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Bullock Museum free on Sunday

Celebrate Labor Day weekend by exploring history through exhibits, family activities and craft demonstrations

Artisan Nancy Lou Webster will demonstrate how to make household utensils during the Bullock Museum's free *First Sunday* on September 1, 2013.

AUGUST 27, 2013 (AUSTIN, TX) - Spend Labor Day Weekend at the Bullock Texas State History Museum exploring the Lone Star state's history through three floors of interactive exhibits,

story times, family activities and craft demonstrations, all free of charge on Sunday, September 1, 2013.

The museum hosts free *First Sundays* on the first Sunday of every month from noon to 6 p.m. This allows families to explore Texas history and participate in educational activities at no charge. Young children will enjoy story time from 2 to 3 p.m. In September, the theme will be cowboys, and stories will be followed by a free craft activity.

Older children are sure to like the *Remarkable Sharks* program at 3:30 p.m. inspired by the *Great White Shark 3D* documentary currently showing at the Bullock Museum's IMAX Theatre. Sharks big and small have fascinated us for centuries. Through this program, families can discover what's so intriguing about these sea creatures and why they matter to Texas. Children will be able to make a shark tooth souvenir to take home. This free program is perfect for ages five and up, and will be held on the second floor.

Also on Sept. 1, two demonstrations from 1 to 3 p.m. will complement the museum's newest exhibition, *Texas Furniture From the Ima Hogg Winedale Collection* now featured in the Herzstein Hall. Artisan Nancy Lou Webster will demonstrate the art of "treening" – creating handmade wooden utensils for use in the home. Michael Strange of Masterpiece Woodcrafters

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will share his craft of adorning his furniture with punchwork – a painstaking technique based on 18th and 19th century quilting patterns.

First Sundays are designed to allow Texans to discover the museum at no cost, or to visit every month to enjoy a new family activity. Through *First Sundays*, the museum hopes to increase the number of people who experience first-hand the rich heritage of Texas. Since it opened in 2001, the Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin has been engaging audiences to interpret for themselves the continually unfolding *Story of Texas*. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Museum has been visited by over 5 million people coming from every state in the United States and every continent on Earth.

Guests can explore the *Story of Texas* through three floors of exhibits that showcase artifacts from around the state; watch films on history and culture in the Texas Spirit Theater; and experience riveting documentaries in Austin's premier IMAX Theatre, which boasts the biggest screen in Texas.

For more, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512)936-8746.

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Museum has welcomed over 5 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue, between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus, and is open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday from noon to 6pm. For more, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.