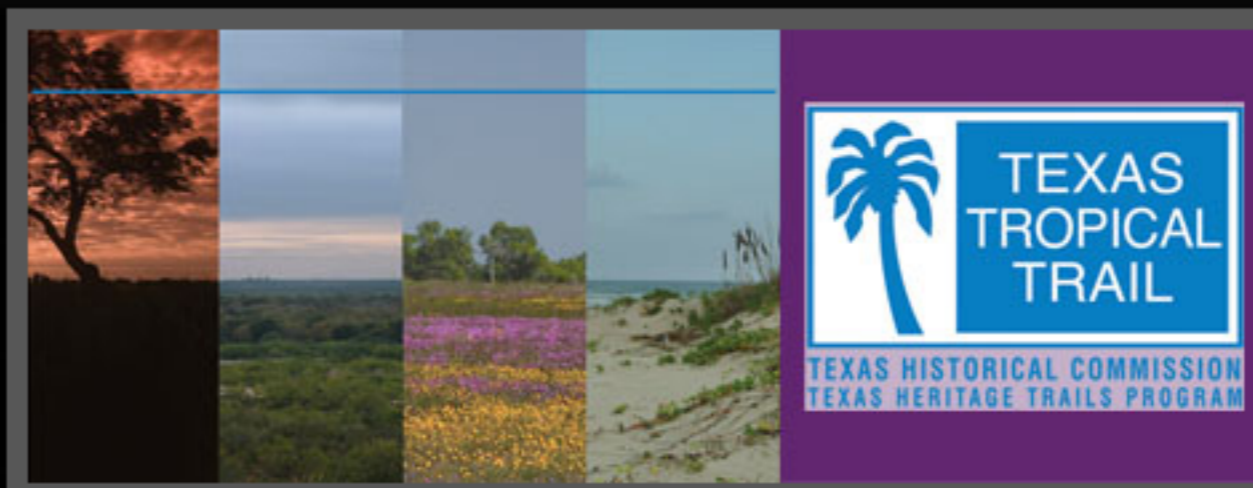


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On Tuesday, February 17, 2015, the Texas Tropical Trail Region will hold its 112th monthly Partner Event in Sarita (Kenedy County) and Baffin Bay/Ricardo area (Kleberg County), and we invite you to join us.

If you are interested, you must RSVP (including the names of all in your party) to nancydeviney@yahoo.com by Friday, February 13. Lunch will be \$10 per person - CASH ONLY, please.

If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your RSVP, please contact Nancy.

Our day will include a visit to the Kenedy Ranch Museum, Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club and Bynum's Big Game Trophy Room plus programs by Father Rocky Grimard, Director of Lebh Shomea, Leo Alarcon, Tourism Director for the City of Kingsville, and Henry Bynum, world-traveler and big game hunter.

[Morning Plans](#)
Kenedy Ranch Museum

The Kenedy Ranch Museum, located 20 miles south of Kingsville, is housed in the beautifully restored building of the Kenedy Pasture Company in Sarita. The Museum tells the story of rancher and steam boat captain Mifflin Kenedy and his family and how their lives were interwoven with the history of what was the untamed land known as the Wild Horse Desert.

Mifflin Kenedy and his friend and business partner, Richard King, first found wealth as steamboat captains on the Rio Grande. After the Civil War, they invested in thousands of acres of South Texas land. For the next 100 years, the Kenedy name would be significantly involved in every aspect of the economic development of South Texas - ranching, railroads, land development and oil as well as philanthropy.

We will begin our day with a welcome and refreshments, provided by the Kenedy Ranch Museum, in the Carriage House located behind the Museum. The Museum is located at 200 E. La Parra in Sarita *Kenedenos*

Following a self-guided tour of the Museum, we'll return to the Carriage House to enjoy a film about the Kenedy Ranch vaqueros. Father and son were essential to building the vaquero, or cowboy, tradition. Ranching skills were passed down from one generation to the next. The vaqueros were steadfast in their loyalty - to the ranch, to the land and to the *patrones* or owners of the ranches. At La Parra, they took great pride in being known as *Kenedenos* - people of the Kenedy Ranch.

Lebh Shomea (House of Prayer)

Lebh Shomea (pronounced in Hebrew "lev show-mae-a") is a Christian community of men and women under the auspices of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Their lifestyle is contemplative-eremitical.

Everyone at Lebh Shomea, guests included, participates in this hermit-type life of the House of Prayer. There are also hermits living in permanent hermitages situated at remote sites on the property. Before we leave the Kenedy Ranch Museum, Father Rocky Grimard, Director of Lebh Shomea, will speak to us about the

House of Prayer retreat located on the grounds of the Kenedy Ranch (east of Sarita) including in the historic home of Sarita Kenedy East, daughter of Mifflin Kenedy.

Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club

A visit to southern Kleberg County would not be complete without a stop to learn about the outstanding fishing and hunting opportunities of Baffin Bay. When we leave the Kenedy Ranch Museum, we'll head to Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club located at 1360 Neubauer Pt Road in Loyola Beach.

Capt. Sally Black and Capt. Aubrey Black, owners of Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club, offer fishing, dove hunting and duck hunting packages for their guests and provide personal guide service, lodging and fine dining, too, including ribeye steaks, thick cut pork chops, grilled quail and mango habanero glazed pork tenderloin.

[Lunch](#)

From Baffin Bay, we'll head north between Ricardo and Kingsville, to the home of Henry and Joyce Bynum and their Big Game Trophy Room. We'll begin our visit with lunch, followed by a brief program by Leo Alarcon, Director of Tourism for the City of Kingsville, and then a tour of the Trophy Room including a presentation by the big game hunter himself, Henry Bynum.

Lunch will be prepared by Joyce Bynum, and the menu will include: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert.

You are asked to provide a CASH donation of \$10 to cover your lunch.

[Afternoon plans](#)

Educational Program - Tourism Plans & Vision for the City of Kingsville - Leo Alarcon, Director of Tourism for the City of Kingsville

Tour of Bynum's Big Game Trophy Room followed by a presentation by Big Game Hunter Henry Bynum.

Special thanks to Marlett Bahn and Homero Vera for their help in planning this very special day. It could not have been done without them!

Our hosts for this day in Kenedy and Kleberg counties are the Kenedy Ranch Museum, Lebh Shomea, Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club and Joyce & Henry Bynum and their Big Game Trophy Room.

[Schedule](#)

9:30 - 10:00 am - *Welcome & Refreshments - Kenedy Ranch Museum Carriage House - 200 E. La Parra, Sarita*

10:00 - 10:30 am - *Self-guided tour of Kenedy Ranch Museum*

10:30 - 10:45 am - *View "Vaquero" film in Kenedy Ranch Museum Carriage House*

10:45 - 11:00 am - *Educational Program - "Lebh Shomea/House of Prayer" - Father Rocky Grimard, Director of Lebh Shomea*

11:00 am - 11:30 am - *Travel to Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club - 1360 Neubauer Pt. Road, Loyola Beach*

11:30 am - 11:45 am - *Presentation/overview of Baffin Bay Rod & Gun Club - staff*

11:45 am - 12:15 pm - *Travel to home of Henry & Joyce Bynum - North FM 772/Presbyterian Pan American School Road between Ricardo and Kingsville*

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm - *Lunch- Home of Henry & Joyce Bynum*

1:00 pm - *Individual Introductions & Community Updates*

1:15 pm - 1:30 pm - *Educational Program - Tourism Plans & Vision for the City of Kingsville - Leo Alarcon, Director of Tourism for the City of Kingsville*

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - *Tour of the Big Game Trophy Room and presentation by Big Game Hunter Henry Bynum*

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm - *Tropical Trail Board Meeting - home of Henry & Joyce Bynum*

[RSVP](#)

If you are able to join us, please RSVP to nancydeviney@yahoo.com as soon as possible but no later than Friday, February 13.

There will be no cost to you for this day except for the CASH donation of \$10 for lunch.

You are welcome to share this invitation with your friends, colleagues and community leaders but please let them know that *an RSVP is required*.

Upon receipt of your RSVP, you will be sent a confirmation and map/directions to the sites we will visit in Kenedy and Kleberg counties...

Thank you.

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