Anatomy of...
[Ocean Park No. 53]

Where to Find it: Contemporary Galleries | Curator: Suzanne Weaver

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Above:
Richard Diebenkorn (American, 1922–1993), Ocean Park No. 53, 1972, Oil on canvas, h. 100 in. (254 cm); w. 76 in. (193.2 cm); Purchased with funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Brown Foundation, 73.173 © 2017 The Richard Diebenkorn Foundation
From the Director

Dear Friends of the Museum,

There are so many reasons to love San Antonio. Certainly, top of the list is the rich cultural heritage and all that it brings—music, color, cuisine, language, architecture, and of course, art. This is a dynamic city! And we’re proud to celebrate San Antonio’s Tricentennial in 2018 with two stunning exhibitions that reflect the city’s history.

**San Antonio 1718**
tells the story of New Spain by examining the city’s early history through Mexican art (p. 4). This exhibition will be on view into May during Tricentennial Commemoration Week. May 4 is “Arts for All Day”—all the cultural institutions of the city, including the Museum, will be free, and new murals and public art pieces will be unveiled. Mark your calendar!

This summer, we’ll highlight the influence of Spanish culture on the city’s artistic traditions with **Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid** (p. 6). Both Tricentennial exhibitions present works that have never been seen before in the United States. The Museum will partner with the Pearl to present a citywide cultural feast—“The Summer of Spain.” Enjoy film, fashion, and flamenco from the end of June through September.

In keeping with our mission, we are bringing the world’s best art to San Antonio to deepen our understanding of the cultures on which the city was built. While we connect the past to the present, we commit to the city’s future by being a world-class museum through our collections, exhibitions, and programs.

Your support makes it possible. Visit, bring friends, and renew your membership!

Thank you and hope to see you often in 2018,

Katherine C. Luber, PhD
The Kelso Director

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**ON THE COVER AND ABOVE (detail):**

**Artist unknown, New Spain**

*The Hernándezes Honoring their Devotion to Saint Michael the Archangel* (Matrimonio Hernández a devoción de San Miguel Arcángel), 1818

Oil on canvas, h. 38 in. (91 cm), w. 29 in. (73.5 cm)

Colección Museo Soumaya. Fundación Carlos Slim. Mexico City
**San Antonio 1718**

**ART FROM VICEREGAL MEXICO**

FEBRUARY 17–MAY 13, 2018 | COWDEN GALLERY and GOLDEN GALLERY

**KNOW MORE**

Lecture: On the Edge of Empire: San Antonio in the Eighteenth Century by Gerald E. Poyo

Sunday, February 25 | 2:00–3:00 p.m.

**THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO**, the city of San Antonio was founded as a strategic outpost of presidios and missions, both defending the territory of northern New Spain and advancing Christian evangelization. The city’s missions bear architectural witness to the time of their founding, but few works of art remain in San Antonio that present the stories of the people who lived in the city during its first century.

San Antonio 1718 tells that story through works by New Spain’s most talented eighteenth-century artists, including Cristóbal de Villalpando (1649–1714), Miguel Cabrera (1695–1768), and José de Páez (1720–1790), as well as pieces by talented but unknown vernacular artists.

“It is the history of San Antonio revealed through art,” said Curator of Latin American Art Marion Oettinger Jr. “Putting this exhibition together was like a five-year treasure hunt in the great museums and private collections of Mexico that hold works that bring our city’s early years to life.” Oettinger has tracked down more than 125 portraits, landscapes, sculptures, religious paintings, and devotional and secular objects that relate to San Antonio’s development. Many have never been exhibited in the United States.

**ABOVE:**
José de Páez (New Spain, 1720–1790)
Martyrdom of Franciscans at Mission San Saba (El Martirio de los Franciscanos en la Misión de San Sabá), ca. 1765
Oil on canvas, h. 93 in. (237 cm); w. 126 in. (321.5 cm)
Museo Nacional de Arte, Secretaría de Cultura, INBA, MX. Mexico City.

**TOP RIGHT:**
Artist unknown (New Spain, active 1779–1786)
Count Bernardo de Gálvez (Conde Bernardo de Gálvez), ca. 1785
Oil on canvas, h. 44 in. (112 cm); w. 33 ½ in. (84 cm)
Museo Nacional de Historia, 10-230126, Secretaría de Cultura, INAH, MX. Mexico City.
Photography by Francisco Kochen

**BOTTOM RIGHT:**
Artist unknown, Japan
Traveling Altar with the Virgin of Guadalupe with the Four Apparitions (Altar de Viaje con la Virgen de Guadalupe y las Cuatro Apariciones), 18th century
Lacquered wood decorated in gold, with mother-of-pearl applications
Fundación Cultural Daniel Liebsohn, A.C. Mexico City.
Photography by Francisco Kochen
The exhibition includes portraits of political and economic power, such as the Spanish viceroy and military leaders who helped shape the destiny of northern New Spain. It also explores the intrepid Franciscan missionaries who spearheaded the evangelization of the region, including Fray Antonio Margil de Jesús, known as the “Patron Saint of Texas,” along with the religious figures who anchored these missionaries’ teachings, such as the Virgin of the Immaculate Conception and her American manifestation, the Virgin of Guadalupe.

One of the most extraordinary works in the exhibition is José de Páez’s Martyrdom of Franciscans at Mission San Sabá (opposite page), the first known painting depicting Texas. Set in a pristine landscape 140 miles north of San Antonio, it documents the mission’s destruction by Comanche and allied tribes on March 16, 1753. The tormented bodies of martyred friars José de Santiesteban and Alonso Giraldo de Terreros are suspended between life and death, framing narrative vignettes of the massacre, in which time is flattened to spatial simultaneity. A key at the painting’s bottom identifies the settings, players, and depicted events.

Other works are more personal: portraits of marriageable young women that indicate their social status; aspirational paintings of young families at home; nuns depicted at the threshold of their vows or at their death; intimate miniatures of lovers and soldiers; and post-mortem portraits of infants, memorializing a family’s loss. Throughout, these works invoke the lineage and authority of mainland Spain, while revealing very local challenges and adaptations.

San Antonio 1718 will be accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue with five original essays by renowned scholars of the history and art history of northern New Spain.

The exhibition was generously funded by Bexar County, the William and Salomé Scanlan Foundation, and an anonymous donor. Support for the San Antonio 1718 catalogue was provided by the Russell Hill Rogers Fund for the Arts.
Visitors to the Museum may be familiar with the bronze reliquaries in the ancient Egyptian collection, which would have been dedicated to a deity and may have contained an animal mummy. In the upcoming exhibition, Egyptian Animal Mummies: Science Explores an Ancient Religion, these reliquaries will be presented for the first time alongside the Museum’s collection of animal mummies. Recently conserved for this exhibition, the mummies include a cat, three crocodiles, two ibises, and three falcons.

“The Egyptians believed that animals possessed qualities that were human in nature as well as mysterious. Therefore, they associated animals with the divine realm. Given that the Egyptians’ relationship with the gods and goddesses was an integral part of their daily lives, this exhibition provides essential insight into their ideology,” said Sarah Schellinger, PhD, the exhibition curator and the Museum’s Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow.

The exhibition focuses on the creation of the mummies, their role in ancient Egyptian religion, and their burial. In collaboration with the San Antonio Zoo and the Radiology Department at University of Texas Health San Antonio, the mummies underwent modern scientific methods of examination including X-ray imaging and CT scanning, which made it possible to understand and analyze the contents of the mummies without unwrapping them. These tests and their results will be featured in the exhibition.

A dynamic series of educational public programs will complement the exhibition. The highlight will be a lecture by Salima Ikram, PhD, Distinguished University Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo, on April 17, 2018. Dr. Ikram is the world’s leading expert on animal mummies.

This exhibition is supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Egyptian Animal Mummies: Science Explores an Ancient Religion
March 23–July 1, 2018
4th Floor, Special Exhibitions Gallery

El Greco, Velázquez, Goya, Sorolla, Picasso. These are just some of the Spanish masters whose paintings are included in Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid. This Tricentennial exhibition will feature more than forty masterpieces of Spanish painting drawn from major collections in Madrid—including the Prado, San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts Museum, and the Reina Sofia—complemented by a select group of works from American museums. The exhibition will only be seen in San Antonio, and many of the works of art have never been on view in the United States.

“By bringing together paintings from different collections, Spain offers a dynamic narrative,” said Chief Curator William Keyse Rudolph, PhD, the exhibition’s co-curator. “From devotional works that demonstrate the dominance of the Catholic Church at the end of the Middle Ages to cosmopolitan paintings from the dawn of the twentieth century, visitors will see the beauty of Spanish painting and its legacy.”

Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid
June 22–September 16, 2018
Cowden Gallery

Eternal Creatures

Summer of Spain

El Greco y Aguedo Bajarano (Spanish, 1827–1891)
Alfonso Cabral with a Puro (Alfonso Cabral con puro), 1865
Oil on canvas, h. 49 ¾ in. (125 cm); w. 39 ¼ in. (100 cm)
Museo del Romanticismo, Madrid, inv. CE0904
Photography by Pablo Linés Vifuales
EVERY WEEK

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**JUST FOR MEMBERS**

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**JANUARY | FEBRUARY 2018**

**SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM of ART \nCALENDAR**

**GALLERY TALKS**

**Break it Down: One Object, 30 Minutes**
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January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
Free for members | $5 non-members | Space is limited.

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**Art to Lunch**
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**Art Fit: El Tango with Fred Astaire Dance Studio**
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Get to know the galleries during a 5–10 minute gallery talk on Robert Henri’s painting El Tango, then explore the art of ballroom dance during a demonstration and lesson with Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Bring comfortable shoes and a water bottle.

**Tours for the Visually Impaired**
First Saturdays | January 6 and February 3 | 10:00–11:30 a.m.
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Docent-led tours include descriptive language, touch, sound, and smell. Guide dogs, sighted companions, and all visitors welcome.

**Welcome Tours: It’s Art in Any Language**
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The Museum welcomes newcomers to the city and the United States. Take one of our art tours, learn about the Museum’s programs, and enjoy conversation.

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ABOVE:
Ignacio María Barreda (New Spain, late 18th century)
María Manuela Esquivel y Serruto, 1794
Oil on canvas, h. 29 in. (81 cm); w. 37 in. (61 cm)
Museo Nacional de Historia, 10-235550, Secretaría de Cultura, INAH, MX. Mexico City.
Photography by Francisco Kochen
FOR FAMILIES
(Free for children 12 and under)

Family Day: See + Do
Sunday, February 4 | 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Free with Museum admission

Our American Stories
Celebrate the rich diversity of cultures in the Americas through thought-provoking art activities reflecting the Museum’s Latin American, Asian-Pacific American, and African American artworks. Paint, draw, collage, and sculpt as you explore cultural identity through stories and art.

This Family Day: See + Do program has been generously underwritten by William and Chave Gonzaba.

Art Crawl: Gallery Tours for 0–18 Months and Caregivers
Second Thursdays | January 11 and February 8 | 10:00–10:45 a.m.
Free with Museum admission

Bring your babies into the galleries. Art selections enhance parent-child interactions. Includes group play and social time.

Playdates (Ages 2–4)
First and Third Wednesdays | 10:00–10:45 a.m.
January 3, 17, and February 7, 21
Free with Museum admission | Space is limited.

Cultivate, nurture, and inspire creativity through stories, gallery activities, hands-on art, movement, and music.

FOR EDUCATORS

Workshop: The Tricentennial: Past, Present, and Future
Saturday, February 24, 2018, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
$20 for members, $35 for non-members
Register: samuseum.org/calendar | 6 CPE/GT

Investigate the many aspects of the city’s 300-year celebration with a visit to Mission San José and the special exhibition San Antonio 1718. Merge visual art activities with social studies and creative writing for dynamic lessons to apply in your classroom. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Party
Second Fridays | 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Gallery Talks | 5:30, 6:15, and 7:15 p.m.
Free with Museum admission | Cash bar

January 12 | Blue and Blues
Cocktails: Blue Box
Music: SA Blue Cats

February 9 | Give Me Love
Cocktails: Brooklynite
Music: Johnny P. and the Wiseguys

Art Party is a collaboration of the Museum and KRTU Jazz 91.7.

Music on the Move: Music and Art from the Eighteenth-Century Courts
Sunday, February 18 | 5:30–6:30 p.m.
$10 members | $20 non-members
Tickets: samuseum.org/calendar

Celebrate the opening of San Antonio 1718 with a performance by Musical Offerings featuring chamber music from the court of Philip V, the Spanish king who granted land to the settlers of San Antonio. A soprano duo, two violins, harp, and cello will perform an opera excerpt from Los Elementos by Antonio di Literes.

LECTURES

21st Annual Mays Symposium
Old Worlds—New Worlds: Botanical Fervor in the Age of Discovery
Saturday, February 3 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
$25 students | $50 members | $75 non-members
Register: samuseum.org/calendar | Lunch included | Space is limited.

The discovery of the Americas and subsequent opening of new trade routes with China, Japan, and Australia opened a world that offered astonishing possibilities. The age of discovery brought unimaginable riches along with a thirst to identify and catalogue previously unknown species. Scholars and artists accompanying the expeditions began the laborious task of collecting, identifying, sketching, and cataloging. Join our four distinguished speakers as we explore the visual bounty of the natural world.

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AFTER:

Martin Johnson Heade (American, 1819–1904)
Passion Flowers with Three Hummingbirds, circa 1875
Oil on canvas, h. 17 1/4 in. (43.8 cm.); w. 22 1/8 in. (56.2 cm.)
Purchased with funds provided by the Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation, 82.77.
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**FEBRUARY**

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6:30–7:00 p.m.
Free for members | $5 non-members

3 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Golden Turtles
10:00–10:45 a.m.

4 | THURSDAY

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12:30–1:00 p.m.
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6 | SATURDAY

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Art Crawl: Faces, Faces, Faces
10:00–10:45 a.m.

12 | FRIDAY

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10:00–10:45 a.m.

18 | THURSDAY

Art to Lunch: African American Artists
12:30–1:00 p.m.
Free for members | $5 non-members

19 | FRIDAY

Art Out: Explain It with Emojis
7:30–8:30 p.m.
$5 members | $15 non-members
Pre-register: samuseum.org/calendar

20 | SATURDAY

Welcome Tours: It’s Art in Any Language
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Free

23 | TUESDAY

Break It Down: One Object, 30 Minutes
6:30–7:00 p.m.
Free for members | $5 non-members

26 | FRIDAY

Insider Favorites
6:30–7:30 p.m.
$10 members | Free for Curators Society Levels
Pre-register: samuseum.org/calendar

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**SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM of ART**

Saturdays | 10:15–11:00 a.m.
Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

EVERY SATURDAY

Sundays | 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Tuesdays | 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**JANUARY**

Sundays | 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Tuesdays | 4:30–5:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

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**2018 EXHIBITION OPENINGS**

San Antonio 1718: Art from Viceregal Mexico
February 17–May 13

Egyptian Animal Mummies: Science Explores an Ancient Religion
March 23–July 1

Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid
June 22–September 16

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Unless otherwise noted, programs are free to members and free to the general public with the price of Museum admission, or where applicable, Special Exhibition admission.

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**FEBRUARY**

3 | TUESDAY

Break It Down: One Object, 30 Minutes
6:30–7:00 p.m.
Free for members | $5 non-members

4 | SATURDAY

21st Annual Mays Symposium
Old Worlds—New Worlds: Botanical Fervor in the Age of Discovery
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
$25 students | $50 members | $75 non-members
Register: samuseum.org/calendar

Tours for the Visually Impaired
10:00–11:30 a.m.
Free | Register: 210.978.8138

4 | SUNDAY

Art Crawl: Wiggly, Squiggly, Red, and Blue
10:00–10:45 a.m.

8 | THURSDAY

14 | TUESDAY

Playdates: Mix It Up!
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

15 | WEDNESDAY

Art to Lunch
12:30–1:00 p.m.
Free for members | $5 non-members

16 | FRIDAY

Member Opening Party: San Antonio 1718
6:00–8:00 p.m.
$20 for members | Free for Circle Members
RSVP: samuseum.org/memberparty or 210.978.8133

17 | SATURDAY

Exhibition Opening Day: San Antonio 1718
San Antonio 1718 Gallery Talks
1:00 and 2:00 p.m. | Free
Welcome Tours: It’s Art in Any Language
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Free

18 | SUNDAY

Music on the Move: Music and Art from the 18th Century Courts
5:30–6:30 p.m.
$10 members | $20 non-members
Tickets: samuseum.org/calendar

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Merriam Serves on Smithsonian Education Team

Noël Bella Merriam, AT&T Director of Education, spent a week at the Smithsonian Institute in November as a member of the newly formed Latino Center Education Planning Team. The Center provides innovative opportunities to increase access to the Smithsonian’s Latino collections in the arts, sciences, and humanities and teach the public untold stories of Latinos in America. Merriam has been tasked with creating cultural identity backpacks and other interpretative resources for the Latino Center’s new galleries, which are scheduled to open in 2020. The San Antonio Museum of Art will be prototyping educational activities for the Center and providing ongoing feedback over the course of the next year. “It’s a natural fit given the strength of our Latin American collection and the START schools we partner with,” said Merriam. “This project is especially meaningful to me as a Latina whose grandparents immigrated to the United States from Nicaragua.”

Multisensory Tours Win Honors

The San Antonio White Cane Day Coalition honored our docents for providing multisensory Tours for the Visually Impaired. The tours, which began over four years ago, grew out of a suggestion from a blind Museum visitor, Larry Johnson. From this seed, the current program has blossomed, and the Museum now offers seven different themed tours led by teams of dedicated docents. In October, several docents attended the National Docent Symposium in Montreal, where they presented a breakout session covering best practices in using descriptions, scents, music, and tactile models for multisensory tours.

Circle Members Visit Rome with Curator

In October, Museum trustees and Circle Members joined Jessica Powers, Gilbert M. Denman Jr. Curator of Art of the Ancient Mediterranean World, for a week exploring the wonders of the Eternal City. Highlights included an after-hours visit to the Sistine Chapel and tours of several collections in private homes. Powers returns to Rome in February on a fellowship at the American Academy to do research for a 2020 exhibition on landscape images in Roman painting and sculpture.

Sano Conducts Research in Asia

In the last twenty years, the South Korean government has put significant resources into restoring the many temples and cultural sites that had been badly damaged during the war with North Korea. Emily Sano, Coates-Cowden-Brown Senior Advisor for Asian Art, visited restored structures in October. “Despite its tremendous growth of cities, technology, and infrastructure, South Korea is paying a great deal of attention to preserving its past and teaching the population about its history,” said Sano. “It was an excellent trip, and an opportunity to think about how the Museum can advance interest in Korean art.”

Sano and Assistant Curator Shawn Yuan will travel to China in January to investigate a possible museum exchange with one or more Chinese institutions.

Schellinger Presents Research in Egypt

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow Sarah Schellinger gave a paper at the inaugural Science of Ancient Egyptian Materials and Technology Conference in Cairo, Egypt, on the scientific analysis of the animal mummies in the Museum’s collection. Schellinger’s research provided insight into animal mummification practices and religious beliefs of the ancient Egyptians, concentrating on the non-invasive scientific study of the mummies. Her research will be part of the upcoming exhibition Egyptian Animal Mummies (p. 6).

Museum Sponsors Art Competition

In celebration of the city’s Tricentennial, the Museum invites students in grades K-12 to tell their stories of our city’s past, present, or future through visual art. A panel of local artists will select student artwork to be displayed during the Museum’s Free Spring Break Family Day: City Colorific on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 12:00–4:00 p.m. Visit samuseum.org/citycolorific for more details.
1. Oceanic
This delicate cloth, used for ceremonial clothing, is made of tissue-thin strips of bark from the paper-mulberry tree.

2. Japan
The fine and beautifully polychrome-decorated porcelain called Nabeshima ware was strictly for gifts to high-ranking families and individuals. Its commercial sale was forbidden until 1868.

3. China
This vase depicts the standard birthday wish for good fortune with the representation of bats. “Fu,” the word for bat, is a homonym for “good fortune.”

4. America
While the title Ocean suggests a seascape, Philip Guston’s distinctive palette and expressive application of paint transforms water into undulating patterns.

5. Mexico
This embroidery combines colonial and European influences. The vivid colors and luxurious vegetation are a simpler version of the contemporaneous Portuguese and Spanish designs.

6. Guatemala
This exuberant silver repoussé decoration of four rosettes and scrolling vines surrounding a gilded central medallion with Saint John the Baptist is a perfect example of Guatemalan Baroque art.

7. Rome
These curls are a detail of a dramatic hairstyle that became popular during the Flavian Dynasty (AD 69-96). The technique of the extensive drilling of the curls indicates that this bust was probably carved early in the following century. Though the portrait represents a mature woman, she is shown with a coiffure that came into fashion during her youth.

8. Egypt
Mummy masks were believed to strengthen the spirit of the deceased and guard the soul from evil spirits on its way to the afterworld. The winged scarab, part of this elaborately decorated mask, symbolized rebirth or regeneration.

ANSWERS:
1-H; 2-G; 3-A; 4-C; 5-D; 6-E; 7-B; 8-F
 Keeping Up with Jones Avenue

FINDS AND CURiosITIES IN WALKING OR BIKING DISTANCE OF THE MUSEUM

1) OUTLAW KITCHENS — 1.7 miles
2919 North Flores St. | 210.300.4728
outlawkitchens.com

Chef Paul Sartory spent thirty-five years in high-end restaurants and cooking schools, studying with Alain Ducasse in Monaco, opening the Wine Spectator Restaurant in Napa Valley, and teaching at the Culinary Institute of America here and in Hyde Park and Napa. Now he has pared down to cooking two meals per night, one for omnivores, and one vegetarian, from the restaurant/home he shares with his wife, Peggy Howe. “My philosophy is to cook what is at seasonal peak, keep it simple, and execute well,” said Sartory. Though patrons can dine in at a counter or patio tables, the emphasis is on take-out. Even at your own kitchen table, you feel like a (superbly talented) friend has made a special dinner for you. Open 5:00–8:00 p.m., Monday–Friday.

2) PINCH BOIL HOUSE & BIA BAR — 1.4 miles
124 N. Main St. | 210.971.7774
pinchboilhouse.com

Best friends since youth, Sean Wen and Andrew Ho began Pinch with convivial pop-up Texas-Vietnamese crawfish and seafood boils that garnered a cult following in 2016. Now they’ve landed a storefront in the Rand Building downtown. Pinch features casual open seating; playful, irreverent energy (check out the video on their website); and serious flavor: seafood boils of seasonal shellfish available in three levels of piquancy, bahn mi sandwiches and bowls, viet-noodle salad, and hand-cut fries topped with crab, garlic-butter, umami mayo, sriracha, and scallions. After college, Wen and Ho caught up with each other in Saigon while Wen was traveling in southeast Asia and getting to know chefs and street cooks. “At three a.m., over snails and garlic butter, we decided if we’re going to open a restaurant, we’ve got to do it now,” said Ho.

3) THE MODERNIST — 0.6 miles
516 E. Grayson St. | 210.446.8698
facebook.com/themodernist.sa

No sign is a good sign at the front of this modest lavender house. Inside is a snug hideaway bar with a ’60s vibe that’s more Draper than Dylan. Olaf Harmel, previously at the Blue Box and the original Bar du Mon Ami, and Gerry Shirley, owner of Sukeban and Mom’s Thai Bistro & Sushi, refurbished the tiny 1920s home themselves and made it a refuge for cocktails and conversation with mid-century modern furniture, a turntable for period vinyl, and a rotating selection of abstract paintings. Harmel mans the bar, greeting customers by name and “What are you feeling like?” and then concocts drinks based on the patron’s preferred flavors and spirit. “Our priority in creating this bar was getting the culture right, filling it with intimacy and personality,” said Harmel. “Even if people come in with phone in hand, they put it away pretty quickly in favor of conversation.”

4) THE ART OF DONUT — 2.2 miles
3428 N. St. Mary’s St. | 210.265.5423
artofdonut.com

If the specialty donut is to the current sweets scene what the cupcake was to that of the past few years, Art of Donut has picked the right moment for its big entrance. Seasonal donuts, craft donuts, exuberantly messy, and sometimes enormous donuts are covered with indulgences such as bacon, kid-cereal, and candy. Owners Andrea Aguirre and Miguel Aja opened the brick-and-mortar store after a year of selling their sticky wares from a food truck. They offer donuts made from yeast, cake, brioche, and a savory pretzel dough (for breakfast sandwiches). Aja’s dough experimentation runs in the family: his grandfather moved to Mexico City from the Basque Navarre region of Spain and opened a bakery named for his hometown, Elizondo, in 1943 that is still going strong. “My family in Mexico are a great resource for recipe tips and business advice,” he said.

5) THE SHOP AT THE SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART — 0 miles
200 W. Jones Ave. | 210.978.8140
samuseum.org/shop

Local artist Lorena Angulo is hand-crafting necklaces, earrings, and brooches inspired by works in San Antonio 1718 (p. 4). Her childhood in Chiapas, Mexico, and travels throughout the country inspired a lifelong engagement with Mexico’s varied traditions, art, and culture, which find expression in her “jewelry with soul.” “The works of art in this exhibition speak to so many influences of Catholic religion and folk culture that inspire my work,” said Angulo. She uses motifs from pieces in the exhibition to create more contemporary evocations of that time. One handsome pendant, inspired by the top of a monstrance, is made of bronze, garnets, seed pearls, and a cubic zirconia ruby. Other pieces celebrate a guiding figure of San Antonio’s founding friars, the Virgin of Guadalupe. “The Virgin is close to my heart,” said Angulo. Now you can wear her close to your own.
2. Ballet folklórico dancers perform at Family Day.
3. Young artist at Family Day
4. Visitors enjoy The Latino List.
5. Stephanie Guerra and Eddie ‘Piolín’ Sotelo at ‘The San Antonio List’
6. Party goers at Destination: Kyoto
7. Destination: Kyoto co-chair Martha Lopez with honoree Tom Edson
8. Regina Dorfmeister, Director Katie Luber, Ashley Quintanilla, and board member Martha Avant
9. Destination: Kyoto co-chair Bill Gonzaba, board member Rosario Laird, and co-chair Chave Gonzaba
READY, SET, MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SLOW ART:
ONE WORK, 30 MINUTES
Tuesdays in January | Break It Down

TANGO + EL TANGO
February 6 | Art Fit

MUSIC AND ARTISTS
FROM THE 18TH CENTURY
February 18 | Music on the Move

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The heritage oak tree in our Sculpture Garden is said to have sprouted over 300 years ago. It’s seen the founding of our city, the success and decline of the Lone Star brewery, and the opening of the Museum in 1981. Its sprawling canopy has served as an anchor of the Museum Reach. As our neighborhood continues to grow (hello, new neighbors at Jones and Rio!) we hope that the Museum’s campus will continue to serve the people of San Antonio for the next 300 years.

HAPPY TRICENTENNIAL, SAN ANTONIO!