

THE BERKELEY PLACE POOBAH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION, FORT WORTH, TX



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

DARIEN GEORGE, BPA PRESIDENT

Summer is here... or at least the heat already is! Since summer is here, make sure you plan on attending the BPA Pool Party at Forest Park pool on June 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It should be a great time to hang with your neighbors, enjoy the pool, and have some summer fun.

The pedestrian crossing has been completed on Forest Park to the displeasure of a few from the comments online and those that have now offered to help. First, let me say that I will always make time to speak with anyone about concerns they have, suggestions on how to improve things, or the ever-occasional positive note about how we are doing something right. However, please remember that the best time to offer help is during the research, development, and input phases of a project, not after the project is completed. While I know everyone

is extremely busy these days, including everyone on the board, there is a reason that we hold monthly board meetings, send out information on the Buzz, and provide information here in the monthly *Poobah*. Now, I am willing to speak to anyone about the location, why it was placed there, and open to connecting you with the fine folks at the city in Transportation and Public Works if you have input that would help in the future. Additionally, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, this is the first phase in working to get a pedestrian crossing light on Forest Park instead of the current version. We will have the chance this fall to get counts across the crosswalk to see if we have high enough traffic for the light.

The silent railroad crossing looks like it is full steam ahead and on track cur-

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BPA

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018
8 P.M. @ SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

BPA MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ 8 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 AT 8 P.M. AT SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST IN FORT WORTH, TX

MEETING OPENER

PRESENT: Vance Laminack, Glenco; Mary Dulle Pembroke; Joe Dulle, Pembroke; Charles Dreyfus, Park Place

CALL TO ORDER: Charles Dreyfus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved

SECURITY UPDATE

Neighborhood Patrol Officer Meyer Marshall was not present, as he has been promoted to detective. The City will appoint a new NPO. Whenever appropriate just call 911. Too often we hesitate. If we as individuals report crime to the police, then police can allocate more time to our neighborhood.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The *Poobah* often has more treasury details that are separate from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Addresses by Political Candidates: Relating to the BPA Bylaws and to April 2018 BPA meeting minutes; there was discussion of the fact that a justice of the peace candidate ad-

ressed the April meeting, and of how the bylaws are to be interpreted and applied when candidates for political office ask to address a BPA meeting. Past President Mary Dulle cited the bylaws and stated that the candidate's address at the April meeting was in violation.

OLD BUSINESS

New Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Forest Park Blvd in front of the Second Church of Christ Scientist appears complete. The City of Fort Worth plans to measure and study its use during the next few months.

Sidewalk Project: No Change: The first of the two sidewalk construction projects is complete. The second is funded by the Federal Safe-Route-to-School Program. We do not have a precise schedule.

Silent Railroads: The May *Poobah* reports reason for optimism relating to the three silent crossings that Berkeley Place needs. Funding is now designated for the project.

Mary Dulle plans to distribute a statement of corrections and additions that residents may request.

The BPA Pool Party will be June 16th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Forest Park Swimming Pool.

The Botanic Garden Task Force blue ribbon committee will have a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Botanic Garden Center. The committee is considering a new general admission fee and more for the Botanic Garden.

The City of Fort Worth will present its traffic signal renovation plans for the intersection of Colonial Parkway and University Drive on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Botanic Garden Center.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourned

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Block reps now have 2018 BPA Directories and May *Poobahs* for distribution.



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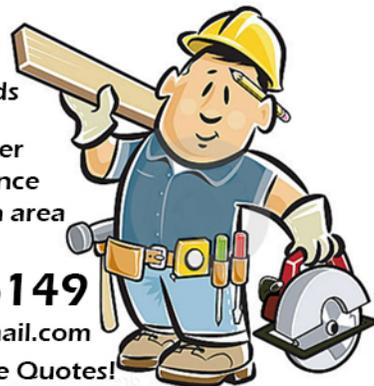
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER, CONTINUED

rently. Last information received was that developers and TPW have already started working on plans to redesign the street on Mistletoe Boulevard and that negotiations are almost complete with FWWR for the crossing on Windsor. A number of people have asked me about Windsor being redone, widened, narrowed, blocked off going into the neighborhood, banning semi-trucks, etc. The plans are not complete yet from TWP, but I have gotten some basic information. First, the city plans to widen the entrance on 8th and Windsor to better accommodate the semi-trucks that enter and exit there. Second, the water issue and drainage issue where Windsor dumps into 8th will be addressed. This drainage causes many problems—the road constantly has potholes, and during

heavy rains the businesses on the other side of 8th have flooded. As plans are further developed, I will make sure that we post them and present them at a BPA meeting for everyone to comment on and give feedback to the city.

A new and improved web site is currently being built to replace our current dated look and feel. If you check out the neighborhoods that surround us, you will see they have nice-looking, functional, and visitor-friendly web sites. If you have any great photos, professional looking pictures of houses, events that we have put on, or even photos from the past, please send them to me. I don't have an estimated time for completion but hope to have it up and running by the end of the year.

Security has come to the forefront again with many break-ins, burglaries, and even a few manhunts in or around our area. Brenda Bates is leading the security committee and looking at several options for our neighborhood including traditional security like we had previously with Red Horse, cameras at entry/exit points, and signage at entry/exit points to deter would be criminals. If you have opinions or have interest in helping with the committee, now is the time to speak up.

Finally, please be aware that we are approaching the end of our fiscal year. What this means is that many of you who just paid... well you might just have to forgo one more lunch out to pay those dues again for the 2018–2019 fiscal year. Have a great start to the summer!



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER

Please give a rousing, Berkeley-style welcome to our new NPO, Cory Carpenter. Keep his contact information handy.

Police Officer - K511

Office: 817-392-4494

Fax: 817-392-4735

Cell: 817-999-8057

Cory.Carpenter@fortworthtexas.gov

GET OUT YOUR SWIMSUIT, AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 16th for the neighborhood pool party at the Forest Park Pool. We have the pool reserved from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The BPA will provide frozen desserts and will have water and

lemonade for refreshments, but you can bring your own snacks and (non-alcoholic) drinks as well. Our neighborhood will join with the Mistletoe Heights neighborhood again this year for this pool party. Please join us and bring your neighbors!

BERKELEY VS. MISTLETOE HEIGHTS



Berkeley Place neighbors got together with Mistletoe Height's neighbors for a game of kickball on Sunday, Mary 6th, at Charlie's Field in Newby Park from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adrienne Grant did a wonderful job planning the event, arranging for the food truck Austin Underdawgs to provide hot dogs and chips for dinner. It was sunny and hot, and the spectators found what little shade was near the ball field to observe the fun. Music from a big speaker behind home plate added to the festive atmosphere and neighbors enjoyed visiting as much as playing the game. We are hoping to have more events in the future to join our two neighborhoods.

Thanks to Polly Hooper for this report.



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A RETURN TO BERKELEY ENSURES A SECOND GENERATION AT LILY B. CLAYTON

BY LESLIE HUNT

Jessica Morrison grew up in Fort Worth. She has fond memories of attending Lily B. Clayton Elementary and always hoped that someday she would return to the area after having children. That time came a few months ago when Jessica, and her husband, Matthew, purchased their home at 2224 Windsor Place. After remodeling and rewiring almost the entire house, a process that took about five months, they moved in with their two daughters, Kate and Caroline. Kate is five years old and will begin kindergarten at Lily B. in the fall. Caroline is three years old and attends Bright Horizons Montessori in Sundance Square.

Matthew and Jessica met while attending Texas A&M University. They started dating at the young age of 19 and are about to celebrate their 10-year wedding

anniversary with a trip to Napa. Matthew works as an engineering manager at Oncor, and Jessica is a tax and employee benefits attorney at Thompson & Knight.

Jessica graduated from A&M before Matthew. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Austin to attend law school at the University of Texas while Matthew completed undergrad. Upon his graduation, Matthew moved to Austin, and the couple married. After Jessica finished law school, they moved from Austin to Dallas and then back to Austin before settling down in Fort Worth. Matthew and Jessica looked for a house in Berkeley for over a year. When their realtor, Laura Thomas (another Windsor Place resident), heard that the house at 2224 Windsor might go up for sale, she contacted the current owners to let them know

she had a family who was interested. Matthew and Jessica had a contract on the house before it hit the market, and they were beyond thrilled. The home was built in 1925, and they are only the fourth owners.

The Morrison family will head to Colorado later this year to introduce the girls to skiing in Breckenridge. While they enjoy travelling, they also enjoy time alone to unwind. They became fans of Winslow's Café when they lived in Monticello and still enjoy stopping by for old time sake. They also frequent Esperanza's and regularly pick up pizza from Macaluso's.

Please join me in welcoming Jessica and her family back to Berkeley Place!

GOURMET ON A HOT PLATE

BY JUDY ALTER

CHICKEN ROLLS



6 oz. cooked, chopped chicken

4 oz. cream cheese softened

½ c. chopped mushrooms

2 Tbsp. sliced green onions

1 pkg. 8 crescent rolls

1 Tbsp. melted butter

Mix together chicken, cream cheese, mushrooms and onions. Roll out crescent rolls into rectangles and pinch perforations together to end with 4 rectangles. Put ¼ of chicken mixture in the center of each of the four. Pull the dough up and over and pinch closed. Drizzle with melted butter and sprinkle with crushed croutons. Bake 12-15 minutes in a preheated 375 oven. If they start to get too brown, cover loosely with foil the last five minutes.



Here is an Uptown Loft look and it's in a Berkeley cottage. Select your look and we do the work to achieve it. Call Steve at: 682-553-3161 Email: steve@housetailors.com



REFIGURING A MAJOR INTERSECTION

JENNIFER H. ROBERTS,
PROJECT MANAGER



The intersection of Colonial Parkway at University Drive will be upgraded as we head into summer. The operation of intersection will stay exactly the same with the same number of through lanes, left turn lanes and dedicated right-turn lanes. The main goals of the improvements are to upgrade the signal equipment and the pedestrian access through the intersection. The city will accomplish this

by removing signal poles from the medians, pulling back the median noses to allow space for crosswalks, restriping the entire intersection including the crosswalks, constructing new ADA ramps in all four corners, and relocating the bus stop from the northwest corner to the southwest corner. Construction will start after the Colonial Golf Tournament concludes on June 4th. City planners anticipate

a six-month construction time-frame with completion in December 2018.

The city has set up a webpage for the Traffic Signal Improvements which can be found at the following link: <http://fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfwuniversitycolonial/>

A real estate advertisement for Ruth Story and Kati Story. The background is a photograph of a living room and kitchen area. The living room features a beige sofa, a coffee table, and a window with a view of greenery. The kitchen has white cabinets and a countertop. The advertisement includes the website www.RuthStoryOnline.com at the top. It lists several properties that have been sold or listed, including 2215 Forest Park Blvd., 3754 Trail Lake Dr., 2043 Ward Parkway, 1704 6th Ave., 2024 Wilshire Blvd., 2831 5th Ave., 6824 Cumberland Rd., and 3909 Modlin Ave. The text "Representing families in your neighborhood with the highest of standards." is centered. Contact information for Ruth Story and Kati Story is provided at the bottom, including their titles, phone numbers, and email addresses. Logos for Star Group, Keller Williams Luxury International, and Keller Williams are also present.

A MESSAGE TO NEIGHBORS

BY TONY LEMON

Tony Lemon, Dartmoor Court, sent this eloquent letter to the Berkeley Buzz on May 23, 2018. It is reprinted here with permission.

Dear Neighbors

My appeal to the neighborhood is that no one call the city on Mary or Joe or anyone else for a watering violation or any other violation. Instead ring your neighbor's doorbell and ask if they know their sprinklers or whatever are going crazy.

I bet if you saw Mary and Joe's sprinkler system on every day and you rang their doorbell, they would be glad to show you why. And when you knew why, you would understand. And when you understood, you wouldn't want to call the city and report them. And after you had a delightful conversation with one or both of them about sod, you could ask them to tell you about their experiences hosting music students from all over the world who are here for study at TCU.

Good neighbors talk to one another. Good neighbors don't rush to the city to report people. Think about it. Which kind of neighborhood do you want to live in? I want to live in a neighborhood where we talk to each other. If I am doing something you don't like, talk to me first. We probably can work it out. You can always report me to the city later. My guess is most of the neighbors that live on your block feel the same way. Be a good neighbor to have a good neighbor!

A few years ago my controller on my sprinkler system went crazy. I normally only run my sprinkler system on manual. But it developed a mind of its own and was watering all the time without me turning it on and without me even knowing it was on. I eventually noticed it was on in the middle of the day, and I fixed the problem.

Thankfully no one called the city. But, I would have appreciated a heads up from a neighbor telling me that my sprinkler system was on all the time. Be-

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A MESSAGE TO NEIGHBORS, CONTINUED

BY TONY LEMON

cause my water bill that month was four times its normal amount. The silver lining in this dark cloud was I did have some of the best looking grass ever. I was watering it a couple of times a week manually and it was watering the grass automatically a couple of times a day without me even knowing it.

And if you live next door to an ornery old cuss, start hosting block parties and invite the ornery old cuss. You might win him or her over. And they might tell the best stories ever at your block party.

And if you are the ornery old cuss, lighten up. Your next door neighbor might move and an ornery old cuss just like you or maybe even worse, might move in next door to you and make your life a living hell. And then the neighbor on the other side of you might move and an ornery old cuss might move in on the other side of you, too. Then look where you would be.

The best part of Berkeley is not the houses, or the location or

even the sidewalks. The best part of Berkeley is the people. People who know each other, who talk to each other. I love the houses, I love the location and I love the sidewalks, which I am convinced promote neighborliness. But, I continue to live here because of the people.

I do have one neighbor who is a little different, a little quirky. His name is Isaac, and he goes to Lilly B. Somehow he throws, hits or kicks a wide variety of balls over the eight foot fence that separates our

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A MESSAGE TO NEIGHBORS, CONTINUED

BY TONY LEMON

back yards. I find tennis balls, soccer balls, beach balls, every kind of ball imaginable in my back yard. I always throw or kick them all back into his yard. Sometimes immediately. But not always. Sometimes I leave it there in my back yard for a week or ten days. I don't want him to start taking me for granted. Here is the part I don't understand. Sometimes it takes me three or four attempts to get the ball back over the eight foot fence. How does a little kid throw it that high or kick it that high? And how many times does HE HAVE TO TRY before he gets it to go over the fence? Maybe he will become a professional ball player, someone who kicks or throws a ball for a living. When a sportswriter asks him where he learned to throw or kick a ball like that, he will say, "I used to throw or kick balls into my neighbor's back yard. And he always threw or kicked them back, EVENTUALLY!"

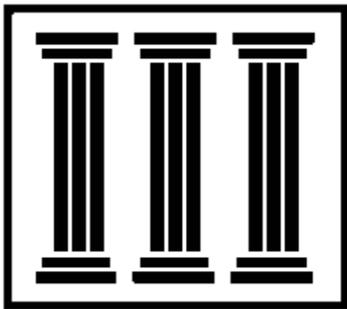
Your next door neighbor may be different, even a little quirky. But my guess if you work at it for a while, you

might even come to enjoy that difference, that quirkiness. Just like I have. Some day, much too soon, Isaac will grow up. One day, I will go into my backyard and kick or throw Isaac's very last ball back into his yard. That will be a sad day, a sad day, indeed. Because, I will miss not finding a wide assortment of balls, all colors and all sizes that magically appear in my back yard.

Tony Lemon
Dartmoor Ct

PS If you have read this far may I repeat a request I made here on the Buzz several years ago. Would you put your street name below your name, if you don't already do so, on the emails that you send to the Buzz. Often knowing where you live adds vital information to the content of your email. And even if it doesn't it helps me and I assume others to learn where in Berkeley you live. I have lived in Berkeley for a long time, but I still don't know on which street all of you live.

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January

- Service lawn mower
- Prune Trees and Roses
- Prepare garden soils
- Spray **All Seasons Oil Spray** for scale
- Buy and plant Fruit Trees
- Use **Calloway's Tree & Shrub Planting Mix**

February

- Apply weed preemergent as recommended
- Use **Bonide Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension** for grassy and broadleaf weeds or **Bonide Weed Beater Complete Granules** for pre & post control!
- Purchase Caladium Bulbs
- Plant or transplant Trees and Shrubs
- Spray dandelions (another broadleaf weed) with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**

March

- For new lawns apply **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food 21-5-10**
- For mature lawns apply **Calloway's Premium Phosphorus Free Lawn Food 21-0-0**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Spray visible Winter weeds with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**
- Plant Spring flowers using **Calloway's Flower Bed Mix**
- Purchase Caladium Bulbs
- Amend vegetable beds with **Calloway's Organic Compost**

April

- Plant Spring Bulbs
- Plant Caladium Bulbs after the 15th
- Feed Trees and Shrubs with **Calloway's Professional 16-8-8 Tree & Shrub Food**
- Watch for fungus and brown patch; apply **Bonide Infuse Systemic Fungicide** as needed
- Prune Shrubs
- Apply **Bonide Weed Beater Southern** to stop broadleaf weeds
- Plant Spring annuals and perennials then fertilize with **Calloway's 14-14-14** or **Calloway's Amazing Gardens**

May

- Apply 2nd application of preemergents for crabgrass and grass burrs
- Apply **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Apply **Sedge Ender** for nutsedge
- Spray established weeds with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**

June

- Watch for scale on Crapemyrtles
- Treat web worms on Trees and Shrubs with **Summit Caterpillar & Worm Killer**
- Apply **Fungicide** to stop lawn fungus
- Treat insect problems on lawns or ornamentals with **Bonide Eight Insect Control**
- Control fire ants with **Amdro** or **Bayer Fire Ant Killer**
- Watch for June bugs (adult grub worms) see below
- Apply **Natural CedarCide** to deter mosquitoes

July

- At mid-month treat for grubs with **Bayer Season Long Grub Killer** or **Bonide Eight Insect Control**
- Feed Trees and Shrubs with **Calloway's Professional 16-8-8 Tree & Shrub Food**
- Water pots and hanging baskets daily
- Water lawns, 1" per week, best done in early mornings

August

- Treat insect problems
- Water pots and hanging baskets daily
- Water lawns, 1" per week, best done in early mornings

September

- Use **Bonide Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension** for grassy and broadleaf weeds or **Bonide Weed Beater Complete Granules** for pre & post control!
- Fertilize lawns with **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Plant Fall Flowers
- Watch for fungus in lawns and, if necessary, treat with **Bonide Infuse Spray or Granules**

October

- Purchase Spring Bulbs. Tulips and Hyacinths must spend 45 days in refrigeration
- Winterize lawns with **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Plant Pansies and fertilize with **Calloway's Professional Pansy Food**

November

- Time to Plant Wildflower Seeds

December

- Plant bulbs 1st of month, using **Jobe's Bone Meal** to provide nutrients
- Prune Trees

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JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH

BY JENNI COLE

Congratulations to our June yard of the month winners, John and Lea Hobbs, at 1908 Chatburn Court. Their front-yard landscaping consists of a colorful and vivid variety of flowers including zinnias, marigolds, pentas, and begonias, in addition to silvery Dusty Miller plants, boxwood bushes, and ferns. Thank you to the Hobbs family for keeping Berkeley bright and beautiful! And, a special thank you to Calloway's for sponsoring our Yard of the Month winners. Be sure to check out their monthly gardening tips in the Poobah and visit their store for all your garden needs!



ROAD TRIP: TEXAS MISSIONS

BY BOB AND ANNETTE TESS

We recently took a driving trip south to visit historic Spanish missions nestled down near San Antonio. Out of 40 missions initially established in Texas in the 1600s and 1700s, there are six restored missions remaining along the San Antonio River, with the Alamo being the most famous (and the only one not incorporating the word mission in its name). The others are Mission Concepcion, Mission Espada, Mission La Bahia, Mission San Jose, and Mission San Juan de Capistrano. All of these are on the outskirts of San Antonio save Mission La Bahia, which is about an hour and 45 minutes south east in Goliad, Texas. The history surrounding each mission is rich, and visiting them is like stepping back in time. Except for the Alamo, the missions are lightly visited and sit on open grounds, enhancing the visitor's experience. There are informative displays and

artifacts at each mission telling its story. In Goliad, about a mile from Mission La Bahia, lies Presidio La Bahia – the fort where the Goliad Massacre occurred in 1836 during

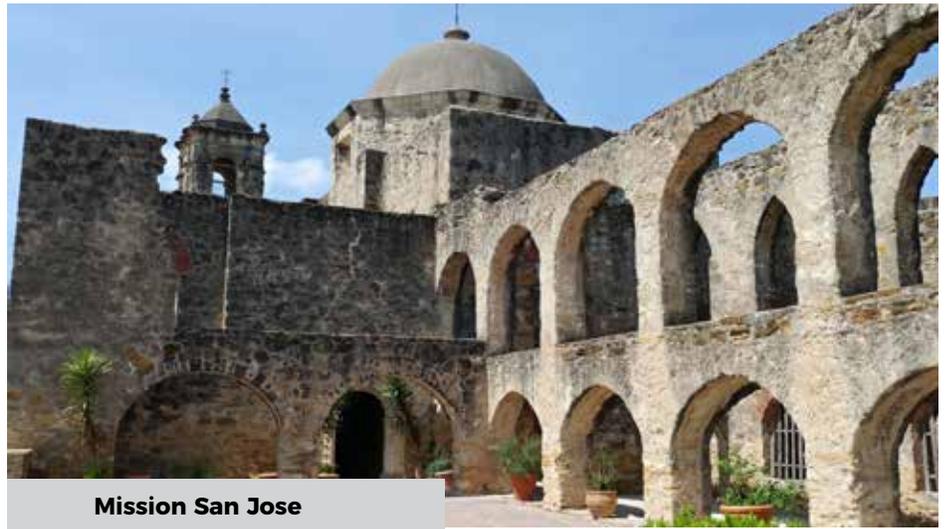
the Texas Revolution. We reserved the comfortably furnished officers' quarters and stayed overnight at the fort, which is a unique experience – it's just you and the ghosts.



Mission San Jose Chapel



Mission Concepcion



Mission San Jose



Mission LaBahia

WINE & WOMEN ON WINDSOR

BY LINDA SIMMONS

Windsor Place women enjoyed the second "Wine & Women on Windsor" party on May 10th, hosted by Linda Simmons and Marybeth Zerdecki. The first WWW was hosted earlier this year by Jessica Morrison and Lavender Nix. We hope to continue these get-togethers and make Windsor Place the street "where everybody knows your name."



Carol Thompson, Vickie Walker, Judy Moad, Carol Williams, Marybeth Zerdecki



Marybeth Zerdecki, Carol Thompson, Mary Ruth Jones



Julie Vitek, Laura Scarbrough



Marybeth Zerdecki, Linda Simmons



Martha Cunningham, Huyen Pham



Vickie Walker, Judy Moad, Linda Simmons

CRYSTAL BRIDGES

BY MARY DULLE

There's a wonderful oasis about a day's drive from Fort Worth, nestled in the hills near Bentonville, Arkansas. The Crystal Bridges Museum is, quite simply, splendid. It shows what plenty of funding and a clear vision can do.

Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the complex of buildings feels at one with the surrounding landscape. Gray concrete walls faced with rough cedar push up from the earth, brown copper rooftops swell and dip like the hills, glass walls sparkle with reflections from the still ponds below.

The art inside reflects as well: it speaks to the American experience from the earliest days of the indigenous peoples and carries the conversation through the contemporary period. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, handwork, and video display the rich heritage of our land.

There's a good café serving lunch daily and dinner on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with great views through the glass-curtain walls on either side. A gift shop, of course, helps you bring the experience home. But there's even more. Within the 120 acres of Ozark forest are walking paths leading to outdoor artwork,



burbling streams, cool nooks, and surprises like a Frank Lloyd Wright house, moved to the property piece by piece from New Jersey and painstakingly reassembled.



We spent a good part of two days wandering through the museum and grounds, then part of a third day walking in the woods.

And one of the most impressive things is that except for food, souvenirs, and the occasional special exhibition, it's all free to the public.

The Beyond: Georgia O'Keeffe & Contemporary Art, one of those special exhibitions, opened May 26 and runs through September 3.

The museum is closed Tuesdays, but open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday and 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, it opens at 10:00 a.m. every day but Tuesday. It is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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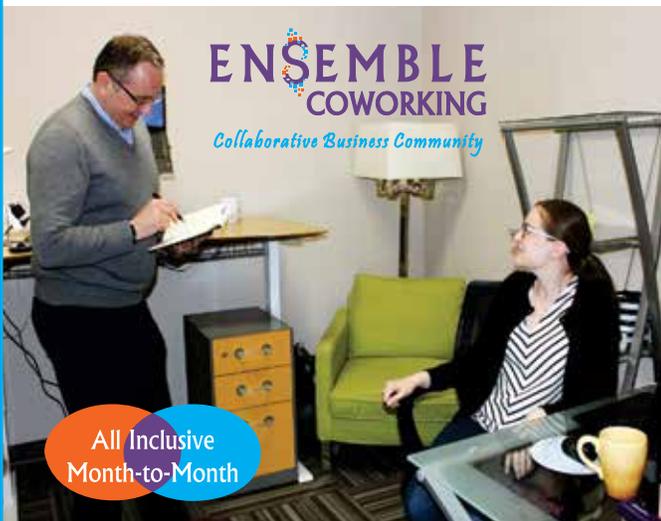
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