



# CIRCLE C RANCH NEWSLETTER

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## Austin Mayor and County Commissioner to Attend CCHOA Annual Meeting

*Submitted by Ed Scruggs, CCHOA Secretary/Treasurer*

Brief speeches by Mayor Will Wynn and Travis County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty will highlight this year's annual meeting of the **Circle C Homeowner's Association. The meeting, set for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 23 at Kiker Elementary**, will also feature the election of new board members and proposed changes to the association's by-laws. All current members of the association are welcome.

For those of you new to Circle C, the annual meeting is an opportunity for the community to come together and have input on the association's future. As our neighborhood continues to grow, it's also chance to meet a good cross section of folks. Some of whom have lived here for years, others for just a few months.

It is an honor for the association to host both Mayor Wynn and Commissioner Daugherty. Over the years, both have expressed a good deal of interest in issues of concern to Circle C residents. It is an illustration of our significance that both men have agreed to speak briefly at the same meeting.

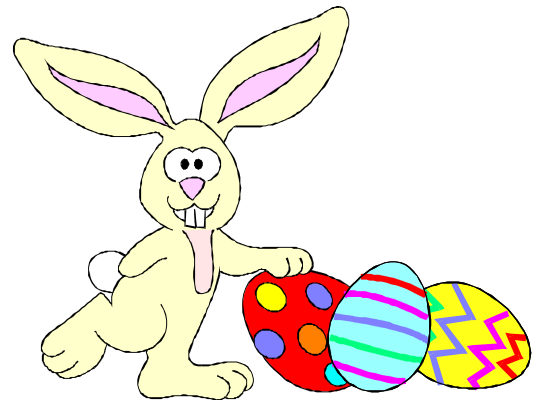
A main feature of any annual meeting is the election of new members of the Board of Directors. This year, candidates running for two open director positions will have the chance to briefly speak to the issues. Following these speeches, all members in good standing will have the opportunity to vote for new directors, as well as decide the fate of proposed changes to association by-laws.

During the meeting, current members of the board will also review the events of the past year, as well as set the course for the future. Financial and Development updates will be featured – along with an address by the CCHOA President Quentin Fennessy.

Please note that according to association by-laws, 10% of the eligible membership must vote if the election is to be considered valid. As our neighborhood has grown to more than 3,000 homes it is taking more of an effort to obtain the required level of participation. That's one of the many reasons to take the time and mark your calendar for this very important meeting. By simply attending you will be performing a service to the community at large.

In order to gain entry to the meeting, you will need to bring valid identification verifying your Circle C address. The check-in process does take time – so it is recommended everyone arrive no later than 6 PM.

***For the meeting agenda, biographies of candidates and a list of proposed by-laws changes, please access the new Circle C website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info)***



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The CCHOA will host it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am (sharp!) at the Swim Center Plaza and Child Development Center. Admission will be \$2 per child and the area will be divided into 3 age groups (1-3yr, 4-6yr, and 7-10yr). The Easter Bunny will also be there so be sure to bring your camera. Please be on time as the hunt will begin at exactly 9:30am. Parents, please be sure to remind your children that there is a 10 egg/per child maximum. This will allow all children to "find" at least 10 eggs.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Candidate Forum – March 17th**

**CCHOA Annual Meeting – March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt – March 26<sup>th</sup>**

# CIRCLE C RANCH

## A Letter from your HOA President

Dear Neighbors-

Folks, we really need volunteers to assist with the Proposition 2 land adjacent to Circle C. Please read the article from AE Martin on page 7 and volunteer if you can. The Prop 2 lands should become a beautiful addition to our part of Austin, but to succeed we need your help

ABC TV recently completed filming a television show within Circle C Ranch. The show will be aired in the spring – and it will be called House Quest. Look for *your neighborhood*, coming soon to a TV screen (or TIVO screen) near you! The producers of the show have donated several trees to CCHOA. Two of them have been planted at the Mopac/Lacrosse entrance to Wildflower Place.

In case you have not noticed, the annual report is available online at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info). The report is a combination of review of 2004 expenses and activities as well as some predictions for 2005, including our budget. Please contact the CCHOA office at 288-8663 or [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info) if you need a hard copy (it is 24 pages long.)

We maintain insurance for CCHOA – including general liability. Unfortunately the costs for our coverage have again increased by approximately 32%. We paid approximately \$28,000 for GL in 2004. The new rate is approximately \$37,000. Our insurance brokers received 3 quotes for the policy and this was the best rate they found. The rate increases are attributed to the fact that HOAs are frequent targets of lawsuits. AE Martin and Denise Nordstrom are actively working on reducing insurance costs for CCHOA. Perhaps I can report better news later in the year.

We continue to negotiate with UT and Longhorn Aquatics over the rental of the Circle C Swim Center. The UT/LA 2004 contract has been extended through the end of February to allow for the ongoing negotiations. We are committed to providing fair and equitable usage and investment in our pool. The state of the negotiation as I write is that the most recent contract version has been presented to management at UT for review. This process is lengthier than we initially expected. I believe we will reach an agreement – and a *good* agreement that is the result of hard work by the Pool Committee, Denise Nordstrom, Mary Goehring and Ed Scruggs. The new contract should be effective March 1, 2005 or soon after.

You have likely noticed the work in progress at the HEB/Stratus Tract 103 site. The story I hear is that HEB may be open in November 2005. If all goes well.

Circle C Landscape recently resolved a potentially severe water problem for Circle C North. The City of Austin disconnected our irrigation system for CCN – for reasons still unclear to me. Thanks are due to Susan Hoover and Mary Goehring who found a cost-effective way to bring irrigation water to Circle C North before spring.

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## CCHOA Announcements

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, Operations Manager*

### CCHOA Annual Meeting

The CCHOA will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at Kiker Elementary. You will need a photo ID to check in at the door. Please come a little early to allow for check-in. You may pay any late assessments at the meeting. You should receive your annual meeting packet the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> with your proxy, ballot, agenda and candidate questionnaires. If you do not receive a packet, please contact the management office at 288-8663. Proxies will be due no later than 5pm, Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. You may mail or drop off at 5919 La Crosse Avenue, Suite 100 Austin, Texas 78739.

### CCHOA Website

This month we'd like to bring to your attention our revised classified section. We've edited this section to include a image of the item you are selling. To post an item on the classified section, go to: <http://www.circlecranch.com/classifieds>. You will then need to send a .jpg image to [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info) with the item name in the subject line. Classifieds may be removed after 30 days, but if you sell your item, please notify us via email. If you have any questions regarding this feature, please call us at 288-8663.

### Candidate Forum

The Nominating Committee will host a Candidate Forum on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6: 30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church. This will be a question/answer time with residents who would like to become more familiar with candidates running for a board position. We encourage everyone to come out and listen to what the candidates have to say.

### CCHOA 2004 Annual Report

The 2004 CCHOA Annual Report is available online at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info). If you would like a hard copy, please contact the CCHOA office at 288-8663.

### Deed Restriction Reminders

As many sections of Circle C are approaching 15+ years we are noticing that many homes are in need of repair and maintenance. Some items that may need your attention include roof repair/replacement, broken screens, power washing of siding and shrub replacement. It's important that every resident do their part in keeping their property properly maintained so that Circle C remains a beautiful place to live.

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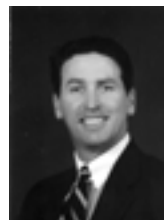
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## CCHOA Announcements *Continued*

### Circle C Landscape Update

*Submitted by Susan Hoover, Circle C Landscape*

Hopefully, by the time this arrives at your door, we will have all forgotten the miserable cloudy, cold and wet weather that was the norm for late January and early February. Spring is upon us and we expect the sun to be shining!!

#### Normal activities for this time of year on the commons areas:

- 1) Finalization of all trimming, pruning, clean up and mulching on the beds
- 2) Pre-emergent weed treatment done in early February
- 3) Late March-April will bring our first fertilization
- 4) Annual flower planting
- 5) Beginning of the mowing season

#### In addition, the following improvements, approved by the CCHOA Board of Directors that have been completed are:

- 1) Extension of permanent irrigation to Circle C North.
- 2) Tree planting in the front area of Wildflower Park
- 3) Tree planting on South Bay
- 4) Bed installation of native drought resistant plantings in several areas

#### Upcoming improvements:

- 1) Removal of dead photinia and replacement with drought tolerant shrubs on Escarpment and Barstow

We are looking forward to a great growing season. Last year, we planted a number "Knock Out" Roses. These were the 2004 Superstar Plant of the Year recommended by Texas A & M Horticulture. They are a frequent bloomer that requires very little care, are fungus resistant and very hardy. We will be participating as a certified test area for Texas A & M for this plant, and keeping records on its growth and habits over the next few years. From what we saw last year, we highly recommend this shrub rose that works like a perennial. You can access other plants that are great for our area at [www.texassuperstar.com](http://www.texassuperstar.com).

A word about your St. Augustine lawn: if you have St. Augustine grass, which most of us do, try to hold off on your spring fertilization until mid-April, get a soil test, and use the least amount of nitrogen. Over utilization of nitrogen causes brown patch, one of the major diseases of St. Augustine grass.

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## CCHOA Announcements *Continued*

### Amenities Over-Site Committee Named

*Submitted by Ed Scruggs*

Many thanks to those Circle C residents named to serve on the Amenities Over-Site Committee. This special 5 member committee will be responsible for advising the Board of Directors on a number of issues relating to establishment and implementation of the Amenities Master Plan. The group's initial role will be to assist in the selection of a Land Use Planner / Architect.

The committee will work with the planner and the BOD to provide over-site to the overall planning and construction process. Members will also coordinate fundraising efforts, work to solicit residential input and assure adherence to budget and construction guidelines.

#### *The committee members are:*

Jim Brotherton  
Melinda McKenna  
Russ Hodes  
Brian Beasley  
Tony Gendron

#### *In other Amenities News:*

According to Phoenix CEO Steve Bartlett, the process of clarifying the status of available lands is almost complete. Currently, it appears the land planned for a second swim center will not be taken by the government as part of the Gary Bradley bankruptcy case. This seven acre site, to be located next to the new elementary school in Circle C West, is a heavily wooded tract of land approximately twice the size of the existing swim complex. Aside from a new pool and related amenities, it may be possible for a community center / club-house to be located here.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The CCHOA Annual Meeting Will Be Held

Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:30pm

Kiker Elementary Cafeteria



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### Slaughter Creek Water Quality Protection Land Update

*Submitted by AE Martin, CCHOA Board Member*

Docent training is planned in March for the Slaughter Creek Water Quality Protection Land public access program. This is the property adjacent to Circle C on the west which was purchased by the city to preserve water quality. To allow public access for recreational purposes several organizations including Circle C Homeowners Association are developing use rules. The March event is the first in a series of training sessions for docents who will conduct tours on the property when it becomes open to the public. In addition to hiking, biking, and equestrian use, educational tours will be offered about the history of the property as well as information about native plants and wildlife. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer docent please contact Gail McGlamery, volunteer coordinator, at 512-263-6437. Tentative dates for the first training are March 19-20.

### New Resident Forum

Please visit our new resident forum at [www.circlecranch.info/forum](http://www.circlecranch.info/forum). You can post news items about events your neighbors might be interested in, especially things that haven't been noted in other places. Some examples that come to mind are PTA or other Club meetings, Scout Troop events, public recognition for community members and their families, a call for volunteers, and even a garage sale announcement. This is YOUR corner of the HOA web site. *Please use it in a responsible manner.*

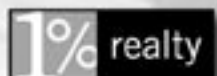
Russ Hodes has volunteered to be the Forum moderator. Please feel free to write him an email at any time, on any subject. Your suggestions are always welcome. Russ's email address is [CCR-Feedback@austin.rr.com](mailto:CCR-Feedback@austin.rr.com)

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

### Kiker Elementary Golf Tournament Volunteers / Sponsors Needed

*Submitted by Melinda McKenna, Circle C Resident*

Kiker Elementary is planning the 2nd Annual Kiker Elementary Golf Tournament and needs your help!

Volunteers are needed to help with planning, organization and other essential tasks related to this wonderful fund raiser – scheduled for May 2, 2004 at the Golf Club at Circle C Ranch. Also, business / neighborhood sponsors are being contacted now regarding opportunities to promote their business while supporting the Elementary School!

If you, a friend, neighbor or business contact would be interested in learning more about the opportunities to volunteer or become a sponsor for the 2005 golf tournament supporting Kiker Elementary - please contact:

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### February Tree Planting a Success

Volunteers gathered on February 5<sup>th</sup> along Slaughter Creek in the City of Austin Water Quality Protection Lands to plant trees. Volunteers were given a short lecture on the history of the site, the geology that makes it special, how the water gets into our water supply, and a demonstration on tree planting. They planted about 50 trees in sites with a drip water line and 30 saplings, which were distributed in a more random pattern. The trees were native to the area, all grown from seeds in a nursery that the city operates near Kyle, Texas.



*Circle C Resident volunteers included Russ Hodes, Amanda Hodes, Katherine Holtz and Rainer Lewis*

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### Circle C Area Business Referral Breakfast

*Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident*

BNI, Business Network International, is a business and professional networking organization that offers its members the opportunity to share ideas, contacts and most importantly referrals. There are more than 25 chapters in Central Texas and 2,500 worldwide. Last year alone, BNI generated 2.3 Million referrals resulting in over \$1 Billion dollars worth of business for its members.

The Circle C area BNI chapter (Live Oak Network) began operation on May 12, 2004 and now has 35 active members! BNI is a non-competitive referral organization that allows one person per professional category – therefore, once you’ve joined a chapter you’ve essentially eliminated your competition!

While we are growing rapidly, we still have openings across a wide variety of professions including residential, health care, and commercial business sectors. Our chapter membership should cover it all from plumbers and landscapers to Doctors and Lawyers. We are looking for one energetic person from every profession!

If you, a friend, family member or neighbor is interested in learning more about building their business by referral, check us out – there is no obligation to join.

Live Oak Network  
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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Circle C Ranch Triathlon Club

*Submitted by Circle C Resident Mike Craig*

Ever wonder who all those people are you see jogging/running through our neighborhood, riding their bikes along MoPac /45 and around the Veloway, and swimming laps year round in our heated community pool are? Well, a lot of them are your neighbors who train for triathlons. Triathlon is perhaps the perfect way to get and stay in shape as it requires a slow, gradual build-up towards peak endurance performance.

What amazed me most when I started was the wide variety of people you meet when doing triathlons. People of all ages and varying physiques participate. Most people have the misconception that triathlons are those grueling events that you see beamed from Hawaii every year, called "The Ironman®." While that is the grand daddy of all events, most people participate in smaller "sprint" distance events that typically consist of a ¼-mile swim, followed by a 12-mile bike, and end with a 3-mile run.

The key to triathlon training is long, slow workouts to gradually improve your endurance.

I started by walking/jogging a little over a mile. My initial bike rides were around ten miles and my first swims were a few laps. Since I was always doing something different, I rarely became bored. Additionally, going slow was the perfect way to transition from "couch potato" to "triathlete." Just remember, whenever starting a new physical training program it is always advisable to consult your physician.

If you're tired of training alone, or want to try a new sport that will help you achieve those New Year's Resolutions all year long, then join us at our inaugural meeting.

For more details contact Mike Craig at 301-3792 or e-mail: [mccraig@kw.com](mailto:mccraig@kw.com)

### Circle C Open House Update

*Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident*

The Circle C Open House Sunday ([www.CircleCOpenHouse.com](http://www.CircleCOpenHouse.com)) is becoming a very successful event for existing home resellers! Over the past 2 months 3 homes have sold as a direct result of being on the Circle C Open House tour!

On Feb.14 Lilla Ezell of Avenue One said,  
"...thanks to all the work that you did for the Open House yesterday! As a result my Sellers have received two offers..."

Only 4 weeks ago, Judy McCarty of Judy McCarty Realtors® said,  
"...thank you for your work on the Circle C Open House Tours. The last one got my listing under contract. A young couple liked the exterior enough to come to the Open House. They had a little time to kill before leaving for a basketball game, but never got past my listing. After going through the home about 3 times, they left. About an hour later they came back, to look at the house again and found another couple talking to me about making an offer. The young couple left and ran to their Realtor® worried that someone else was going to buy the house out from under them. If it hadn't been for the Open House, they would never have seen the property."

If you or a neighbor would benefit from being on the Circle C Wide Open House Tour (held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month) – contact your Realtor® or if you are selling your home yourself – call Bob at 288-8088.

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## Circle C Seals Registration

*Submitted by Deanne Rienstra*

Circle C Seals registration will take place April 2, 2005 (12-4pm) and April 9, 2005 (10am-2pm) at the pool. For additional information parents can call Deanne Rienstra at 301-3753.

*(for Circle C Residents Only)*



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Freeman, Jaclyn*		•	•	•	288-3243
Freeman, Lauren*		•	•	•	288-3243
Janowski, Andrea	14	•	•	•	301-9626
Moreno, Blanco	15	•	•	•	288-1698
Pugh, Lauren*+		•	•	•	771-2739
Schaffrath, Melanie	18	•	•	•	288-3399
Tarrillion, Courtney	15	•	•	•	288-7216

### Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Circle C Ranch teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info) by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month!

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## Texas Events

**1-6—AUSTIN: *A Woman Called Truth*** Celebrates Black History Month with this chronicle of the life of Sojourner Truth. Austin Playhouse at Penn Field, 3601 S. Congress Ave. [www.seconduyouth.com](http://www.seconduyouth.com) 512/386-8292

**1-13—AUSTIN: *Cirque du Soleil Presents Varekai*** Pays tribute to the spirit of the nomadic soul and the magical and often jaw-dropping art of circus traditions. Former Mueller Airport. [www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com) 800/678-5440

**1-20—AUSTIN: *Writing among the Ruins: Graham Greene & Evelyn Waugh*** Compares and contrasts the lives and literary achievements of Greene and Waugh. Ransom Center Galleries at The University of Texas at Austin. [www.hrc.utexas.edu](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu) 512/471-8944

**1-26—AUSTIN: *New Work by Susan Whyne*** Gallery talk is 1 p.m. March 5. Whyne's new works on canvas and paper preserve her bold use of color while traversing new thematic territory. D Berman Gallery, 1701 Guadalupe. E-mail: [anastasia@dbermangallery.com](mailto:anastasia@dbermangallery.com) • [www.dbermangallery.com](http://www.dbermangallery.com) 512/477-8877

**1-27—AUSTIN: *Shooting Stars: The Golden Age of Hollywood Portraiture, 1925-1950*** Exhibition examines the collaborative nature of this aspect of the star-making business. Another exhibition, *Fashioning Celebrity: Photographs of George Platt Lynes*, runs at the same time. Ransom Center Galleries at the University of Texas at Austin. [www.hrc.utexas.edu](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu) 512/471-8944

**1-Apr. 24—AUSTIN: *Miguel Covarrubias: A Certain Clairvoyance*** Exhibition focuses on the caricatures, paintings and book illustrations of Covarrubias. Ransom Center Galleries at The University of Texas at Austin. [www.hrc.utexas.edu](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu) 512/471-8944

**1-May 22—AUSTIN: *Twister: Moving through Color*** Reveals an eye-opening group of abstract paintings and prints from the Blanton's American and Latin American collections. The Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art. [www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org) 512/471-7324

**1-Jun. 5—AUSTIN: *Drawn from Experience: Landmark Maps of Texas*** Traces the evolution of the shape of Texas through 500 years of mapmaking. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. [www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com) 512/936-8746

**4—AUSTIN: *Oleta Adams*** She has inspired fans with songs that draw deeply from her roots in gospel while crossing effortlessly into soul, R&B, urban and popular music. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

**10-Apr. 27—AUSTIN: *The Ladybird Chronicles*** — US Premier of Outdoor Art Exhibit Includes 30 large-scale photographic artworks featuring bugs and beetles of Australia's Wollongong Botanic Garden. Ladybugs, known as ladybirds in Australia, are featured in the photographs. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. E-mail: [info@wildflower.org](mailto:info@wildflower.org) • [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) 512/292-4200

**11—AUSTIN: *Strings Attached with Slaid Cleaves*** [www.stringsattached.org](http://www.stringsattached.org) 512/775-2371

**11-20—AUSTIN: *South by Southwest Conferences & Festivals*** Every March, thousands of participants from the music, film and Internet industries converge in Austin to participate in three distinct — yet related — festivals, conferences and trade shows. Austin Convention Center, along with numerous theaters and music venues. E-mail: [sxsw@sxsw.com](mailto:sxsw@sxsw.com) • [www.sxsw.com](http://www.sxsw.com) 512/467-7979

**12-13—ROUND ROCK: *A Sami Arts & Crafts Show*** Dell Diamond. E-mail: [sammie@samishow.com](mailto:sammie@samishow.com) • [www.samishow.com](http://www.samishow.com) 512/441-7133

**12-26—AUSTIN: *Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo*** Austin goes cowboy as PCRA competitors hit the arena and area students exhibit prize livestock. Headline entertainment is scheduled. Travis County Exposition Center. [www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com) 512/919-3000

**13—AUSTIN: *Les Ballet Jazz de Montreal*** This group has been internationally renowned as one of the most innovative and sophisticated contemporary dance companies. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

**15-19—FREDERICKSBURG: *Spring Break at the Pioneer Museum*** Offers a week of living history activities and demonstrations. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pioneer Museum Complex, 309 W. Main St. E-mail: [gchs@ctesc.net](mailto:gchs@ctesc.net) • [www.pioneermuseum.com](http://www.pioneermuseum.com) 830/997-2835

**18-19—AUSTIN: *Beethoven's 9th Symphony*** Begins at 8 p.m. Bass Concert Hall. [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org) 512/476-6064 or 888/462-3787

**19—FREDERICKSBURG: *Fredericksburg Saturday Night: American Music in the Texas Hill Country*** Series of live concerts features bluegrass, blues, soul, jazz, gospel, Cajun, zydeco and other American music styles. Begins at 5 p.m. Pioneer Museum, 309 W. Main St. E-mail: [gchs@ctesc.net](mailto:gchs@ctesc.net) • [www.pioneermuseum.com](http://www.pioneermuseum.com) 830/997-2835

**19-20—AUSTIN: *African Violet Show*** Austin Area Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Road. 512/243-2289

**19-20—AUSTIN: *An Artisans Festival*** Celebrate the beauty of nature. Artists and artisans showcase their nature-related work including metal work, painting, photography, pottery and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. E-mail: [info@wildflower.org](mailto:info@wildflower.org) • [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) 512/292-4200

**19-20—AUSTIN: *Citywide Garage Sale*** Offers an antique, collectible and vintage flea market. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Palmer Events Center. [www.cwgs.com](http://www.cwgs.com) 877/840-3829

**20—AUSTIN: *A. Mozart Fest™/Divine Duets™*** Pianists Mary Robbins and Anton Nel perform. Begins at 3 p.m. The First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity St. [www.amozartfest.org](http://www.amozartfest.org) 866/468-7621

**20—CEDAR PARK: *Egg-Stravaganza*** E-mail: [carolyn@cedarparkchamber.org](mailto:carolyn@cedarparkchamber.org) 512/260-7800

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**20—ROUND ROCK: Texas Road Rash Inline Skate Marathon** Old Settlers Park, 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd. [www.texasroadrash.com](http://www.texasroadrash.com) 512/218-5540

**26—AUSTIN: Spring Family Concert: Musical Moms** Features Sara Hickman and Kelly Willis. Begins at 2 p.m. Bass Concert Hall. [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org) 512/476-6064 or 888/462-3787

**26—KERRVILLE: Easter Fest on the River & Kerrville Chili & BBQ Cook-Off Classic** Includes a chili and barbecue cook-off, vendors, food, children's games and rides, Easter egg hunt, music and more. Flat Rock Lake County Park, 3820 Riverside Drive. 830/864-5011

**26—KERRVILLE: Easter Run/Walk Classic** Offers an annual 1.5-K walk and 5-K run. 830/792-8387

**26—LUCKENBACH: Mud Dauber Fest** [www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com) 888/311-8990

**26—NEW BRAUNFELS: Gartenfest** Includes guest speakers, demonstrations, garden tours, vendors and lunch. Conservation Plaza, 1300 Church Hill Drive. 830/629-2943

**29—SAN MARCOS: Taste of San Marcos** Showcases San Marcos' fine dining. Benefits local charities. Quail Creek Country Club. [www.sanmarcoscharms.com](http://www.sanmarcoscharms.com) 888/200-5620

**30—AUSTIN: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder** One World Theatre. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

**30-Apr. 3—BIG LAKE: National Cattle Dog Championship** The top 60 border collie handlers in the nation compete for honor of top cowdog in the United States. Reagan County Park. [www.biglaketx.com/national/finals.htm](http://www.biglaketx.com/national/finals.htm) 325/884-2288 or 325/884-5784

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