

November 30, 2023

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS: **AASLH:** American Association for State and Local History, **COFW:** City of Fort Worth, **FWNCR:** Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge **KP:** Kelli Pickard, **FWISD:** Fort Worth Independent School District, **LCHF:** Log Cabin Heritage Foundation, **LCV:** Log Cabin Village, **PARD:** Park & Recreation Department, **PMD:** Property Management Department, **RL:** Rena Lawrence, **SN:** Shae Nawoj, **TAM:** Texas Association of Museums, **THC:** Texas Historical Commission, **TLHA:** Texas Living History Association, **VZC:** Van Zandt Cottage, **VZCFI:** Van Zandt Cottage Friends, Inc.

Events/Classes:

- November 5: **Catch a Killer Murder Mystery:** 75 participants
- November 11: LCV's **Comanche Marker Tree's**, now affectionately named "Rootie," second **birthday/plantaversary** celebration with **Indigenous consultant/historian Albert Nungaray;** the tree received additional blessings, gifts, and had its red "war" bandana changed out for colorful ribbons
- November 19: **Fort Worth Parade of Lights;** LCV historical interpreters Linda, Kelley, Kimberley, and Kelley's daughter Morgann helped and were on the PARD float

Meetings/Happenings/Consultation:

- November 2: SN attended the **Modern Natives: A Contemporary Perspective** (COFW Diversity & Inclusion) employee program via YouTube
- November 3: COFW IT leadership, RL, and KP met with STS360 to **discuss resolution for LCV's nonfunctioning alarm system;** a new solution is being proposed and designed.
- November 7, 21, 28: RL attended KP's **staff meetings**
- November 10: RL participated in a focus group of partners for an **assessment of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge** by a team from the **Association of Nature Center Administrators**
- November 14: SN met with leadership from the **Informal Educators of North Texas** via Zoom to plan logistics for the meeting LCV is hosting in December
- November 15: SN attended the **PARD Parade of Lights float** planning meeting via MSTeams
- November 27: RL attended the **AASLH Historic House Committee** meeting via Zoom
- November 28: RL/SN met with VZCFI president Crawford Gupton and consultant Bill Lawrence about **interpretive signs at the VZC**
- November 29: SN attended the Fort Worth Public Library's **Storytime in the Park** meeting via MSTeams

Media/Marketing/Tourism/Advertising:

- **Guest register (October 1 to date):** 27 states, 26 countries
- **Sovic Creative** started working with us on social media marketing

Training:

- November: RL/SN and museum store staff completed annual **Security Awareness Training**

- November 14: RL/SN attended the **COFW Employee Value Summit** at Will Rogers Memorial Center
- November 29: RL/SN attended the **Recreation Division FY25 Budget Retreat & P-Card training**
- November 30: RL/SN attended **Lost in Time: The Rise and Fall of Little Mexico (Tarrant County Historical Society reception and program)** as guests of Texas Christian University's Center for Texas Studies program

Maintenance/Site Improvement:

- November 1: Daniel/John (STS360) continued working on **LCV alarm/replacing various components**; it still does not work correctly
- November 11: **Greater Fort Worth Herb Society Work Day**—herb garden
- November 15: SN met with Jay (PMD) about repairs to the VZC porch and floor and the wood stove installation in the Seela cabin
- November 16: Bryan (PARD Trades) fixed a **landscape light** by the Seela cabin
- November 29: Jeremy, Juan, Jerry, Noe (PMD) started **replacing floorboards on the VZC front porch**
- November 29: PARD Trades fixed **broken split rail**
- November 29: Jeff (Cantu) completed **monthly pest control** at LCV and VZC