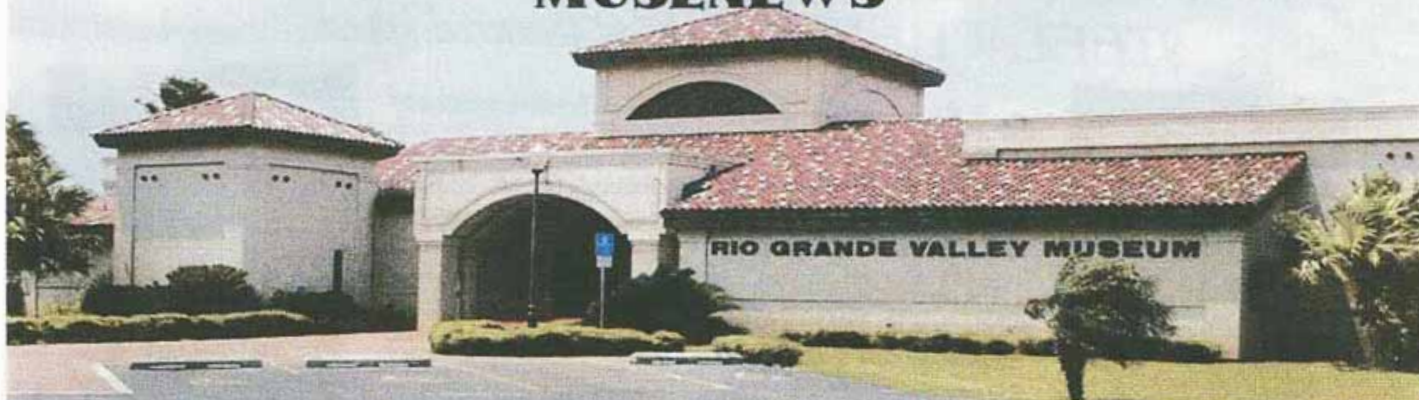


# Rio Grande Valley Museum

## MUSENEWS



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Christina Mild, noted valley naturalist and newspaper contributor is the guest curator of "May Nature Month at the Museum". She has worked diligently to have a stellar collection of local artists, photographers, naturalists and organizations come together to present a comprehensive overview of the rich

diversity of life in our Rio Grande Valley through exhibits, displays, and presentations of native flora and fauna. Linda Stone has put together hands-on activities for children which change weekly to reflect that week's theme. May 3-8 is *Butterfly Gardens*, May 10-15 is *South Texas Coast*, May 17-22 is *Plants, Who Needs Them?* And finally May 24-29 is *Animals Around Us*. A nominal fee will be charged for attending the presentations. Each weekend there will be pres-

entations by local experts on valley wildlife and habitat. There is a nominal charge for attending the presentations.

Call 430-8500 for more information or to schedule tours of the Museum.

**NATIVE PLANT  
SALE  
May 7-8**

### Dedication of Historical Marker for Harlingen Air Base and Gunnery School

#### Special points of interest:

- May: Nature Month at the Museum
- Volunteer corner
- Steel Wheels exhibit
- Artists in Residence
- Upcoming Events



March 6, a day famous in the history of our Great State, saw another important event occur in Harlingen, Texas. On that day in 2005, over 100 individuals attended the dedication and unveiling ceremony of the Texas State Historical Marker for the WWII Harlingen Army

Airfield and the Harlingen Air Force Base of the Korean War Era. On hand to make presentations were Colonel Leland "Pappy" Martin and Mr. Ed Cooper. Eighteen men who trained here were also on hand to help celebrate and remember the important work that was done during the years the Airfield and Air Force Base were in operation. The Cameron County Historical Commission and the city of Harlingen with the RGV Museum, Harlingen Historical Preservation Society and the RGV Museum Association hosted the event and the reception which followed.



Veterans in attendance on March 6, 2005





## STEEL WHEELS Exhibit featured speed



*Indian Motorcycle ca 1990's*

Our major sponsor for this event was Competition Sports, the Suzuki dealership in Harlingen. Honda and Bicycle World exhibited several mod-

els, as did various individuals from around the Valley. The highlights of this exhibit were the fastest clocked motorbike and an Indian Motorbike.

The opening night of the exhibit was marked by a party in the courtyard. Music, food, drinks and a good time were offered for the evening. The parking lot was an exhibit in itself as attendees roared to the

museum doors in their own machines.

Although this exhibit was on view for only a few weeks, the museum hopes to have a bigger and better exhibition next year. Keep checking for more information!



*Patrons enjoying the food and music*



*Parking Lot "exhibit"*

## ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE Exhibit to Begin June 3

June will be another exciting month at the museum as guest curator, Nancy Russell, noted local artist and art educator, presents "Artists in Residence" - a special exhibition of local artists with an emphasis on large sculptural items to be displayed in the

courtyard. The exhibit will run June 3-July 10.

Weekend activities will include an art exhibit featuring a wide range of medias including painting sculpture and ceramics. Visiting artists will demonstrate works in progress every Saturday during June.

See them work, ask them questions! Guest speakers will present programs ranging from the traditional to the contemporary during the month. A children's activity will be offered each week in June.

Additionally, a selection of films will be scheduled for

each Sunday of the exhibit.

Plans are also underway to hold an Arts Fair - "Art Before Dark" on July 2nd. Mark your calendar and do not miss this exciting exhibit!

**We're on the Web!**

<http://enterprise.ci.harlingen.tx.us/museum1.htm>

## KMBH/KHID Holds "Friendship" Luncheon at the Museum

On Thursday, April 28 KMBH/KHID held a special event at the Museum. They set up exhibits relating to their programming and offered the public information on Public Television and radio and their value to the community at

large. Irma Saenz and Jaime Garza, along with Board President Bill Elliot gave an enthusiastic presentation on the state of the public media in the Valley. Anyone interested in furthering the goals of Public Broadcasting is urged to contact Jaime at 956-

421-4111. E-mail: [jaimeg@kmbh.org](mailto:jaimeg@kmbh.org).

The Museum is available for use by individuals and community organizations. Call 430-8500 for pricing and availability.





## Volunteer Activities at the Museum



In late February a call went out to the community for volunteers to assist with keeping the museum's doors open full time. The response was wonderful. In less than 2 weeks at least 50 individuals had responded to the call and by March 1, the museum was able to open its doors full time again. To date over 500 volunteer hours have been donated. Volun-

teers have pitched in to help clean exhibits; assist with special events and community outreach. A special group of volunteers under the direction of Children's coordinator, Linda Stone, has put together and presents a special children's program to scheduled school tours.

We have just received word that the Harlingen Jr. League has selected the Museum as one of its placements. We are fortunate to have this talented group of women lending their expertise and support to the Museum. We look forward to a mutually rewarding

partnership.

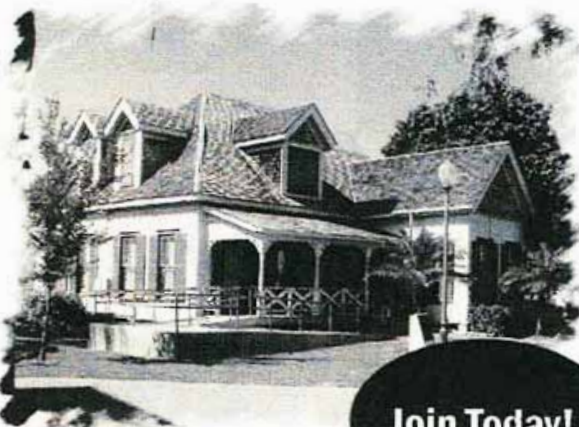
Anyone interested in pursuing volunteer activities with the museum is urged to contact volunteer coordinators Lynda Haman at 425-4882, 345-6983 or Charlotte Dahm at 425-5019, 778-4041.



**We LOVE  
our  
Volunteers!**



**MUSEUM HOURS:**  
Tuesday—Saturday  
10 AM until 4 PM  
Sunday  
1 PM to 4 PM



**Join Today!**



JOIN TODAY,  
THEN VISIT & EXPLORE YOUR  
RIO GRANDE VALLEY MUSEUM.

**RGV Museum  
Association**

## RGV Museum Association Membership

### Membership Levels

Membership Levels	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$5000
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$ 100
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Harlingen, Texas 78550  
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956-430-8500

## *Schedule of Presentations for May*

May 7: 11 AM Richard Lehman presents "Butterflies of the LRGV," and Gladys Sanchez "Teaching Teachers."

May 7: 2 PM John Bax' award-winning film on the Rio Grande River in South Texas.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm Gil Quintanilla of Mission will present "Stop & See the Butterflies."

May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11am. Dr. Alfred Richardson presents "Wildflowers and Other Plants of Texas Beaches and Islands."

May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Mary Hartman of the "Shell Club" will conduct a workshop, "Shelling 101."

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am. Jesus Franco presents: "Bats!"

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm. Paul Johnson will present "The Secrets of Trees."

May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Frank Wiseman presents "Creating Backyard Habitat."

May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Kevin Stevenson presents "Endangered Animals of the LRGV."

May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Martin Hagne presents "Birds of the LRGV."

May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. (hopefully. Juan Garza's Virtual Tour of Laguna Atascosa) Call to verify this presentation.

## *RGV Museum*

### *CALENDAR of Upcoming Events*

#### *EXHIBITS*

May 3—30, 2005: May: Nature Month at the Museum. Curated by Christina Mild

June 3—30 Artists in Residence. Curated by Nancy Russell

#### *EVENTS*

May 7-8 Native Plant Sale

May 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon: The art of Vincent Valdez: Meet the Artist. This presentation is sponsored by TSTC and organized by local artist and teacher, Nancy Russell.