

# 2022: By the Numbers

2,318 Museum Guests

That's just short of 1,000 more guests this year than last year. Welcome Back!

Our Guests Came From:

174 Texas Cities  
32 States  
8 Countries

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Reach out on our website or stop by!

1,304 Volunteer Hours were served in 448 Shifts

250 Children learned about Bosque County History in our School Programs

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## "Top of the Hill Country" Bosque Museum's 2023 Art Auction



Start your bidding!  
In 2022, a generous donor commissioned a work of art for the Museum that would reflect on the County's unique history. Kathy Tate was selected as our artist for this year's auction.

"Top of the Hill Country" is a 24 x 29.5 Oil on Canvas, and features the scenery of Bosque County looking north from Texas Safari Ranch.

The artist, Kathy Tate, is a sixth-generation Texan. Tate was born and raised in north central Texas. Between helping out on the family dairy farm, and raising her three sons, she found little time to paint during the day. Tate pursued her still-life artwork at night. Many of her still-life objects are items from old home sites or family heirlooms brought to Texas in the 1800s. Although she excels in still-life, architecture and life in Texas are often subjects in her work.

Tate's work has received numerous awards, is a member of many professional societies, and is on the roster of Artists in Residence with the Texas Commission on the Arts.

*Top of the Hill Country* is available for viewing at the Bosque Museum currently. The auction is now open and will close at 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2023. To bid or learn more, scan the QR Code or go to <https://bosquemuseum.betterworld.org/auctions/kathy-tate-painting>





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**The Bosque Museum is dedicated to protect and preserve Bosque County's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economical benefit of the public it serves.**

**A Letter from the Executive Director:**

Happy 2023! I don't know about you, but I love this time of year. I cherish that first Saturday after Christmas decorations have been put away when I can sit with a good cup of coffee and plan out my year. Nothing can stop the optimism behind a new calendar, some colored pens, and stickers.



Here at the Museum, the first few weeks of a new year gives everyone a chance to think strategically about the upcoming 365 days. In our planning, we consider how are we going to fulfill our mission of protecting and preserving Bosque County's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of the public it serves.

I'm excited about change *and* about keeping things the same at the museum. How is this possible? We're eager to continue providing all of Bosque County a place to learn more about their place. We have a new exhibit that will be installed in late 2023 that features the legacy of Meridian local, John A. Lomax. We're looking forward to providing you with the same high level of interaction and engagement that you saw in the new Horn Shelter Exhibit.

A GIANT Weekend will be an entirely new event in April of 2023 with events happening all over Bosque County. We'll be screening a documentary, hosting a VIP Reception with the director of the documentary, showing the original 1956 film, and more. Our beloved events, such as our Sporting Clays Tournament, Sights & Sites Art Show & Sale, Summer Camps, and our Lomax Gathering will be back this year as well.

So, here's to a 2023 that is full of contradiction, with things both the same and different. Because what a better way to tell the stories of the past than to consider the old and the new.

Cheers!

**THANK YOU!**

As we told you in November, here at the Bosque Museum it would be impossible to accomplish our mission without telling the stories of people. We spent 2022 telling the story of Bosque County's earliest residents with our Photos of Early Bosque County exhibit. We told the stories of Bosque County brides during our Say Yes to the Dress: A Community Exhibit. We closed out 2022 by telling our guests stories about their Abundant Christmases from the past. Did you share yours on our interactive wall?

We are excited about the stories we get to tell in 2023 (*see Letter from the Executive Director, opposite page*). We get to tell these stories, in part, because of the generosity of our community.

Through our 2022 End-of-Year Campaign, we raised over \$32,000 dollars! And the best part is that these funds were matched by previous benefactors. So thank you to all of you. We appreciate everyone who gave listed below. We also all of our volunteers, Board of Trustee members, stakeholders, and everyone who helped support us over the past year.

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*Upcoming  
 Events*

- Jan 26 - Apr 16 - Origins: The Jacob Olson Collection
- Feb 4 - First Free Saturday
- Feb 8 - 2023 Art Auction
- Feb 18 - Jacob Olson Museum Annex Open House
- Feb 26 - Founder's Day 2023
- Apr 15 - Docent Spring Tea
- Apr 22 - 2023 Sporting Clays Tournament
- Apr 28 - 29 A GIANT Weekend
- May 7 - Sights & Sites Art Show & Sale Opening Reception