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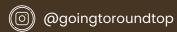
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ABOUT THE COVER

For the January 2020 cover, shout out to Julia Ervin Photography working in conjunction with The Lone Star Farm and Round Top Home Builders. This simple setting illustrates how comfortable an 1830s log cabin can be. See www.roundtop.com for more.



















2020 IS A BIG YEAR FOR THE ROUNDTOPOLIS™.

Not only does the community itself celebrate its sesquicentennial, Festival Institute and Shakespeare at Winedale are marking their 50th anniversaries.

Read Lorie Woodward's articles about the various festivities planned to mark those events—and make sure you put the dates on your calendars. More immediately, January features the don't-miss Winter Market, which continues to grow with new venues adding to the spring-fall antiques and vintage offerings. Maps and schedules appear on pages 53-55. A heads up on what to expect for the 2020 Spring Round Top Antiques Show is on page 57.

In addition to events, take the time to learn how the Feigleson family is attacking the renovation of several 19th century buildings on their way to building a new lodging and events business. Peek inside Bobby and Ann Rauch's home, as guests enjoyed a gourmet meal prepared by their sons-in-law who are also restaurateurs in Houston.

In our regular meet-the-artist section, learn about Colorado County resident Amanda Danning's path to forensic sculpture. This issue's Spousework highlights Becky and Dave Allan's three-

pronged business they have built near Schulenburg.

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WHEN IT CAME TIME TO LAUNCH A NEW BUSINESS, DAVID FEIGLESON

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"I saw many properties with houses on them – houses that were in move-in condition," Feigleson recalls. "But none of those properties had the live oaks like the ones here."

'Here' is a 13-acre parcel that not only hosts some of the area's oldest live oak trees, it also features stately pecans and manicured native prairies just outside Round Top. This prairie plays host to a newly restored log house dating to the 1830s as well as an updated one-bedroom board-and-batten cottage, also estimated to be of the 1830s vintage. A 19th-century-barn-turned-party-space and the original Civil War era homestead also share the property. The latest structure is a 19th-century log building imported from Kentucky by the Barnwood Builders and destined to become another guest house.

The Feigleson family has been Roundtopolis[™] weekenders for more than 15 years, enjoying their ranch in western Washington County. In 2018, they began searching for property to launch a hospitality endeavor.

"I have more than 100,000 trees on our property near Carmine," Feigleson says, "but none of them are like these."

THE NEXT STEP

Feigleson and his wife Joyce knew when they were handed the keys to this haven for historic buildings that all of the existing buildings needed work to be able to host guests.

"Even before we closed, we began looking for someone to steward the renovations, and turned to Round Top Home Builders -- and Jay Reynolds -- to help us get going."

They tackled the log cabin and the board-and-batten cottage first, after razing an old barn and reclaiming much of its wood. The goal: create guest lodging, especially for larger groups who want to stay near each other. With those two projects complete in 2019, the Feiglesons and Reynolds are turning their attention to the original farmhouse and the newly added log structure.

THE GOAL CREATE GUEST LODGING, ESPECIALLY FOR LARGER GROUPS WHO WANT TO STAY NEAR EACH OTHER.

THE HISTORY OF LONE STAR FARM

George Dippel settled on the property prior to the Civil War. It was during 1861 that the yet-to-be-renovated classic Texas-German farmhouse was built originally by Dippel, and some say, Confederate soldiers who were stationed in the area. That home was sited near a giant live oak that today commands the view from the home, which was originally a typical log structure with a dogtrot. Over the years the dog trot was enclosed, a kitchen added, and board-and-batten siding covered the oak logs. A staircase on

the outside to gain access to the second-floor sleeping area also was a later addition; the original steep staircase, still in use today, is set for a makeover.

Over the years, the area in which Lone Star Farm is located has been parcelled out from its original holdings by the Dippel family. The heavily treed area includes year-round and weekend residences and several vacation rental properties as well.

RESTORING A LOG HOUSE

The property's one-room log cabin was the Feigleson's first project. Originally in Paige, in nearby Lee County, previous property owners had moved the cabin to the property in 1997. It was originally owned by a German immigrant named Farrak, who built the cabin for his new wife.

The log cabin had had some updates 20 years ago, but the Feiglesons and Jay Reynolds had bigger plans.

Reynolds, who is managing the renovation for Round Top Home Builders, said their immediate challenge was to tie in the addition to the log cabin.

"Our primary focus was to keep the structure water-tight," Reynolds said. "These old log cabins have overlapping logs at the corners. So tying into the existing structure and joining it so there is no chance for water to get in is a main concern."

Reynolds accomplished that, while creating a new stairwell, a kitchenette and new bathroom in the 16-foot-by-16-foot addition, which is clad in Fayette County cedar siding. The stairwell is also made of Fayette County cedar.

"We sourced lumber from several locations," Reynolds says. Hickory and cedar from Fayette County. Douglas fir from Oregon. Reynolds connected with Mark Huber of Fayetteville to use wood from fallen trees in the area. Huber has a mobile sawmill.

Reynolds and Feigleson found that the cabin's upstairs was not supported adequately.

"The second floor was supported by dinky cedar planks," Reynolds said. "We brought in hand-hewn fir beams from Oregon and cut holes in the front and back and slid them through the structure,

> to create adequate support. We installed Fayette County hickory for the upstairs flooring."

> "We added a mini-kitchen and improved the bathroom space to make it guest-friendly," Feigleson said. "When we bought it, the toilet seat had to be raised to be able to shut the door."

> Now that renovations are complete, Joyce and David outfitted the cabin with oversized leather chairs, cowhide rugs and simple furnishings. The walls were re-chinked and the floors sanded, but left unfinished. The foundation, electrical and plumbing were all updated.

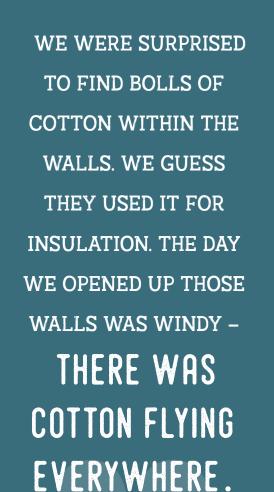
THE BOARD-AND-**BATTEN COTTAGE**

Across the lawn, and on the other side of the pool, is the 1880s cottage that has also had a facelift. It was re-set from its original footprint to complement the site's layout and tie it in with the other buildings. It, like the log cabin, needed the full complement of structural updates and was stripped down to the studs.

"We were surprised to find bolls of cotton within the walls," Feigleson said. "We guess they used it for insulation. The day

we opened up those walls was windy - there was cotton flying everywhere."

Now finished, the cottage features a large bedroom and bathroom with kitchen features for guests. A long front porch, with original beadwork, chippy-peely ceilings, graces the entrance to the cottage. Like the log cabin, Reynolds fashioned cabinets from the barn that was razed on the property.

















WHAT'S NEXT

The Feiglesons plans' for Lone Star Farm include a top-to-bottom rehab of the original Dippel cottage, with a goal of preserving its history and traditional German farmhouse style while ensuring guests are comfortable.

The new log structure, which was deconstructed by Barnwood Builders in Kentucky, will be chinked and outfitted as another guest cottage, with a 220-square-foot kitchen and bathroom addition. The structure will feature a 20-foot vaulted ceiling exposed to the rafters.

"With the expertise of Round Top Home Builders, we hope to create a unique venue for visitors to escape from city life while comfortably enjoying centuries-old buildings," Feigleson says.

As the renovation project marches on, David and Joyce Feigleson point out the trees as the reason they embarked on the new venture.

Author's note: The Lone Star Farm is accepting guests in spring 2020. Thelonestarfarm.com. More about Round Top Home Builders at www.roundtopbuilders.com.



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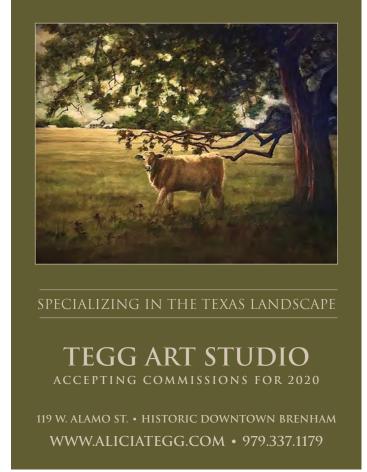
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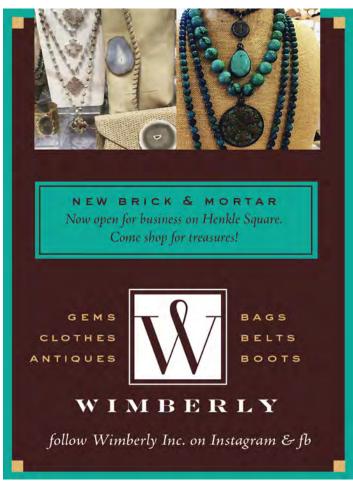
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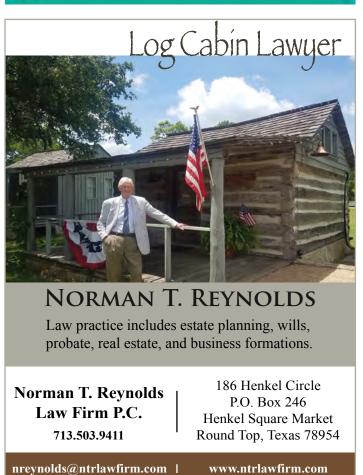
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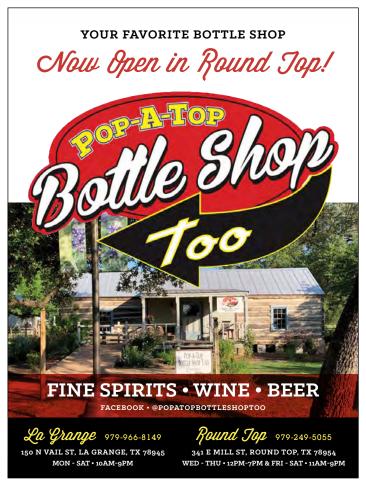
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AT THE BAR A RANCH

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WITH THREE BUSINESSES AND THREE SONS, DAVE AND BECKY ALLAN LIVE IN A WHIRLWIND—AND IT'S NOTHING NEW.

Editor's Note: Spousework is a recurring feature in Round Top Texas Life & Style highlighting Roundtopolis™ couples who make their living working together.

ave and Becky Allan own the Bar A Cattle Company, a purebred Hereford ranch; Genesource, a bull semen supply company; and The Brand Company, a promotional product design business.

The Allan's road to entrepreneurship led them from college at Texas A&M, to Iowa, to Tennessee and then to Texas – most specifically Schulenburg.

Although her mother was raised on a dairy farm, Becky's life

as a military brat meant she had had little exposure to production agriculture. Dave, on the other hand, grew up in Nebraska, surrounded by generations of farm families, and active in raising cattle. Following their 1997 wedding, Becky joined Dave in small-town Iowa, where he was managing a ranch, and the cattle life that has formed the foundation of their business and personal lives.

The young couple was tasked with moving their employer's cattle operation to Tennessee, shortly after moving to Iowa. In 1999, though, they headed to Texas driving a pickup with a U-Haul trailer, a jet ski and a theme song.

"Remember that song, *Heads Carolina*, *Tails California* – that was us," Becky said. "We didn't have a plan really because we knew Dave could work as a consultant from anywhere."

First stop, Stonewall. Dave's expertise was in demand, but consulting kept him on the road at least five days a week.

"Dave got the opportunity to manage a large stocker [cattle] operation in Schulenburg – that's how he got off the road and we got to Fayette County," Becky said.

BUILDING A LIFE AND A BUSINESS IN FAYETTE COUNTY

While navigating the unpredictability of entrepreneurship hasn't always been easy, the Allans credit their success, in part, to a shared an interest in agriculture.

"My best advice to a husband and wife thinking about starting a business together is to make sure that you're both interested in the industry," Dave said. "I think it would be a lot harder if one spouse was just going through the motions."

Becky concurred, "Even though I didn't have experience in agriculture, I had an interest in it. I came into our relationship

eager to be part of the industry, but I didn't know how I was getting into the business side of it. Fortunately, our lifestyle showed me how – and I fell in love with the people of the land and agriculture along the way.

In 2002, the Allans struck out on their own and founded Bar A Cattle Company. Originally, they bred and sold calves for youth to show in livestock shows.

"It is a world that I know - and we had great success," said

Dave. "We bred and sold the 2011 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Grand Champion steer and its 2007 Reserve Grand Champion steer, and our boys have had 20 breed champions there in the last 10 years."

While the business was successful, Mother Nature, in the form of the 2011 drought, dictated a change. The Allans sold their 250-head herd and replaced it with a much-smaller herd of purebred Herefords.

About the same time, they opened Genesource.

"With the drought, I wanted to run fewer cows – and diversify our operation," said Dave, who splits his time equally between the ranch and the semen business. "Plus, we saw a need in the industry that Genesource now fills."

SELLING SEMEN IN SCHULENBURG

Through Genesource, the Allans source bull genetics aimed at helping customers improve their herds. The semen is stored in nitrogen tanks until orders are placed. Customers, with Dave's expertise, can find genetics for the top bulls in one place, which saves them time and means they

don't have to purchase the bull.

"Through the years, I've worked with a lot of breeds in both the purebred and club calf industries at the highest level, so I can help them choose what bulls will work best for them in their operations," said Dave, who also judges major cattle shows throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

Dave runs the cattle operations with one full-time employee, a part-time administrative assistant, and with help from their sons, Tyler, 20, a sophomore at Texas Tech, Mason, 16, a sophomore at Flatonia High School, and Landry, 8, a student at St. Rose. Becky handles the bookkeeping, marketing and order processing for

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the cattle businesses and is the CEO of The Brand Company, which she launched in 2003. She and her team of three salespeople work extensively with livestock breed associations.

"Our cattle customers are our semen customers are our brand customers. They come to the ranch and we ask, 'Do you need a heifer, semen or some trash and trinkets?" said Becky.

PEOPLE LIKE
DOING BUSINESS
WITH PEOPLE
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CAN TRUST.

MARKETING

The Allans say their central Texas location is ideal for their multi-pronged business, with online sales and marketing key to their success.

When they began their business, they relied on on-site auctions to market their cattle. Today, those auctions are online. While the one-on-one consulting time Dave offers semen customers is critical, the Allans rely on UPS and FedEx to get their product to their customers safely and efficiently.

Their multi-faceted business is built on their track record of success and the relationships they've built in the cattle industry.

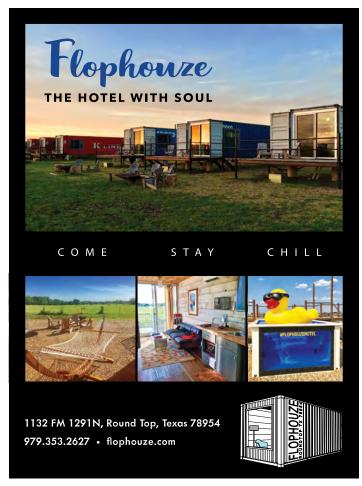
"People like doing business with people who they can trust," Dave said. "Having all these businesses is like working in a fire station – every day we have to put out the biggest fire, but the benefits of having our family together most of the time and raising our boys in an industry full of like-minded people across North America who share our values are huge."

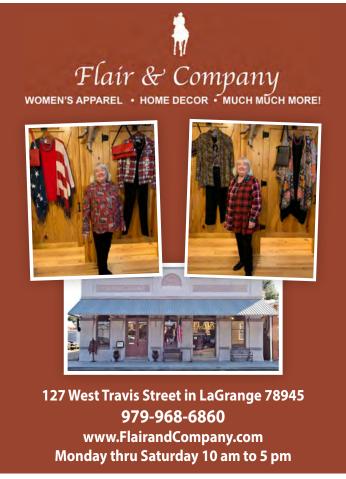












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After going to bed far too late, I woke up around 7 a.m., and before I even got dressed I was answering emails and putting out fires. By 1 p.m., I realized I hadn't even gotten dressed or eaten yet, although I had worked steadily. I would take a short break to shower, get dressed and make my lunch, since it was too late for breakfast. I would go back to my computer and work nonstop until about 5 p.m. when I would take a short break. Then I would work again until around 7 p.m. when I would start to work on dinner. After dinner with my family, around 9 p.m., I would work til midnight. With no time to run errands, my daughter did the grocery shopping. I had no time to see friends, and I barely spent time with my family on the weekends. This went on until one day I looked up and it was five years later, and I was five years older. I had turned down trips because I couldn't fit them into my schedule. I had missed a lot of life because I was too busy.

WHERE HAD THE TIME GONE?

Like Martha Stewart, I was writing about a lifestyle I personally had no time to enjoy. I was exhausted. And then a friend, about my age, died suddenly. It was a wakeup call. Did I want to spend another five years working like this? Was I enjoying it? Could I sustain a life at this pace? Was I still excited to wake up every day?

It was time to take an honest look at my life. I knew I was headed toward burnout. I had to decide what to keep and what to toss from my crazy life. I had to stop working so much. I also knew I wanted to make a difference in the world, but I also wanted to enjoy my life, my family and my friends. I knew I needed to slow down, and that's when I started hearing about 'slow living.'

Slow living is about taking time to be in the moment and being conscious of where you are. It's about not being on your phone all the time, not working all of the time, and not being distracted. Slow living means taking time to spend with your friends, and when

you are with your friends, you are fully with them, not thinking about work or emails. It's about removing busyness from your life. Are you doing something you don't need to do and don't really enjoy? Think about it. There are probably tons of things that fall into that category.

I know one of my purposes on earth is to help people create a beautiful home to enjoy. I know I'm here to be an advocate for my daughter and others who have Down Syndrome. When I am asked to volunteer in ways not consistent with my calling, I now say no. This is not a good use of my time. I only have so much bandwidth, and I need to use it on things I know I should be doing. I also create pockets of time to do chores that need to be done, so I am not rushing through them in a hurried pace. I actually enjoy ironing, so I make time for it. There's something to be said for opening a drawer full of crisply ironed sheets.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS FOR A SLOW HOME.

START WITH YOUR BED

Since you spend a third of your life in bed, ensure you get a good night's sleep. Is your mattress comfortable? How about your sheets? Is your room the right temperature? Have at least two sets of good quality sheets for your bed. I love linen sheets or hotel-quality cotton sheets. Make sure your pillow works for you. I prefer a good down-filled pillow with a satin pillow case. If you are a side sleeper you'll want a more plump pillow than someone who sleeps on her back.

CLEAR OUT CLUTTER

I can't emphasize enough how much clutter can stress you. You aren't going to enjoy slowing down in your home, if it's full of clutter. You need to get it out so when you do spend time in your home, it's relaxing and enjoyable. Start with the room you use the most. At a minimum, get that room decluttered so it's not stressful to be in.

COZY SPACES

Be sure to have at least one space you can relax in. That means you have comfortable seating, a place to put your feet, and a place to set a drink. A light near the chair for reading. Make sure there aren't stacks of unfolded laundry or other stacks of things in the room demanding your attention. If you have a half-finished project, store it somewhere else. It's not relaxing to stare at a project that needs to be finished.

PLEASANT FRAGRANCES

I love to use essential oils to provide a relaxing scent to a room. Avoid using candles made from petroleum products or artificial fragrances like room sprays. These toxic products are not good for your body. Natural essential oils can be very relaxing and much healthier to breathe. I love to use lavender oil for its calming properties.

EPSOM SALT BATHS

If you don't use your tub, then you are missing out on one of the most relaxing things to do. A slow soak in Epsom salts can be very relaxing. A bath in warm water is going to be pleasant on its own, but paired with Epsom salts, it's even more relaxing. Epsom salts baths are full of magnesium, which has a calming effect. To make it even more relaxing, try adding beeswax candles or your essential oil diffuser to the room.

A slow home will look different for different people, but the essence remains the same – intentional living without the mindless busyness. Your home should be a place you can't wait to return to. If you find yourself avoiding your house, then it's time to make some changes.









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Author's note: On many a night, the philanthropic heart of the Roundtopolis™ throbs strongly. Galas large, or soirees small are hosted to underwrite area non profits that serve the community. Everything, from the local volunteer fire department, library, music and arts programs to the area animal shelter, receives the love, embraced by those who call Round Top home for all or part of the time. Sometimes the venue for these fundraisers isn't a local hall, but one of the homes that dot the landscape, their broad country porches becoming platforms for shoring up the coffers of needful organizations. These charitable "dos" are an integral part of a very full social calendar that reflects this rural area's soul, even more so than its well known joie de vivre.

CHATEAU GUIRAUD

n a recent fall evening, a "mini-fundraiser" was held at Huckleberry Farm, the stunning Round Top home of Ann and Bobby Rauch, named after their beloved canine guardian and friend who lies at rest in the woods. The event supported The Bugle Boy, a non profit listening room in nearby La Grange. Ann and Bobby, who also own and have redeveloped Round Top's historic Bybee Square into a top-end shopping, gallery space, and dining venue, are ardent supporters of Lane Gosnay's brainchild "listening room" that highlights regionally and nationally known singer/songwriters and musicians. Close to the Rauch's heart is the music, and the Bugle Boy's various outreach programs including "Swan Song," a Bugle Boy Foundation project that answers calls for musical visits and requests from local

nursing homes and hospice care situations throughout Fayette County.

"Music is so powerful," Ann says, "It can bring joy and uplift failing hearts, as little else can, when life ebbs."

Joining the Rauch's in the evening's goal of raising \$5,000 for the Bugle Boy Foundation's work were two top Houston restaurateurs: their sons-inlaw Shawn Virene and Travis Lenig, who volunteered their time and talent, along with the Rauch's daughters Stacey Lenig and Shelley Virene, to create an extraordinary menu.

"The boys are such good friends and amazing chefs who never tire of putting on a feast,

either in or out of their restaurants," Ann says. "Sharing their culinary skills with our friends, for this cause, has been delightful."

A'Bouzy, in River Oaks, is Shawn's popular creation with its focus on champagne-accompanied French-inspired menus. Field & Tides in the Heights is Travis' more casual and equally sought after Southern fare bistro.

The event was held on a Thursday night because of the need to be in their restaurants on weekends. Shawn and Travis outdid themselves with a bountiful harvest-worthy menu.

Beginning with house-made and cured sausages on the antipasto misto (a specialty at A'Bouzy) to Lenig's 72-hour sou vide short ribs, famous mashed potatoes, and pork belly topped deviled eggs. With Virine's boudin-stuffed Texas quail, the veritable feast was a culinary adventure for the 50-plus who attended, each contributing \$100 to the Bugle Boy for the opportunity to do so.

The night unfolded on the Rauch's broad front porch. As is typical on the 100-plus-acre farm, guests received a rousing welcome from the Rauch's beloved Beagle and Golden Retriever - Bailey and Lucy, well before the front door opened, portal to a custom home they designed from the ground up, and completed in 2015.

THE BACKDROP FOR ENTERTAINING

The home encompasses the Rauch's vision for a place to surround themselves in casual elegance and total comfort. The resulting design lives as well as it entertains.

From the entry, one enters a wide open space with 30-foot ceilings secured by antique barn wood beams and reclaimed wood. A rear-facing wall of windows allows one to view the forest

and pasture beyond, as well as the lap pool, porches and patio nearby. The home's massive center could have, in other hands, felt cavernous. Such is not the case here where the richness of wood abounds and the resulting coziness belies the actual space at hand.

The home's core was designed to comprise the living room, a stone fireplace-appointed sitting area, dining room, bar and kitchen, with the placement of special pieces of furniture collected through the years that alone define the spaces. Inherited and found antiques from the antique shows, and the artwork of local artists and artisans adorn the



BLENDED FAMILIES AND INTERESTS - L-R THE VIRENES: SHAWN AND SHELLEY, ANN RAUCH'S DAUGHTER; THE LENIGS: TRAVIS AND STACEY, BOBBY RAUCH'S DAUGHTER; BOBBY AND ANN RAUCH, WITH LUCY.

room in gallery-like fashion.

Many of the home's architectural elements were sourced long ago and stored until this home could be fashioned around them.

"We have haunted the antique shows and fields, and all of our fine art galleries in Fayette County for years, beginning with the Gallery at Round Top in Bybee Square, even before we bought the square," Bobby says.

The home's walls and surfaces speak the names of the robust talent to be found in galleries from Round Top to Fayetteville: Karen Vernon, William Anzalone, D Little, Lenore Prudhomme, Lebeth Lammers, Gerald Tobola, Art Stokes, Bo Newell and numerous others. Even the home's fireplace mantel, dining table, coffee table and entry bench were created by local artisans from one live oak tree that succumbed during the last drought.

"As sad as the loss of that big old tree was," Ann says, "we love how it has been given new life in our home."

THE EVENING WAS SYNONYMOUS WITH EVERYTHING THIS HOME IS ABOUT: WARMTH, LOVE, GIVING, PEACE.





While most visitors to Huckleberry Farm are accommodated in two outlying guest houses, adjacent to the grand living space is a study that can also serve as a second bedroom, its bookcase a creative disguise for a "Murphy Bed." The study is served by a powder room and separate large bath. The main home's master suite features a lovely ensuite bath that feels a part of the garden beyond.

Just outside the window is a tree that Bailey the beagle often climbs and uses to peer inside. "It can be a bit unnerving sometimes," Ann says.

The laundry, mud room, and pantry are immediately off the

kitchen. And, that pantry is big enough to handle all the cleaning and sorting of Ann's passion - her vegetable garden. Spring, summer and fall her garden delivers enough produce to regularly supply both Houston restaurants, including ingredients for the evening's meal.

"I'm at the tail end of the season, but my garden contributed shishito peppers, herbs, eggplant and a variety of other tidbits that the boys have included in the menu. It gives me such joy to share my garden, our home and the blessings of family with so many good friends in support of Bugle Boy, tonight," Ann says.

Indeed, the evening was synonymous with everything this home is about and means, in its entirety, to the Rauch's: warmth, love, giving, peace. All this writer will add is 'merci beau coup' for sharing.



The Bugle Boy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in La Grange, Texas. Founded in 2008 to elevate and sustain original live music, the organization presents live concerts, funds artists, supports an annual song contest, and offers music-based outreach programs.

The Bugle Boy listening room is a fair-trade music venue where artists are fairly compensated to perform their original music, and most concerts are live streamed.

For more information, visit www.thebugleboy.org.

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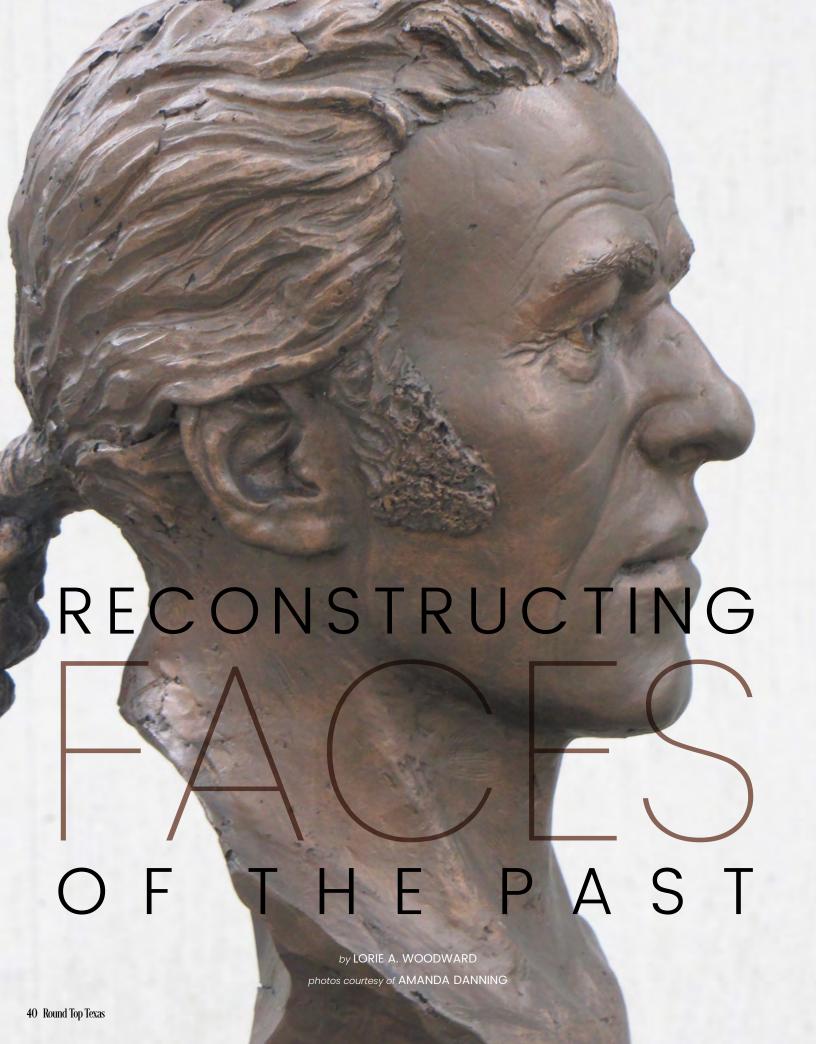
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"When you have a complete skull, the process is 95 percent science and 5 percent artistic license," said Danning, a native of Mabank, Texas, who now lives and works in Columbus, Texas. "I think one of the things that sets me apart is my overarching concern for complete historical accuracy."

Before she begins any project, Danning and her husband, James Brasher, an accomplished amateur historian whose family arrived in the region in 1821, collect and study all of the historical, medical, archaeological and anthropological reports.

"My projects are limited to the realm of history," said Danning, noting her "youngest" subject lived 130 years ago and her oldest known as "Son of America or SAM" lived 11,000 years ago. "I get so deeply involved in the story that it's as if I'm creating a biography of them."

She restricts her exposure to materials and experiences that

could influence the end result. For instance, Danning has reconstructed the faces of five Mexican soldiers who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. It was determined these soldiers came from the region of Vera Cruz. Before starting the reconstructions, she purposely avoided looking at men, both in photos and in person, from that geographic region.

"Bones tell their own stories—and I want them to say as much as they can before I'm influenced by what I can see," Danning said.

THE PROCESS

The motor skills—the manipulation of the clay

and the means of making it permanent—involved in forensic sculpture are the same as those used in fine art sculpture. Her forensic work, though, requires an intense understanding of facial anatomy.

"Humans have 43 muscles in our faces, which can affect everything from the fullness of our lips to how and where eye bags or wrinkles appear as we reach a certain age," Danning said.

The first step is aligning a skull on a sculpture stand with laser-level precision using a standard known as Frankfort Horizontal Plane. To accurately reconstruct the face, Danning refers to tables that enumerate the average depth of flesh to skin calculated specific to ethnicities, genders, ages, and time periods, and then applies soft tissue depth markers, small erasers cut to .25 mm of the standard, over the skull. Next, she begins to

apply clay around the depth markers to create the major muscles.

She continues working and shaping the clay to refine the face. The finishing touches, which are more subject to interpretation, include hair and eyebrows. Even these features are based on concrete clues provided by ethnicity and history. In the case of the San Jacinto soldiers, the Mexican Army had regulations governing hairstyle.

"I leave the depth markers in place until there is nothing left but skin texture to be done, so I don't mess up the science," Danning said.

Because of her commitment to anatomical







and historical accuracy, Danning earned the opportunity to work with the nation's top museums including the Smithsonian. Her projects have been featured on the *History* and *National Geographic* channels as well as in six books.

"Sometimes my career surprises me," Danning said. "I was at the right place at the right time to take advantage of the right opportunities—and then I worked hard to make the most of them and my talents."

THE PROFESSIONAL PATH

After graduating with a master's degree in sculpture from Florida Atlantic University, Danning set her sights on a career in oil painting and sculpture in Washington D.C.

When her career as a fine artist failed to launch as quickly as she hoped, Danning began working in museum support services, eventually opening her own Texas-based firm, Post Oak Interests.

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In 2005, she undertook a project for Bosque Memorial Museum, which included a facial reconstruction.

Dr. Douglas J. Owsley, a world-renowned forensic anthropologist at the Smithsonian, was the project consultant. Impressed by her work, Owsley hired her to complete the next five facial reconstructions scheduled for the Smithsonian. Almost 20 years to the day she arrived in Washington, she found herself back with a new career.

"I hope to be described as more than a forensic sculptor," Danning, who also creates fine art sculptures of iconic Texas wildlife and horses as well as portraits and landscapes rendered in oils or pastels, said. "An artist's job is to capture what we see every day, but in our go-go-go world never slow down to appreciate."

She continued, "I hope that my work causes people to pause—and plays a small part in keeping them in touch with our history, our humanity and the beauty of the natural world that they might've otherwise missed."

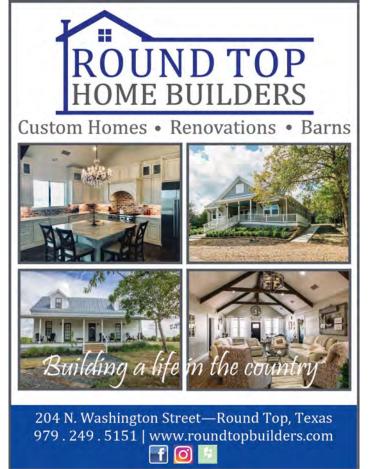
Danning's art is displayed locally at the Copper Shade Tree, Round Top, The Art Connection in La Grange, and the Live Oak Art Center, Columbus. See more of her work at amandadanning.com or contact her at amandadanning@gmail.com.













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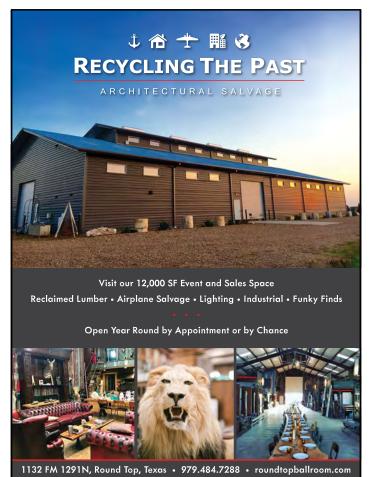
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"JIMMY" DICK BELIEVES

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"As humans, we all need inspiration," Dick said. "Nature and music are great inspirers."

In 2020, the international center for performance and learning will celebrate its 50th anniversary with its Golden Jubilee of Music Gala on April 18. The gala, chaired by Lisa Mayer and Lilla Blackburn Sivek, will feature a look back at the Institute's successes.

THE ROAD TO ROUND TOP

Upon graduation from the University of Texas, Dick not only earned two Fulbright scholarships allowing him to study in Europe, but was a top winner in the Tchaikovsky, Busoni and Leventritt international competitions.

Although his concert schedule kept him busy for nine months out of the year, Dick wanted to teach in the summers and decided to find a location for an institute. He considered Lindsborg, Kan., Austin and the Texas Hill Country.

Then, Dick was introduced to legendary Houston philanthropist Ima Hogg, who spearheaded preservation efforts in Round Top.

"She asked me if I had heard of Round Top," Dick recalled. "I hadn't, so she introduced it to me."

Its central location between Austin

and Houston, combined with its rural character, spoke to Dick. In his studies, he had seen the land's influence on many great composers.

"There is a great continuum of life tied to the land," said Dick, who spent his early childhood on a farm. "Round Top feels like home."

In 1971, he staked his claim and founded the Round Top Festival Institute.

THE INSTITUTE

Over the ensuing years, Dick and local craftsman Larry Birkelbach, along with Lamar Lentz, Alain Declert, the late Richard Royall, and Birkelbach's talented craftsmen, translated ideas gathered from around the world into stunning reality.

Beginning with six acres and one 19th century school house purchased at a foreclosure sale, Festival Institute now encompasses 210 acres and 18 buildings including the 1,000-seat Festival Concert Hall, which is not only one of the nation's most acoustically perfect performance venues but also with its rich Gothic-inspired woodwork arguably one of the most beautiful.

Throughout the year, the institute hosts forums on topics ranging from poetry and theater to herbs, as well as performances including dance, puppetry and, of course, music.

Each summer about 100 of the world's most promising music students, chosen by blind auditions, gather for six weeks of intensive, advanced study with some of the world's most gifted teachers and conductors.

Each student receives a full scholarship. The students maintain a rigorous schedule of rehearsals and weekly performances that mimics the demands of a major symphony orchestra, thus preparing them for the world beyond formal education.

"I'm a concert pianist. That's my life – and I've been so very fortunate," said Dick. "Talent is fulfilled by studying, performing and giving your talent away by sharing what you've learned with others. The creation of this place is my way of giving back by serving the needs of prospective great musicians so they can carry on the tradition of excellence."

THE MASTERPIECE

While each component of Festival Hill's campus is a work of art, the concert hall is arguably the team's masterpiece.

From the beginning, sound was the primary consideration.

"I was just a naïve musician," Dick said. "We didn't use an acoustical engineer. Instead, I just moved around the space and listened as the building progressed through different phases of construction. Real wood is the genesis of this place and the sound."

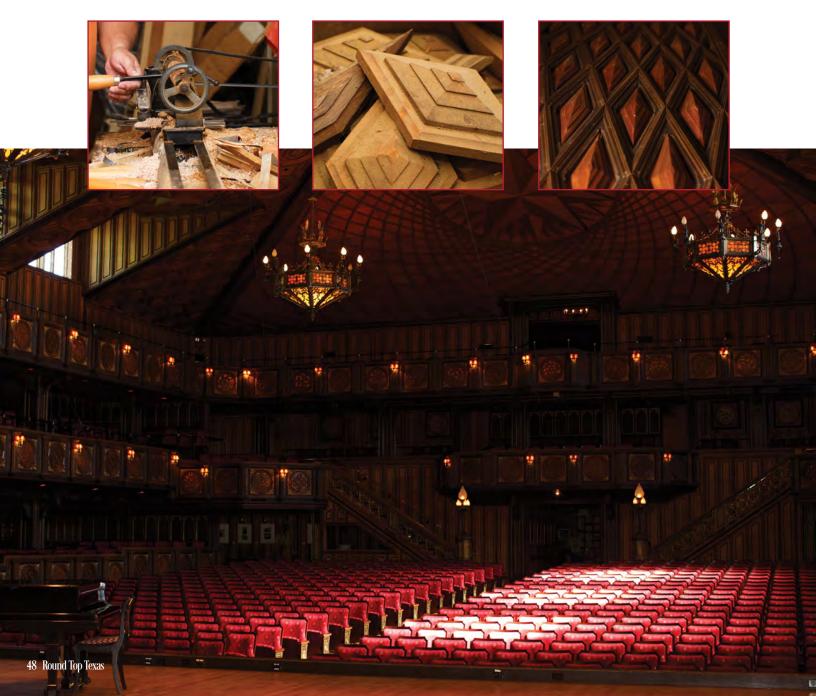
The metal frame is clad in pine, a soft wood, with the exception of the dividers, which are poplar, a hard wood. The elaborate woodwork, such as the compass stars and the Gothic-inspired balcony fronts, adds more than visual appeal.

"Because of the multi-layered surfaces, the sound continues to move through the room," Birkelbach said. "That's why there's not a bad seat in the house."

The concert hall's ceiling is suspended by 600 steel rods. An attic rises for 20 feet above it creating the experience of sitting inside an instrument. The back wall and ceiling of the stage is pitched so the tiniest sound rolls off and over the audience. The design was modified when it was discovered that the stage's original design negatively affected the key of C.

"Sometimes I look around and am amazed at what this place has become," Dick said. "It seems surreal until I remind myself that we envisioned every detail. We wanted people to be intrigued by what they see and hear."

When I stop to think about it, Festival Institute – and its magic – is actually the result of a long series of inspired moments."





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SHOWCASES

The 2020 Winter Round Top Antiques Show, set for late January, will feature at least a dozen show-only shopping venues in addition to the numerous antiques and vintage stores that are open year-round. (For more about what to expect in Spring 2020, please see page 57.)

Visitors for the January edition will find more than 150 dealers setting up from Jan. 23-26. Big Red Barn, which requires a ticket, will feature about 100 dealers. Leftover's Antiques will be at The Compound, along with a dozen others.

The genesis of the winter show began at the Big Red Barn in 2005. Since that time, and especially in the past five years, the number of show-only venues that open for the winter show has expanded. Each venue sets its open and close dates and times. Map on following page.



VENUES* OPEN FOR THE WINTER MARKET INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

* Show-only venue schedules. See following page for all antiques venues and stores open.

**Info supplied by venues; potentially other show-only venues open as well.



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County Line

Jan. 23-26, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Grace's Treasure Hunt Jan. 23-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Original Round Top Antiques Fair at the Big Red Barn

Jan. 24-25, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ROUND TOP

The Venue Jan. 24-25, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

McLaren's Antiques & Interiors

Jan. 23-26, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Market Hill

Jan. 23-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Old Depot Vintage Market

Jan. 24-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

House Wren at The Farmloft Jan. 23-25

The Compound

Jan. 24-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

WARRENTON

Antiques & Vintage at The Bull Market

Jan. 23-26, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cole's Antiques Show

Jan. 24-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Stone Meadow

Jan. 24-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Ex-Cess I & II

Jan. 24-26 (not all dealers and open times will vary)

Lone Star Gallery

Jan. 25-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Chicken Ranch

Jan. 23-26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE WINTER MARKET

JAN. 24 | Happy Hour at The Compound from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

JAN. 25 | Live and online auction at The Stone Meadow, time to be announced,

Happy Hour at The Compound from 4 to 6:30 p.m.,

Disco Ball at Lone Star Gallery, evening

ROUND TOP WINTER MARKET



JANUARY 23 - 26, 2020



Round Top Winter Market 2020 MAP LEGEND

List includes show-only* and year-round** venues and antiques and vintage stores, some with special show hours and dates. (See previous page for dates/times.)

- 1 Bayberry's Antiques*
- 2 Bootlegger's Antiques**
- 3 McCall Style**
- 4 Carmine Antiques**
- 5 The Grainery**
- 6 Oak Hill Trading**
- 7 Unique Antiques**
- 8 Carmine Trading Post**
- 9 County Line North*
- 10 County Line*
- 11 Grace's Treasure Hunt*
- 12 Grumpa's*
- 13 Original Round Top Antiques Fair*
- 14 Barn Antiques**
- 5 The Venue*
- McLaren's Antiques & Interiors*
- 17 Market Hill*
- 18 Bill Moore Antiques**
- 19 Round Top Vintage Market**
- 20 Old Depot Vintage Market*
- 21 Humble Donkey, Wimberly, Ellis Motel in Henkel Square**
- 22 Bybee Square**
- 23 Old Glory Texas**
- 24 Townsend Provisions in Rummel Square**
- 25 Junk Gypsy World Headquarters**
- 26 Round Top Ranch**
- 27 The Compound*
- 28 Cole's Antiques Show*
- 29 The Bull Market**
- 30 Excess I & II*
- 31 The Stone Meadow*
- 32 The Chicken Ranch*
- 3 The Lone Star Gallery*
- 34 Recycling the Past**





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At the Carmine Y, where Loop 458 intersects with Highway 237, there is a new "old" building relocated to the County Line North footprint, which will host dealers beginning with the spring show. Across the highway, Grace's Treasure Hunt has added a permanent building to showcase dealers.

Down 237, Blue Hills is adding a 15,000-squarefoot building, replacing barn "B." The new structure, named The Blue Barn, will include a climate-controlled area that will be home to Leftover's Antiques and other vendors, beginning with the spring show.

The Venue is also adding more enclosed buildings on that location for the spring show.

Brown of Big Daddy's Antiques has posted plans for a new year-round location to be open in spring.

South of Round Top, Round Top Ranch has completed buildings two and three on their site across from The Compound. The new stonefronted building hosts their year-round store, and the third building will welcome antiques show dealers in spring for the first time.

North of The Compound, three new buildings are in the works. While south of The Compound, David Leavitt's The Lantana at Round Top is offering townhouse residences that will be located behind retail space.

The Bull Market has completed an additional 15,000 square feet of covered area behind the main display building.





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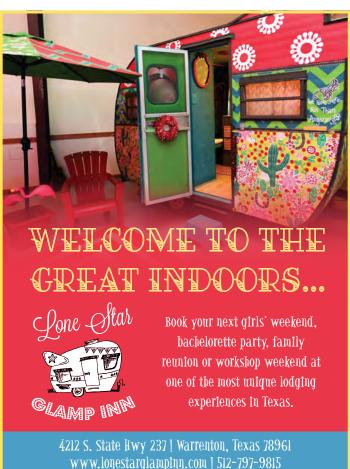


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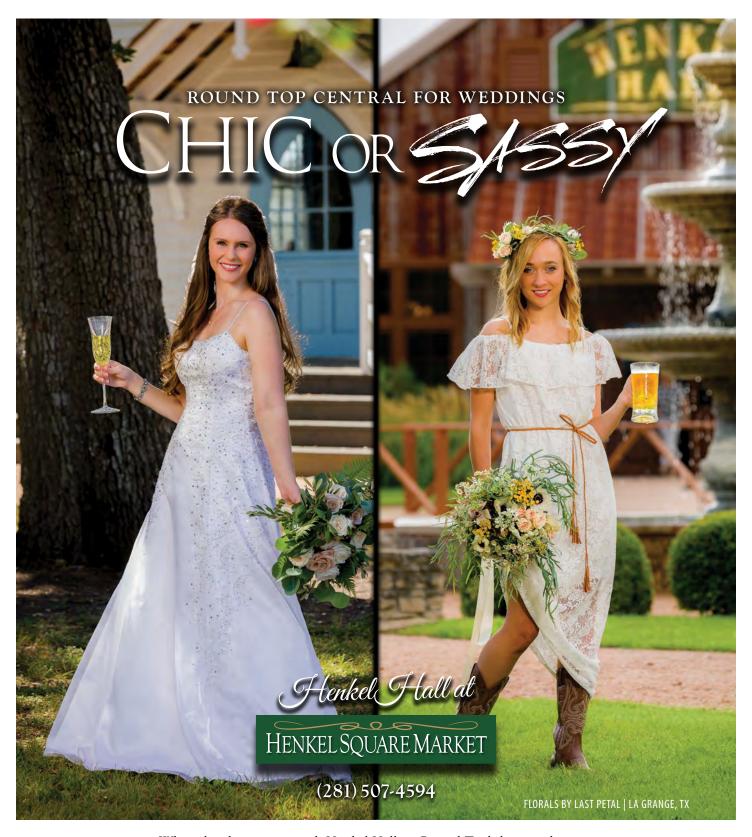


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ROUND TOP MILESTONES

by LORIE A. WOODWARD

In 2020, Round Top, a hub of history and art, is celebrating several milestones including the 150th anniversary of the town's incorporation and the golden anniversaries of Festival Institute and Shakespeare at Winedale. Read on for snapshots of their respective histories and plans for their parties.

ROUND TOP, TEXAS

By the early 1840s, German settlers began arriving in the area. One of the first was Alwin H. Soergel, who built a white house with an octagonal tower near the original Townsend settlement, on present-day Farm to Market Road 1457. From a distance, the octagonal structure looked round, prompting the stage coach drivers to yell, "Round Top next stop."

When the town was moved to its current site in 1847 and renamed Jones Settlement, the stage coach drivers announced the Soergel House stop and the nearby Jones Settlement with the same phrase, "Round Top next stop." Despite the confusion, the name Round Top stuck.

It wasn't until after the Civil War, though, that Round Top earned the distinction of being one of Texas' smallest incorporated towns.

In 1865, a group young soldiers who didn't want to return home after the Civil War, camped out in the cedar breaks below Cummins Creek. Periodically, when the "rowdies" were out of supplies, they would ride into Round Top and shoot up the small town. Requests for relief at the county-level fell on deaf ears, so local merchants took their concerns to the state legislature in 1870.

They were told in order to get a marshal, they would have to incorporate. Round Top agreed to incorporate in exchange for law and order. The town elected its first mayor in 1870.

WANT TO CELEBRATE? The planning committee, organized by the Round Top Town Council, has selected Aug. 1 for the town's family-friendly birthday celebration. While the schedule of events is still being developed, the committee envisions plenty of food, children's activities, and live music—with a high probability of dancing in an historic hall. Watch roundtop.org and/or townofroundtoptexas.org to keep up-to-date as the plans are finalized.

ROUND TOP FESTIVAL INSTITUTE

Concert pianist James Dick established Round Top Festival Institute on six acres just north of downtown Round Top in 1971.

During its first five years, the Festival Institute leased facilities. Today, the campus, which has grown to more than 200 acres, is home to an array of architecturally diverse buildings including: the School Building (1956), the William Lockhart Clayton House (1885), the Menke House (1902), the Edythe Bates Old Chapel (1883) as well as the Texas/Mediterranean Albert and Ethel Herzstein Stone Chapel and Memorial Plaza. The centerpiece of the campus is the magnificent 1,000-seat Festival Concert Hall, considered an acoustical master work.

At Festival Institute, students from conservatories and universities in the United States and abroad refine their talents under the guidance of an international faculty. To date more about 2,700 music students have benefited from the personal attention that is the program's hallmark.

The 1971 Festival, a 10-day session with 10 piano students, included two concerts. The "two concerts season" in 1971 has expanded to include more than 30 concerts during June and July. With events such as the August-to-April Series, the International Guitar Festival, the Theatre Forum, The Poetry Forum, and the Herbal Forum, the Institute hosts more than 50 events annually.

WANT TO CELEBRATE? On April 18, Festival Hill will be the site of "A Golden Jubilee of Music," a 50th Anniversary Gala featuring a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and a live auction.

For more information, including underwriting opportunities, see festivalhill.org/calendar.

SHAKESPEARE AT WINEDALE

Shakespeare at Winedale grew out of a conversation between University of Texas professor Dr. Jim "Doc" Ayres and Houston philanthropist Ima Hogg.

Miss Hogg, an avid preservationist, began restoring historic buildings on the property that became the Winedale Historic Center near Round Top in 1965. When she completed her efforts two years later, Hogg donated the complex to the University of Texas.

During their discussion at a reception in 1970, Ayres noted the resemblance of the 1880s hay barn at Winedale to an Elizabethan theatre. Miss Hogg suggested that Ayres try having his students perform Shakespeare there. Ayres agreed. Shakespeare arrived at Winedale that November.

Over the past 50 years, Shakespeare at Winedale has grown into a year-round program. Students in the summer program spend two months in the Texas countryside, studying and performing three plays. A spring semester version is offered on the UT campus, with performances at Winedale. Each June, Camp Shakespeare, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, provides two, two-week experiences allowing 10-16 year-olds to learn and perform Shakespeare.

WANT TO CELEBRATE? In addition to their regular seasons, Shakespeare at Winedale and Camp Shakespeare are hosting a variety of events. Celebratory events include the SXSW premier of a 90-minute film, "Take Pains to be Perfect," documenting Ayres' 50-year direction of the program, a Camp Shakespeare Gala at Henkel Hall on July 12 as well as a performance by Actors of the London Stage in October and a Christmas play. Plans are also in the works for a weeklong reunion event in mid-August that will culminate with Shakespeare at Winedale alumni performing two plays for the public. For more information, see shakespeare-winedale.org.

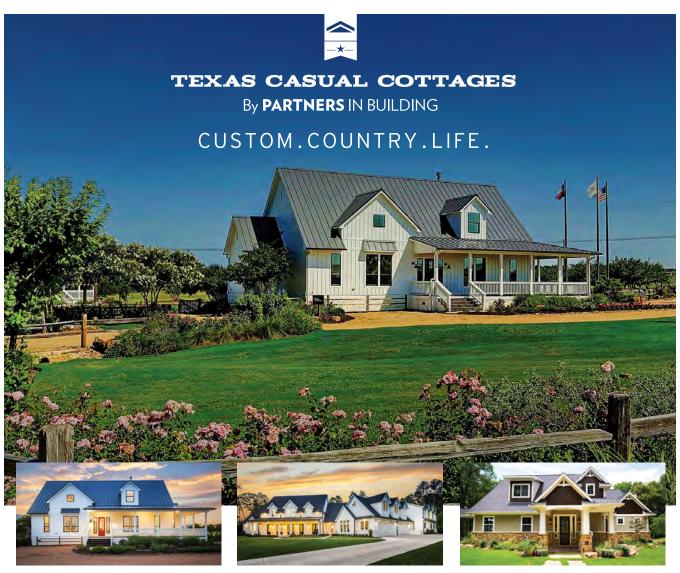






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