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BPA 10th Annual Symposium

Thursday, October 3
Bayou Preservation Association

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY UNVEILING

Wednesday, November 20 - Terry Hershey Park
Bayou Preservation Association supporters gathered around the newly installed educational display along the Terry Hershey trail in Terry Hershey Park. The innovative display captures the magic of Buffalo Bayou and features illustrations of bayou wildlife such...
hosted its 10th Annual Symposium, "A Decade of Significant Change" on Thursday, October 3. The event reflected on the last decade of Houston bayou preservation highlighting a decade of evolution at Harris County Flood Control District, the bayou-friendly results of the 83rd legislative session and an overall retrospective of watershed development and sustainability. The symposium also focused on the next 10 years of emerging issues in water quality.

The day featured words from Houston Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Gonzalez, the honorable Judge Ed Emmett and keynote speaker and Associate Director for the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability Mark Gold, as well as many other scientists, policy makers, planners and engineers.

as herons, turtles and even beavers. Funded by The Terese T. Hershey and Jacob W. Hershey Endowment Fund, the signage was designed by Interpretive Insights, led by former Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Planner Amanda Hughes-Horan. Bayou Preservation Association thanks its partners, Harris County Flood Control District, Harris County Precinct Three and The Energy Corridor District, which contributed $2,000 to the project, for this bayou display that will provide educational value for years to come.

CANOE NAMING CAMPAIGN

Thursday, October 24 - Discovery Green

Bayou City, we have a winner! After a month-long search, Travis Elementary third graders, Meredith Burks and Morgan Winfield named the latest addition to Houston's waterways - Bayou Bob and the S.S. Bayou. BPA announced the two winners of the Bayou Preservation Association CanoeNaming Contest and Floating Art Project on Thursday, October 24 at downtown's Discovery Green. Newly named and recently painted by acclaimed Houston artist Kermit Eisenhut, Bayou Bob and the S.S. Bayou set sail cleaning the Houston waterways. Along with SPARK School Park Program and HISD, Bayou Preservation Association hosted the event as Travis Elementary third graders celebrated the inaugural canoe cruise with a lakeside picnic as the names were revealed. The students celebrated as their winning peers were awarded REI backpacks and gift cards.
BPA 14th ANNUAL GALA

Wednesday, October 9

Bayou Preservation Association fanatics broke out their leather, dusted off their Harleys and rolled over to the nonprofit's 14th annual gala, *Born on the Bayou*, at the home of Ginni and Richard Mithoff on Wednesday, October 9. Guests toasted their appreciation for the Houston watersheds with specialty cocktails while enjoying various dishes from local Houston food trucks, including fried mac and cheese, sliders and ribs. To get everyone in biker mode, guests received airbrush tattoos and danced the night away to Cajun-style tunes. The bayou enthusiasts raised funds through ticket sales and raffle proceeds to provide the organization with the resources it needs to protect Houston's 2,500 miles of bayous and streams that run through the Houston-Galveston area.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Call us at 713.529.6443, e-mail us at bpa@bayoupreservation.org or fill out our Volunteer Form and see how you can help make a big difference!

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Susan Hill

This month we are spotlighting one of our outstanding board members, Susan Hill. Susan has been a board member of Bayou Preservation Association since 2001. Her invaluable contributions include serving as an Earthshare Representative and on the BPA budget committee. Thanks to Susan's leadership and facilitation, BPA's board retreats have been exceptional. BPA looks forward to her continuing support as an Advisory Board Member.
IN MEMORIAM: Hana Ginzbarg

BPA is deeply saddened by the passing of Hana Ginzbarg on Friday, October 18. Hana played a major role in the founding of Armand Bayou Nature Center and was the founder of Friends of Bellaire Parks. Ginzbarg also created the 4-acre Hana and Arthur Ginzbarg Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire, Texas where families learn about nature through hands-on discovery.

Ginzbarg was born in Prague, Czech Republic, on June 1, 1925. She left Prague in 1939 aboard the last train evacuating young Jewish children to England. In 1943, Ginzbarg made the dangerous move across the Atlantic to New York with her mother and brother. It was at Purdue University, where she was studying chemistry and physics, that Ginzbarg met her husband Arthur Ginzbarg. The couple moved to Houston in 1949 when Arthur took a job at the Shell Research Lab. Once in Houston, Hana Ginzbarg's interest in preserving the city's bayous piqued, and she began the work that would become her legacy. For decades, Ginzbarg was a dedicated advocate for nature and Houston's bayous.
BPA Mission
Protect and restore the richness and diversity of our waterways through activism, advocacy, collaboration and education.

BPA Vision
- No further degradation and ultimate improved visible water quality
- Successful stream restoration project
- One-Stop Shop for bayou information
- Better watershed management