

FROM BUGS TO HORSE EYES, BEAUTY SPRINGS TO LIFE AT THE BRISCOE

Celebrate Earth Day with Bug Art, Draw with an Award-winning Artist and Enjoy a Night of Art that Spans Six Weeks

Annual Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale Open through May 5

San Antonio, TX – (April 2024) Artful arthropods? Buggy beauty? Carcass creations? Inspiring insects? No matter what you call it, Earth Day at the Briscoe Western Art Museum showcases a different perspective on the natural beauty of the West.

At the Briscoe, Western art is far more than boots, cattle and cowboys. It's scenic landscapes, stunning sculpture, detailed portraiture and yes, bugs. The museum's April programming celebrates nature in all its forms and spotlights the Briscoe's annual [Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale](#). Programming includes:

A Night that Lasts All Spring: Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale

From scenic landscapes and stunning sculptures to inspired Native Americans, vaqueros and charreadas, more than 280 works by today's top Western artists are on display at museum's annual [Night of Artists Exhibition and Sale](#). One of the premier Western Art exhibitions in the world, *Night of Artists* features new works of painting, sculpture and mixed media by 86 leading contemporary Western artists. The *Night of Artists* exhibition is included in museum admission can be enjoyed during [regular museum hours](#) through May 5. Once the exhibition concludes, the works join private collections, making *Night of Artists* the only opportunity to view the collection.

An Eye on Western Beauty: Charcoal Drawing

The Luminous Eye: Charcoal Drawing with Artist Mary Ross Buchholz

Apr. 11, 5:30 – 8 p.m., \$45, \$25 for museum members

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but how do you capture the beauty in a horse's eye? Acclaimed, award-winning artist [Mary Ross Buchholz](#) will demonstrate illustration techniques using charcoal to create realistic imagery, sharing how to artfully capture the eye of a horse. Enjoy a relaxing evening sipping beer, wine and a hands-on session designed for artists of all skill levels as Buchholz guides guests in creating their own work of art. Registration for this 21+ event is per person and includes beer, wine and all supplies. Class size is limited, so [register today](#) to secure your spot.

Celebrating Earth Day and the Beauty of the West: Shadowbox Insect Art

Sunday, April 21, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., free with museum admission

Celebrate Earth Day at the Briscoe and learn how nature inspires art – and how art can teach us to respect nature. Connie Zamorano of San Antonio’s La Chicharra will delve into the fascinating world of insect artistry and how entomology – the study of bugs – inspires her creature creations. Chicharras, or cicadas, are known for their dramatic life cycles and Zamorano frequently [uses them in her art](#). Sharing how she embarks on foraging adventures, harvesting from her own garden and collecting specimens ethically, Zamorano invites everyone to discover the creative possibilities of often-overlooked natural materials.

Guests can take home their own native wildflower seed starter pack so they can create their own garden to observe and learn from. [Pre-registration is recommended](#) for this free program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MONTHLY PROGRAMMING TAKES YOU WEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 7:

- **Locals Day: FREE Admission and Hands-on Fun, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

The Briscoe’s “Locals Day” waives museum admission for San Antonio and Bexar County residents on the first Sunday of each month – and includes “Scout the Briscoe,” a free scavenger hunt to help families explore and enjoy the museum’s collection. Everyone who completes Scout the Briscoe receives a 10% discount in the Hendler Family Museum Store. [Online registration](#) for Locals Day is recommended.

- [Full STEAM Ahead](#), 1 – 3 p.m.

Locals Day features the Briscoe’s free monthly education series “Full STEAM Ahead” where learners of all ages work together and learn about the American West by engaging in hands-on, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) experiences. Each activity ties back to the Briscoe’s art and artifacts, bringing the West to life in a new way. April’s program celebrates National Poetry Month and ekphrastic poetry – poems based on and inspired by a work of art.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20:

- [Storytime Stampede: There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea](#)
10:30 – 11 a.m., Caregivers bringing children to storytime receive half-priced museum admission, children 12 and under receive free admission

Families and caregivers of young children can enjoy Western fun and stories each month at the museum’s Storytime Stampede. Featuring 30-minute programs designed for young children ages 18 months to 5 years, each event includes stories told and acted out, books read aloud, movement activities, songs and art fun. April’s story features “There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea,” by Jennifer Ward and Steve Gray. Skinny ol’ Coyote

delights readers of all ages as he swallows his way through this delicious southwestern-flavored retelling of a well-loved rhyme.

Frolicking Fiesta Fun

April is also Fiesta time in San Antonio and no celebration is complete without a medal. The Briscoe's sparkling 2024 Fiesta medal features the museum's iconic bison galloping into a sea of vibrant flowers against an orange moon backdrop. The medal reflects the endless beauty of the Briscoe Western Art Museum while reminding everyone of the rich heritage and artistic splendor of the American West. [Medals are available online](#) and in the Hendler Family Museum Store.

A River Walk Oasis: The Briscoe's Collection

Nestled off the River Walk across from La Villita, the Briscoe campus includes the McNutt Sculpture Garden and features 35 sculptures portraying various aspects of Western life in the garden and around the museum's beautifully restored historic building that once housed the San Antonio Public Library. The collection spans 14 galleries with Western art and artifacts, including Santa Anna's sword, works by Frederic Remington, Pancho Villa's last known saddle, a fantastic Alamo diorama and artifacts, contemporary and historic paintings, sculptures, an impressive spur collection, and other cowboy and Native American relics, weapons and photography.

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 members of the military. 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.*