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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Howdydoo folks!

It was a pleasure seeing everyone in San Antonio back in April. The 2024 Conference in Lubbock is shaping up to be an amazing time! Please consider submitting proposals for programming here: <https://www.texas museums.org/news/call-for-proposals--tam-2024-lubbock-> In a year's time, CMC's membership has grown by thirty new members! CMC officers are actively working on programming, projects, and opportunities over the next year. Please be sure to join our next ZOOM webinar on Disaster Response on July 21st at 2pm. Have ideas or resources you'd like to share? Be sure to follow our new Facebook page!

Stay cool!



Collections Managers Committee Members Meeting
During The TAM Annual Conference San Antonio 2023.



CMC Member Spotlight

I've seen myself working in a museum since I realized "princess" wasn't practical. I love material culture and gaining a glimpse into cultures present and past through objects they create. I have also always been fascinated by space so when I married a NASA engineer, it occurred to me I'd likely be within commuting distance to a space or science center. I started focusing on space exploration objects and displays and that's how I ended up at Space Center Houston where I've been in exhibits for over 15 years and have recently been tasked with Collections projects--so I'm very grateful for CMC.

I love telling space stories and watching the spark in people's expression when they make a connection with something they already know and become more curious about space and how it benefits life on Earth.



Carmina Mortillaro
Collection Specialist
Space Center Houston

CMC PRESENTS: DISASTER RESPONSE WEBINAR

When: July 21, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Join us for CMC's July Webinar focused on disaster response. Learn about the risks to watch out for and in "case of damage" what are the proper steps to take immediately after disaster strikes your institution.



About Speaker:

Ms. Erica Peaslee is the Operations Coordinator for Centurion Solutions. As a trained Texas Heritage Responder and researcher, Ms. Peaslee works to center cultural property in emergency planning and ensure heritage stewardship is uninterrupted in times of crisis.

Mark Your Calendars!

Just A Friendly Reminder...



TAM 2024 LUBBOCK CALL FOR PROPOSALS

conference. So, no matter how fleshed out your topic is, if you have an idea that you think will spark discussion and learning, don't hesitate to submit your proposal. The TAM community is eager to hear from you!

Submit your proposal by July 10, 2023 to be considered for inclusion in next year's conference program. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

WE'RE SOCIAL!

Did you hear? Collections Managers Committee Officer-At-Large for Technology, Stephanie Allen-Givens has updated our Facebook page. Feel free to share your stories and ask questions. We want to hear from you!

Follow us on Facebook at TAM Collections Managers Committee for all of our most recent updates.

Submit your idea for a session at the TAM 2024 Annual Conference in Lubbock, April 14-17, 2024. Hosting a session at a TAM conference is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your research, network with fellow scholars, and contribute to the advancement of our field. Whether you're a seasoned presenter, a first-time proposer, or a conference attendee with an idea they want to see presented, we welcome and value your contributions.

The TAM Program Committee has worked to streamline the session proposal process in efforts to make submitting your idea more accessible. At this point, the Program Committee asks only for preliminary session ideas. If you have an idea for a topic or session you'd like to see at the conference, but don't wish to take on a presenting role at the session, we encourage you to submit that idea nonetheless. The Program Committee will work to assemble the session if it's a good fit for the

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Featured Exhibit

McAllen Heritage Center presents
"In his own words: The Life and Work of César Chávez"

(McAllen, Texas) Beginning August 2, 2023 through August 31, 2023, the McAllen Heritage Center museum of history and culture is pleased to present "In His Own Words: The Life and Work of César Chávez," an exhibition produced by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. "In His Own Words" is made possible by a We the People grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Throughout his youth and into young adulthood, César Chávez experienced the hardships of being a migrant farm worker and the sting of racial discrimination. Motivated by a dream of justice and equality, Chávez dedicated himself to community organizing activities and, later, to founding the first farm workers' union. He developed strategies to effect the change he envisioned, which were inspired by the principles of his parents, the teachings of Catholicism and his mentors and the study of successful civil rights leaders. Utilizing strikes, boycotts, marches and other nonviolent tactics, Chávez worked tirelessly to secure better pay, job safety, improved living conditions and other essential protections for farm workers.



Featuring thirty-eight photographs paired with excerpts from his dynamic speeches, interviews and authoritative writings, "In His Own Words" documents the full course of Chávez's remarkable career and examines the life experiences and philosophical influences that drove him to dedicate himself fully to improving the lives of American farm workers.

The exhibition will be on display to the public from 8/2/2023 to 8/31/2023 Wednesday through Friday from 1pm to 5pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 12pm to 4pm. For more information or to arrange group visits, please contact Joe Vidales, MHC Curator at 956-681-2862. Admission is free for museum visitors with free parking available in the rear parking area.

Humanities Texas develops and supports diverse programs across the state, including lectures, oral history projects, teacher institutes, museum exhibitions and documentary films. For more information, please visit Humanities Texas online at <http://www.humanitiestexas.org> or call 512.440.1991.

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