

# ***Inside Main Street NEWSBLAST***

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## **Go for the green: art sale tomorrow**

Don't miss the Bastrop Fine Arts Guild's ninth annual **Art on the Green**—Oct. 23, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., on the Courthouse lawn, 804 Pecan Street—and a great opportunity to view and purchase original art by more than 30 local artists and hear live music. The event features only original art and its “palette” is large: paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, photographs, fiber, furniture, glass, metal, woodworking, jewelry and other handmade, one-of-kind items.

## **Sold out! Preservation Tour set for Thursday**

Fifty-one participants in the **National Preservation Conference** occurring in Austin next week have opted to visit Bastrop next Thursday to see first hand Bastrop's significant progress toward revitalization and restoration of the historic downtown area. Bastrop is one of several **Field Sessions** offered to conference attendees to gain a first-hand view of preservation and revitalization working hand in hand. According to BMSP Director Nancy Wood, Bastrop “sold out” early and attributes the draw to Bastrop's recent recognition by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of its 2010 Distinctive Destinations™ and by the synergy achieved between city government, the downtown business community and a cadre of active citizen volunteers.

The bus full of visitors will be treated to a narrated tour of the BMSP program area and the historic neighborhoods adjacent. Stops include the H. P. Lockett House, the nearby B. D. Orgain House (the newly launched Morris Mansion bed and breakfast inn), the Bastrop Opera House and the refectory at the Bastrop State Park. A walking tour of Main Street will feature “before” and “after” images of buildings that have undergone restoration or rehabilitation under the “façade” and “mega” grants program administered by the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation.

## **Volunteers needed for downtown events**

Two of Bastrop's premier downtown events—**Halloween Fest (Oct. 31)** and **Veterans Car Show Weekend (Nov. 12-14)**—are in need of volunteers to help with set-up, tear-down and various activities in between.

These activities, annual events produced by the Downtown Business Alliance, are each expected to draw more than 10,000 people to downtown Bastrop. Each requires “all [volunteer] hands on deck” to sustain these very successful events.

To volunteer for Halloween Fest, contact Martha Granger at [fringeme@austin.rr.com](mailto:fringeme@austin.rr.com); for the Veterans Day Car Show Weekend, Terry Moore at [tibmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:tibmoore@hotmail.com).

More information on the events may be found on the DBA website at <http://www.bastropdba.org>.

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## ***We knew it all along***

The Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa has been ranked #18 in the top 50 list for the U.S. and Canada in the recently published *Travel + Leisure* magazine's 2010 list of the "World's Best Family Hotels and Cruises."

The Hyatt is one of only four Texas properties selected for inclusion on the list by magazine readers and travel providers. The Hyatt, among the newest of the resorts recognized, also topped the short list of Texas properties honored and is the only one from the Central Texas region. To see the other elite properties on this prestigious list, visit <http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/worlds-best-family-hotels-and-cruises/1>.

## ***The witching hour approaches***

It's time to summon forth your inner witch, prince/princess, optimistic Longhorn, etc...and get thee down to Main Street for the Downtown Business Alliance's Halloween Fest on Sunday, from 5 to 9 p.m. But—first—think "contest" and "treats":

- Participate in the **Costume Contest** (for all ages) with goody bags going to the first 300 registrants, and prizes will be awarded in each of four age divisions.
- Find the hidden images in the **Halloween Fest poster**. Dig into your recycling bin for the entry form (the *Advertiser* on the Oct. 14 and 16) or pick one up at Goodwill (in Colorado Crossing)—for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Walmart. Entries can be mailed or dropped into the box at Goodwill; all entries are due by 5 p.m., Oct. 29.
- Carve up a pumpkin into the **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** for a chance to win a getaway at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort and Spa. Pumpkins must be decorated at home and brought to the stage at Main and Pine Streets by 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- Enter the **Lip Sync Contest**—which will have both junior and adult divisions this year—for a chance at cash prizes.

More information about these contests and DBA's not-to-be-missed Halloween Fest can be found at [www.bastropdba.org/halloween.html](http://www.bastropdba.org/halloween.html).

## ***Pull out your calendar...***

For upcoming Main Street meetings:

November 1	Main Street Advisory Board, 6 p.m. in City Hall
November 15	Promotions Committee, 5:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
November 17	Organization Committee, noon in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
November 18	Design Committee, 5:30 p.m. in City Hall
November 19	Economic Restructuring Committee, 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

All meetings are open to the public; scheduling conflicts may prompt changes in meeting time and place. For updated information, please check with Nancy Wood at [Mainstreet@cityofbastrop.org](mailto:Mainstreet@cityofbastrop.org).

### ***While you have your calendar handy***

- Oct. 27 and 29: Ghosts and gore! Meet up the Courthouse Gazebo for a 90-minute **Ghost Tour** visiting/recounting local “haunting” and horrors. Admission to the 12-block walking tour is free; donations to the Bastrop County Historical Society Visitor Center appreciated. Call 512-303-0558 to reserve your spot.
- Nov. 3: Food for thought. The **Chamber of Commerce’s monthly luncheon** will occur at McKinney Roughs Nature Park and will center on Volunteer Appreciation. Bluebonnet Electric is hosting; the luncheon begins at 11:15 and costs \$12 through the Chamber website: [www.bastropchamber.com](http://www.bastropchamber.com).
- Nov. 5: Photographer Mac Payne and his work—“Mac’s World, Part 2”—are the focus of November’s **“First Friday”** reception at the Bastrop Fine Arts Guild Gallery. Between 6 and 8 p.m.; 1009 Main.

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