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A periodic review of events, news and happenings at the Tillworth Retreat and the City of Round Top

WOE IS ME, A THOUSAND TIMES WOE

No, this is not a promotional piece for the forthcoming Shakespeare season at Winedale but me lamenting my recently dearly departed computer. It is quite incredible how reliant we have become on such technology. When I was growing up in London, the only chips I knew about were the ones wrapped in soggy newspaper with my fish. Now, I get mesmerized watching those who have the dexterity in their fingers to speed across those minute keyboards that come with telephones. All this, by way of explaining why this issue of the Tillworth times is late - a crashed computer.

THE PARTY'S OVER, A NEW ONE BEGINS



Maestro Larry Isaacson conducting the Patriotic Concert

The Festival Hill concert season is drawing to a close and I am sure all of you who attended would agree that it was the best concert season ever. The Patriotic Concert, which played to a full house, was exceptional. The Synergy Brass Quintet, which blew the roof off to rapturous applause, gave only a little taster of their full program. So mark your calendars for Saturday January 31st, 2009 when they will be back at Festival Hill for a full concert. For us, the entire six-week concert season was pretty much a sell-out, so we thank all of our friends, old and new, who stayed with us and made the season so special.

Over and above the return of the Synergy Brass Quintet there will be a very special afternoon concert at Festival Hill on Sunday October 12th at 3:00 p.m. The first ever Klezmer concert at Festival Hill. If you've never heard Klezmer then you don't want to miss out. It is a blend of Romanian, Hungarian, Russian, Austrian, German, Jewish, gypsy soul music with many toe tapping tunes you've heard before but never knew they had their roots in Klezmer.

We are now bracing for Winedale and the Shakespeare season, due to start on Thursday July 16th with 'Romeo and Juliet' and continue through Sunday August 10th, ending with the 'Merchant of Venice'. We are already fully booked for the Gala Performance on July 19th but still have a few rooms for other performances. For a full list of plays go to www.roundtop.org/members/flyers/shakespeare_flyer.pdf

BEYOND THE SNAPSHOT



It's back - *Zen in the Art of Photography*, a workshop for the creative mind looking to elevate craft in to art. It was a great thrill for me to give my photography workshop in Round Top last year. The quality of work and the level of passion by the participants was just wonderful and very rewarding. The workshop is an adaptation of the Master Class I give at art centers and universities around the country. I was so pleased by the response I am going to give another workshop here in Round Top this September 5th, 6th and 7th. I like to keep my workshops small in number of participants so, if you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible and we will send you on all the information, the curriculum and application, etc. bmendoza@mendozaphotography.com

As Round Top continues to reassert itself as a regional center for the arts, we have

noticed a considerable increase in arts-related events. The recent opening on June 14 at The Gallery at Round Top of the exhibition by William Anzalone, a highly respected and well collected Texas artist, sold all but four pieces at the opening reception. There is also a wide variety of great workshops happening in Round Top, with many getting booked well in advance. You might care to check some of them out. They are for the serious artist and the wannabe artist as well as the craft maker who just wants to have fun.



Nationally acclaimed artists and teachers Ken Muenzenmayer and Karen Vernon from The Gallery at Round Top conducting recent workshops on their very individual style of painting



An example of some of the upcoming workshops include:

Watercolor Workshop on the 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st at Round Top Family Library. [Flyer](#) 979-249-2700 8th grade to adult. Register by 7/7. \$35.00 donation for all 4 classes. Must bring required materials.

Painting Workshop July 25th - 26th - The Gallery at Round Top - [Click Here](#) - Call 979 249 4119
Karen Vernon - Discovering Your Voice - design and composition - watercolor, acrylic, pastels, drawing.

Mosaic Workshop - August 2nd - The Gallery at Round Top - [Click Here](#)
Shephanie Shroyer demonstrating. Ages 15 and up. Create an original mosaic artwork. Call 979-249-4119

Found Object Workshop - August 16th - The Gallery at Round Top - Call 979-249-4119 or [Click Here](#)
Beverly Mangham. Create your own found object artwork and learn the skills of assembling these pieces.

Weaving Class - September 13th - [A Light Unto My Path](#), taught by [The Warped Scarf](#). - [Class Info](#)
\$85/person, includes use of loom, handouts, lunch and all materials - Enrollment limited to 4 students.

The Windsor Chair Workshop with Robert Goldwaite September 22-26 at The Gallery at Round Top
Learn the art of Windsor chair making. Call for reservations at 979-249-4119. [Click Here](#)

Also at the Gallery at Round Top - October 17, 2008 - The Beaded Doll - Kay Hand - \$130
October 18, 2008 - Not Your Mother's Charm Bracelet - Kay Hand - \$130
November 8, 2008 - The Timeless Santa - Mary Lou Marks - \$150

ROUND TOP ANTIQUE FAIR

We have had a cancellation of a booking in The Sentinel House which is now available for Thursday, Friday and Saturday October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Accommodation for 6 in 2 queen beds and 2 twins. There are 2 bathrooms, a large porch with rocking chairs and the rooms come complete with fridge, microwave, coffee makers (with Starbucks coffee) fresh cut flowers and home made chocolate brownies.

Room rate which includes one of the highlights of a stay at Tillworth - our European style Vegetarian Buffet Breakfast - is \$545 plus tax.

We also have available for check-in Thursday the 25th, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th with check out the morning of Monday the 29th The Victoria suite of the Frontier House - maximum occupancy 4.

HAPPENINGS IN ROUND TOP

*As always, there is a tremendous amount going on in Round Top every weekend.
For a full list visit the Round Top Chamber of Commerce website at www.roundtop.org*