

Quick News from San Felipe de Austin – Spring 2018 Edition

Greetings Friends,

Here is your latest digital bulletin about happenings at the state historic site:

Museum Opening is This Month! Join Us for the Festivities the Weekend of April 27th-29th!



Don't Miss It!

The grand-opening of the museum will be on the afternoon of Friday, April 27th. The program will begin at 1:30 and conclude with afternoon tours of the new facility. Arrive early as parking is likely to be at a premium.

Welcome!

Museum hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday – so easy to access.

Exhibit installation is moving at a fast clip to ensure that everything is ready for our big day. We are primed to welcome scores of local residents and tourists from across the state and beyond during the upcoming summer travel season. Come make your first visit early and then encourage your friends and family to plan for a museum visit of their own.

Exhibits will reflect a mix of objects on display, graphic panels and multimedia elements.

Friends of the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site Sponsor Initial Temporary Gallery Exhibit

What a fitting way to open up the new museum – with the Friends sponsoring the initial temporary gallery. The exhibit will provide insights into how we learned about some of the museum's stories and the types of research that went into preparing the main gallery. Going forward, this archival and archeological research will continue to inform our future exhibits and programming. Objects on display will include this wonderful serving platter, donated by Lois Lacy whose ancestor, A.E. Baker, was a San Felipe merchant.



If you can't join us on Friday, the entire grand opening weekend will be admission-free - so plan to make your first stop on Saturday and Sunday (April 28th and 29th) if possible. We look forward to sharing this new experience and hope to see you often for special programs and future temporary gallery exhibits.



Above: Display case related to San Felipe town life and showcasing an assortment of archeological artifacts found at the site.
Above, right: Bone dominoes, one burnt, found at the site of the William B. Travis law office during excavations there.

Come Meet the San Felipe de Austin Museum Staff

We've added several new faces to make sure your visit to the museum is a rewarding one. Be sure to introduce yourself to some of our staff and volunteers when you come by.

Bryan McAuley, Site Manager
Dr. Sarah Chesney, Archeologist
Eleanor Stoddart, Educator
Leslie Jez, Maintenance Specialist

Shelley Wong, Visitor Services Manager
Danielle Brissette, Collections Manager
Toni Franklin, Group Sales and Events Coordinator
Meghan McCain, Museum Store Asst. Manager

Museum Store Offerings

Our new facility will include greatly expanded retail space – and a wider variety of products. Make sure and spend some time on your visit looking through the site-associated books, prints, and souvenirs on display. The shop will continue to expand its product line as we approach the holiday shopping season. The image below right is featured on several products.

If possible, do plan to join us on Friday, April 27th for the formal opening event. We think you'll be very excited about the museum and its exhibits.

Regards,

Bryan McAuley, Site Manager
San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site and Museum
Texas Historical Commission

