

# COMMUNITY

**THE BEST LITTLE YARN CRAWL IN TEXAS** Crawlers hit Central Texas yarn stores – including two in Austin – gathering patterns. *Through Oct. 20. \$15.* [www.thebestlittleyarncrawlintexas.com](http://www.thebestlittleyarncrawlintexas.com).

**THE BIG QUIET MASS MEDITATION** Going down in a century-old pecan grove, the Big Quiet will take attendees through a series of breathing exercises, crowd-powered vocal toning, a mass sound meditation, special guest musical performances, and break-out conversations. *Thu., Oct. 17, 6-8:30pm. Tillery Place, 801 Tillery. \$35.* [www.thebigquiet.com](http://www.thebigquiet.com).

**BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE WORKDAY** Help clean up the Comanche Trail where it goes through the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. *Fri., Oct. 18, 9:30-11:30am. Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, 24518 FM 1431, just past Lago Vista, 512/339-9432. Free.* [www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org](http://www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org).

**BACK IN BLACK BLEACH TEE WORKSHOP** Create a unique bleach-dyed Blue Owl T-shirt. Each ticket gets you a commemorative glass, four pours of sour beer, and a Blue Owl OG T-shirt to tie-dye. *Fri., Oct. 18, 7-9pm. Blue Owl Brewing, 2400 E. Cesar Chavez, 512/593-1262. \$40.* [www.blueowlbrewing.com](http://www.blueowlbrewing.com).

**AUSTIN STRING BAND FESTIVAL** Join Austin Friends of Traditional Music for jamming, workshops, camping, stage shows, dancing, and all around good times. *Fri.-Sun., Oct. 18-20. Camp Ben McCulloch, 18301 FM 1826, Driftwood. \$25-50.* [www.aftm.us](http://www.aftm.us).

**GEM CAPERS** The theme is Canadian minerals at this year's gem & mineral show, featuring jewelry, beads, crystals, fossils, spheres, and other rocks. There's also a silent auction, demos, and door prizes. *Fri.-Sun., Oct. 18-20. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd. \$2-8; ages 12 & under, free.* [www.agms-tx.org](http://www.agms-tx.org).

**LUMBER SOCIETY CAMP OUT** A weekend of fun, knowledge, and a place to hone your survival skills with Buzz Mill's Lumber Society. Expect an outdoor picnic area, fire building, and more activities. *Fri.-Sun., Oct. 18-20. Spicewood. www.buzzmillcoffee.com*.

**BLUEBONNET HORSE EXPO** Horseback riding & training demos, plenty of shopping, art for sale, a saddle auction, and horses for adoption; benefits the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society. *Sat., Oct. 19, 9am-7pm. Williamson County Expo Center, 5350 Bill Pickett Trl., Taylor. \$10; 12 & under, free.* [bluebonnethorseexpo.com](http://bluebonnethorseexpo.com).

**CLEAN LADY BIRD LAKE** Cleanups at locations along the Ann & Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail, as well as on watercrafts out on the lake. *Sat., Oct. 19, 9-11am. Lady Bird Lake. Free.* [www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org](http://www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org).

**ZACH PRE-PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING BOUTIQUE CLOTHING SALE** Enjoy free snacks, coffee, and mimosas while shopping gently used clothing items. Proceeds benefit the ZACH PCC scholarship fund to help high school seniors audition for college programs. *Sat., Oct. 19, 9am-1pm. ZACH Theatre Nowlins Studio, 1426 Toomey. Free.*

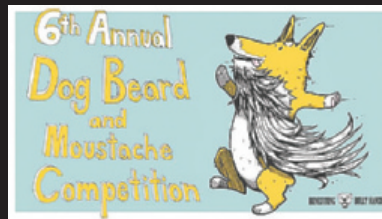
**CEDAR PARK ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL** Over 100 arts & crafts vendors, plus food concessions. *Sat., Oct. 19, 10am-4pm. Cedar Park Rec Center, 1435 Main St., Cedar Park. Free.* [www.cedarparktexas.gov](http://www.cedarparktexas.gov).

**NORTH LOOP FALL BLOCK PARTY** Sidewalk sales across 10 blocks of locally owned businesses. Plus, the Bloody Rose Boutique Black Market featuring local horror, punk, and dark artists; food specials at Possum Park; and more. *Sat., Oct. 19, 10am-9pm. North Loop Blvd. from Chesterfield to Airport. Free.* [www.fb.com/northloopbiz](http://www.fb.com/northloopbiz).

**P&F PET PROVISIONS' PET-TOBER FEST** There're going to be wiener dog races by Central Texas Dachshund Rescue. Other events include a doggie costume contest, a photo booth, adoption groups, and more. *Sat., Oct. 19, 10am-4pm. Domain Phase II (between Dillard's and Dick's Sporting Goods). www.fb.com/pandfpet*.

**BYRONSON HARVEST FEST** The master-planned community celebrates fall with fam-friendly festivities include live music, hayrides, a petting zoo, lawn games, and face-painting. *Sat., Oct. 19, 11am-2pm. The Backyard Amenity Center at Bryson, 1960 Pleasant Hill Rd., Leander. Free, but RSVP.* [www.liveatbryson.com](http://www.liveatbryson.com).

## The Austin Facial Hair Club's Dog Beard and Moustache Contest



Show off your dog's beard (or make them one) for the big competition, with prizes going to "Best Groomed," "Sweetest Stache," and more. There's also a look-alike contest. Proceeds benefit Bully Ranch, a refuge for pit bulls and mixed breeds.

*Sat., Oct. 19, 2-7pm. The Little Darlin', 6507 Circle S Rd., 808/772-3082. Free (donations accepted).* [www.austinfacialhairclub.com](http://www.austinfacialhairclub.com).

**AUSTIN ENERGY PRESENTS: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** This family resource fair features local vendors providing info about available social sources along with on-site health screenings. Plus free food, prizes, and activities for the kids. *Sat., Oct. 19, 11:30am-4pm. Lanier High School, 1201 Payton Gin, 512/414-2514.* [www.austinenergy.com](http://www.austinenergy.com).

**BLACK MAKERS MARKET** Dope Creatives Market and Melanated Market Place have joined forces to bring you this market that features Black vendors, businesses, and food trucks. *Sat., Oct. 19, noon-4pm. African American Cultural Heritage Center, 912 E. 11th.* [www.fb.com/blackmakersmarket](http://www.fb.com/blackmakersmarket).

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN ZINE-MAKING WORKSHOP** A hands-on class with Kristina Nguyen, Sandra Tsang, and Kelly Miau of Silk Club (a local org for self-identified Asian American womxn/nonbinary folks/femmes+) and the Austin History Center. *Sat., Oct. 19, 1-3pm. Asian American Resource Center, 8401 Cameron, 512/974-1700. Free, but RSVP.* [www.austintexas.gov/aarc](http://www.austintexas.gov/aarc).

**ROUND ROCK DIWALI FESTIVAL** Celebrate Diwali – the Festival of Lights – with kids' arts & crafts, a fashion show, Bollywood dance lessons, and works of Rangoli art. *Sat., Oct. 19, 3-10pm. Centennial Plaza, Round Rock. Free.* [www.rdrwalifest.com](http://www.rdrwalifest.com).

**#DARETOCREATE** Drinks, bites, and music celebrating the unveiling of a new mural on the side of Native Hostel. Event benefits local youth program Upper Ninety. *Sat., Oct. 19, 5-8pm. Native Hostel, 807 E. Fourth, 512/551-9947. \$40-160.* [www.upperninety.org](http://www.upperninety.org).

**CAMP CONTEMPORARY** Camp Contemporary transforms Laguna Gloria into an elevated evening camp for adults, with artist-led workshops, live music, and late-night festivities. *Sat., Oct. 19, 6-10pm. The Contemporary Austin at Laguna Gloria, 3809 W. 35th, 512/458-8191. Members, \$175; nonmembers, \$200.* [www.thecontemporaryaustin.com](http://www.thecontemporaryaustin.com).

**AIA AUSTIN HOMES TOUR** Tour 12 homes that showcase collaboration between homeowner and architect in the overall design and creative use of materials. *Sat.-Sun., Oct. 19-20, 10am-6pm. Various locations. \$45-75.* [www.aiaaustinhomestour.com](http://www.aiaaustinhomestour.com).

**AUSTIN AF: MEET YOUR MAKER(S) POP-UP** Sip free cocktail, beer, and wine samples from local vendors while shopping over 60 national brands slinging clothing, home goods, and more. *Sat.-Sun., Oct. 19-20, 11am-6pm. Fair Market, 1100 E. Fifth, 512/494-9093. \$5-15.* [www.shopaf.co](http://www.shopaf.co).

**FASHION FOR GOOD** Fashion for Good spotlights emerging and established brands that focus on sustainability, ethics, and giving back. The weekend event culminates in nine charities featured in an inclusive runway show. *Oct. 19-26. Various locations. Badges, \$115-475.* [austin.fashionforgood.co](http://austin.fashionforgood.co).

**SACRED SPRINGS POWWOW** Native drums, dancers, music, food, arts & crafts, performances, lectures, film screenings, and more are featured at the largest two-day Native American cultural celebration in Texas. *Sat.-Sun., Oct. 19-20. Meadows Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Dr., San Marcos, 512/393-3310. One-day, \$7-8; weekend pass, \$12.50; ages 12 & under, free.* [www.sspowwow.com](http://www.sspowwow.com).

**GUARANTEED TO: CHANGE THE WAY** GTW hosts an interactive event for women to "enhance and embrace their understanding of the importance of mental health through meaningful conversation and intentional movement." *Sun., Oct. 20, 9-11:30am. Waller Creek Boathouse, 74 Trinity, 512/831-4922. Members, free-\$10; nonmembers, \$20.* [www.guaranteedtochangetheway.com](http://www.guaranteedtochangetheway.com).

**THE RIVETER AUSTIN WELLNESS SUMMIT** The event is all about empowering you to live your healthiest and most fulfilling life, both personally and professionally. *Sun., Oct. 20, 9am-5pm. The Riveter, 1145 W. Fifth. \$25 GA; \$50 VIP.*

**EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CLEANUP** Fitpl is teaming up with Native Hostel and Bumble to host a community cleanup on the Eastside, followed by a happy hour. *Sun., Oct. 20, 10am-1pm. Native Hostel, 807 E. Fourth, 512/551-9947. Free.* [www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org](http://www.keeapaustinbeautiful.org).

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AT HOPE FARMERS MARKET** HOPE Farmers Market celebrates turning 10 with special events through October. Today features a group that performs West African drumming. *Sun., Oct. 20, 11am-3pm. HOPE Farmers Market, 412 Comal. Free.* [www.hopefarmersmarket.org](http://www.hopefarmersmarket.org).

## DAY TRIPS BY GERALD E. MCLEOD

The **Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum** in Cuero digs up the roots of the famous cattle trail.

At the end of the Civil War, between 3 million and 6 million herds of cattle roamed the South Texas plains. Trailing cattle north from Texas saw its heyday from 1866 to 1890. Cuero was a major staging area for herds headed for Kansas.

The truth was that the trail drives were long, hard work. Using letters, journals, and reminiscences, the museum presents the unvarnished stories of participants, many of them former slaves. The story is told through local family heirlooms and storyboards written by Texas historian **Lonn Taylor**.

Much of **Robert Oliver's** personal collection of Texas artifacts went into the museum, along with his energies. As chair of the museum board, Oliver says that a lot of people made the history center – which began as an idea in 2000 and opened its doors in 2013 – a reality.

In addition to the story of the cattle drives, the museum has the "**Horsemen of the Americas**" Tinker Collection on permanent loan from the **Harry Ransom Center** at UT. Most recently, the museum added an exhibit of the artistry of spurs. In a back gallery is the story of the **Sutton-Taylor Feud** – including **John Wesley Hardin's** pistol – a bloody clan war that still divides members of the community, Oliver says.

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is at 302 N. Esplanade in



Cuero. Doors are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-4:30pm. Admission is \$5 for adults. Through Nov. 17, the museum offers a rare look at a private art collection that includes **Andy Warhol's "Cowboys and Indians"** series and other Western art.

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