

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE AT THE BRISCOE

From Exhibitions to Events, Everything is WILD at the Briscoe This Fall

Thomas D. Mangelsen: A Life In The Wild
On View Sept. 30, 2022 – Jan. 29, 2023

San Antonio, TX – (September 2022) Think art museums can't get wild? The Briscoe Western Art Museum will prove that wrong this fall as it welcomes **Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In The Wild**, an exhibition containing 40 of the renowned nature photographer's most resonant photographs—images that take viewers on a journey across the West and around the globe. To add another dimension to these fantastic images, the Briscoe is hosting a range of programs for guests of all ages. Whether it's an urban nature walk, a birthday celebration with bison or animal sculpting, there's something for everyone to get wild this fall. [Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In The Wild](#) will be on view at the Briscoe Sept. 30, 2022 – Jan. 29, 2023, and is included with museum general admission.

One of the most prolific nature photographers of our time, Mangelsen has been described as a spiritual descendant of pioneering American nature photographers Ansel Adams, Eliot Porter and Edward Weston. Bill Allen, the now retired Editor-in-Chief of "National Geographic", considers Mangelsen to be one of the most important nature photographers of his generation. Forty classic photographs by Mangelsen, photographs which the photographer himself refers to as his legacy photographs, were personally selected by the photographer for this retrospective exhibition.

Programming and events accompanying the exhibition begin with a preview party on Sept. 29, followed by an opening weekend event that features an urban nature walk. Opening weekend events include:

- **Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In The Wild Exhibition Preview Party**
Thursday, Sept. 29, 6 – 8 p.m.

Help the Briscoe kick off a fall steeped in the natural beauty of the American West with Michael Duchemin, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Briscoe. The event includes complimentary beer, wine, specialty cocktails and light bites. The event is \$20 for museum members and free for Contributing and President's Society membership tiers. Museum members may upgrade their membership by calling 210.299.4499. Nonmembers may purchase tickets for \$30. Tickets are [available online](#).

- **A Life In The Wild Urban Nature Walk, Animal Tracks and Pollinator Plants**
Saturday, Oct. 1, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Nature Walk; 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Activity

Discover nature in the heart of San Antonio! Join Mitchell Lake Audubon Center educators as they lead you on a nature walk through the Briscoe Museum's McNutt Sculpture Garden. After the walk, learn about animals you might have seen in your own backyard, how to match them to their tracks, and create your own track to take home. Then learn how pollinator plants help out these animals and other wildlife while making your own paper pot to fill with a nectar plant to benefit the visitors to your space. The nature walk and activities are included with museum general admission.

After opening weekend, everyone is invited to enjoy the following programs:

Books and Brews: Briscoe Book Club

- **Briscoe Book Club: "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains" by Isabella Bird**
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6 – 8 p.m.
Weathered Souls Brewery, 606 Embassy Oaks #500, San Antonio, 78216

Join the [Briscoe Book Club](#) for a lively chat in a laid-back social gathering as we explore significant works of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction inspired by the vast and varied experiences of the American West. A new book is featured each quarter and you may reserve a copy for check out through the San Antonio Public Library system before each meeting. The fall selection features the real-life accounts of Isabella Bird's travels in 1873 through the rugged terrain of the Colorado Rockies. A unique perspective on 1870s western life, the book is based on Isabella's colorful letters home to her sister, sharing the characters she meets, the natural world she encounters and the many hardships of frontier life. There is no charge to participate in the book club. Reserve your spot by [registering online](#).

STEAMing into the WILD West

Families and visitors of all ages are invited to learn about the American West during the museum's "Full STEAM Ahead" series on the third Saturday of each month. From transportation and weather to animals, astronomy and engineering, each program explores an aspect of life in the West to engage and inspire learning. Full STEAM Ahead is included with museum general admission. Children 12 and under receive free admission to the Briscoe. Dates include Oct. 15, Nov. 19 (part of Yanaguana Indian Arts Festival) and Dec. 17, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day.

Briscoe Birthday: Day of the Bison

Oct. 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate the Briscoe's ninth birthday with a special day of bison fun! An iconic symbol of the American West and part of the Briscoe's logo, the bison is an indelible part of the wildlife and story of the American West. Enjoy hands-on bison crafts all day and hear Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard discussing the "[Official Bison Herd of the State of Texas](#)." Roaming more than 10,000 acres in the park, the bison are being restored to their native habitat. Learn about the park's work as one of the five foundational herds that saved the bison from extinction.

The herd exists thanks to legendary rancher Charles Goodnight, who started the herd on his JA Ranch in the Texas Panhandle in 1878 in an attempt to save the animals that had meant so much to him. When the bison were initially donated to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and moved to Caprock Canyons State Park in 1997, it was discovered that their DNA was different, and feature genetics that are not shared by any other bison in North America. In fact, the Official Texas State Bison Herd at Caprock represents the last remaining examples of the Southern Plains variety. The Briscoe Birthday celebration is included with museum admission.

Make Prints with the Sun: Cyanotype with Mary Margaret Johnson

Oct. 30, Noon-2 p.m.

Cyanotype was one of the first ways of producing photographs and dates back to 1842. This alternative printing process uses UV rays to make prints. Each piece is made by applying the cyanotype solution to the material, arranging items such as flowers, foliage or objects on the material and exposing it to the sun. After the material is washed with water, the piece turns to a Persian blue. Learn how to make cyanotypes and go home with your own cyanotype bandana. The class will be taught by local artist Mary Margaret Johnson. The program is \$35 and pre-registration is required via briscoemuseum.org.

WILD in Texas: “Deep in the Heart” Film Screening with Producer Katy Bladock

Nov. 10, 6 – 9 p.m.

A visually stunning celebration of Texas’ diverse landscapes and remarkable wildlife found nowhere else, “Deep in the Heart” aims to conserve our remaining wild places, to show the connectivity of water and wildlife, and to recognize Texas’ conservation importance on a continental scale. Narrated by Matthew McConaughey and featuring state-of-the-art cinematography, this family-friendly film journeys from the highest peaks in West Texas, through our aquifers, rivers, and bays, and deep into the Gulf of Mexico. Producer Katy Bladock will be present for a post-film discussion and Q&A and guests will be able to view *Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In the Wild* before the film screening. \$12 and pre-registration is recommended via briscoemuseum.org.

Celebrating Native American Heritage: Yanaguana Indian Arts Festival

Nov. 19, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Highlighting the continued vibrancy and artistic traditions of Native American communities, Yanaguana Indian Arts Festival offers a glimpse into traditional and contemporary Native American culture. Featuring Native American artists, musical performances and dancing, this free community event features storytelling, artist demonstrations of painting, printmaking, pottery, weaving and carving, as well as Native American-inspired food. Yanaguana Indian Arts Festival also features workshops and

lectures celebrating Native American culture. Admission to the festival and the museum is free throughout the day.

Sculpting Animals: Artist Talk with Mick Doellinger

Dec. 3, 11 a.m. – Noon

Known best for his animal sculptures, artist Mick Doellinger will share his inspiration and creative process. Doellinger will bring sculptures for guests to explore and discuss how he creates realistic sculptures of Western wildlife. The program is free with museum admission.

The ***Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In The Wild*** tour is produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C. in partnership with Thomas D. Mangelsen, Inc. The exhibition is supported in part by Jan McCaleb Elliott, the Greehey Family Foundation, and Jessica Elliott Middleton.

Head West from the Heart of San Antonio

An oasis of Western beauty just off the River Walk, the McNutt Sculpture Garden and the museum grounds feature 33 sculptures portraying various aspects of Western life. Inside the museum's beautifully restored historic home inside the former San Antonio Public Library building, the Briscoe's collection spans 14 galleries, with special exhibitions, events and a fantastic museum shop, providing art, culture, history and entertainment.

The Briscoe is open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission is free for children 12 and under and for active duty military members. The museum is proud to participate in Museums For All, Blue Star Museums and Bank of America Museums on Us. The Briscoe is located on the south end of the River Walk, near the Arneson River Theatre and La Villita, with convenient parking at the Riverbend Garage directly adjacent to the museum or one of many downtown surface lots. Museum hours, parking and admission details are available [online](#).

About [The Briscoe Western Art Museum](#): *Preserving and presenting the art, history and culture of the American West through engaging exhibitions, educational programs and public events reflective of the region's rich traditions and shared heritage, the Briscoe Western Art Museum is located on the San Antonio River Walk at 210 W. Market Street in the beautifully restored 1930s former San Antonio Public Library building. Named in honor of the late Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. and his wife, Janey Slaughter Briscoe, the museum includes the three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion, used for event rentals and programs, and the outdoor McNutt Sculpture Garden. Follow the Briscoe on social media, @BriscoeMuseum.*