



Witte Society Calendar of Events 2009

**** Witte Society Members and Guest Events**

May 10, 2009, 4 – 7p.m.

Sunday Jazz at the Witte Museum

The Divas: Bett Butler, Joan Carroll and Katchie Cartwright

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and relax in the Witte courtyard.

Concert free for Witte members or with paid admission.

June 7, 2009, 2 p.m.

Fiesta Fun, Fiesta History: How Did It All Begin?

Join Witte Curator Michael Haynes, Ph.D. to find out how Fiesta San Antonio really started and what role President Benjamin Harrison actually played. Learn the origins of all those crowns and enjoy the beautiful royal gowns in the Witte's current annual Fiesta exhibit, *Queens and Crowns: Fiesta's Royal Traditions*. Included with museum admission.

June 14, 2009, 4 – 7 p.m.

Sunday Jazz at the Witte Museum

Music by Joe Posada

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and relax in the Witte courtyard.

Concert free for Witte members or with paid admission.

**** June 19, 2009, 6 – 8 p.m.**

4th Annual Burgers, Bottles and Beer

Join your friends for Cheesy Jane's famous burgers, hot dogs and milkshakes in the Witte Backyard and celebrate the opening of the new exhibit, *Playing with Time; The Unseen World of Natural Change*

June 20, 2009, 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Members' Opening

Playing With Time

Join fellow museum members for a private opening of this exciting new exhibit.

Breakfast delights and activities for the children.

June 21, 2009, 2 p.m.

Stars: Our Clocks in Space

How can we tell time in the Milky Way galaxy? Meet astronomer Don Winget who studies pulsating white dwarf stars, the most stable clocks in the heavens. Join us in a celebration of the International Year of Astronomy, in collaboration with the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas at Austin. Included with museum admission.

July 19, 2009, Noon - 5 p.m.
Amazing Skies with Alex Garcia

Join the Witte Museum in celebrating the International Year of Astronomy in collaboration with the Urban Science Initiative. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moonwalk at this family astronomy and space day. Meet former NASA Astronaut Rick Hieb and shoot model rockets; explore the nebulas, galaxies, eclipses and learn about the men and women who have traveled in space through hands-on activities, space exhibits and videos. There is a \$1 surcharge in addition to museum general admission for this event.

August 1, 2009, 1 - 4 p.m.
Good Times for Families

Time is of the essence! Join us for an exploration of time elements through hands-on activities for the entire family. Then head to the exhibit and examine sights that are too fast or too slow for the human eye to see including popping corn kernels, flowers blooming, seeds sprouting, light from space and growing old. Included with museum admission

****August 1, 2009, 6 – 8 p.m.**
Witte Society Family Activity TBA

August 2, 2009, 1 - 4 p.m.
Send in the Clowns

The Jolly Joeys are back to celebrate National Clown Week with a fun-filled family day. Spend the afternoon with the San Antonio Clown Troupe, the Jolly Joeys and get your face painted, design your own clown hat, create balloon animals and enjoy the clown shows! The celebration of Clown Week is the Witte Museum's continued appreciation of the circus. The Witte Museum is home to the famous Hertzberg Circus Collection, one of the largest and most impressive collections of circus art and artifacts in the world.
Included with museum admission

August 2, 2009, 2 p.m.
The Search for a Chili Queen

The time is the 1880s, the place is San Antonio and the search is for a chili queen. Join award-winning author Marian Martinello as she reconstructs her detective work by explaining the questions she asked, sources consulted and the clues uncovered in 19th century photographs, artifacts and other primary sources. Enjoy a short reading of a selected episode that demonstrates how the search informed the story.
Included with museum admission.

October 19, 2009, 6 – 10:30 p.m.
39th Annual Witte Game Dinner

Mark your calendar for the 39th Annual Witte Game Dinner! Witte Society members receive discounted reservations to one of the most exciting events of the season.
(Witte Society tickets are \$150 per person – a \$25 savings)