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Austin Museum Day means family fun at the Bullock

Families, children can explore, play and learn during citywide celebration of culture

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 (AUSTIN, TX) - Bring your family to the Bullock Texas State History Museum Sunday, Sept. 22 to mark Austin Museum Day, the citywide celebration of culture. Admission is free all day, from noon to 6 p.m., and activities for families and children are planned from noon to 3 p.m.

Kids can create a postcard, embark on a souvenir scavenger hunt or visit exploration tables during the event. In addition to free admission to three floors of interactive exhibits that tell the story of Texas, visitors will be able to see *Texas Furniture from the Ima Hogg Winedale Collection* at no charge. This one-of-kind exhibition showcases the most significant collection of 19th-century, handcrafted Texas furniture in existence. To accompany the special exhibition, Austin artisan and custom furniture builder Brian David Johnson will discuss the fine art of creating small production pieces, such as one-of-a-kind vases, from 1 to 3 p.m.

This is the 16th year the Austin Museum Partnership has sponsored the event that provides an opportunity for a free, community-wide rediscovery of the city's museums. On Sunday, September 22, families can choose from more than 40 participating institutions around the Austin area that provide free admission and hands-on activities.

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The Bullock Museum is a member of the Austin Museum Partnership, a consortium of Austin-area museums organized in 1998 to promote collaboration for the mutual benefit of the public and museums. AMP's membership includes art, science and history museums; historic sites; nature preserves, natural habitats, and botanical gardens; book and art repositories; a children's museum; and the spectacular Texas State Capitol.

The 2013 Austin Museum Day event is sponsored by the *Austin American-Statesmen*, Whataburger, Immediatag, *Austin Chronicle*, H-E-B, and Cap-Metro.

Visitors to the Bullock Museum can explore the *Story of Texas* through engaging 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 information and a mobile guide to Austin Museum Day, visit <http://austinmuseumday.org>. Details about the Bullock Museum's celebration of this special event may be found online at www.TheStoryofTexas.com or by calling (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 6 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 are open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday from noon to 6pm. For more, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.