

Guide

Welcome!

Explore the story of Texas, and share your experience with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

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Exhibitions

Three floors of galleries educate, engage, and encourage a deeper understanding of Texas history. Discover stories of:

- Texas's earliest inhabitants
- Texas as a colony, republic, and state
- Texas as a leader in industry and culture

Programs and Events

Bullock Museum programs are a place for community to celebrate culture, explore new ideas, and share experiences together:

- **Family Programs:** Educational and engaging activities that bring families together, spark conversations, and provide opportunities for young Texans to learn and grow
- **Public Programs:** houghtful talks, captivating performances, and exciting social events that explore the stories and celebrate the cultures that make Texas unique
- **School Programs:** Field trips, onsite experiences, and Distance Learning videoconferences connect student and teacher audiences with the stories of Texas through history, language arts, STEM, the arts, and more



Theaters

The **Bullock Museum IMAX® Theatre** with laser projection and immersive 12-channel sound, shows documentaries and feature films on a sixty-two foot tall screen.

The **Texas Spirit Theater**, located on the second floor, features three screens that create a unique and truly captivating experience.

For tickets, stop by the Ticketing counter in the Grand Lobby or visit [TheStoryOfTexas.com/films](#).

Shopping

From books and toys to local foods, music, and custom art prints, the **Bullock Museum Store**, located on the first floor, offers a wide range of items and unique gifts perfect for all ages and interests.

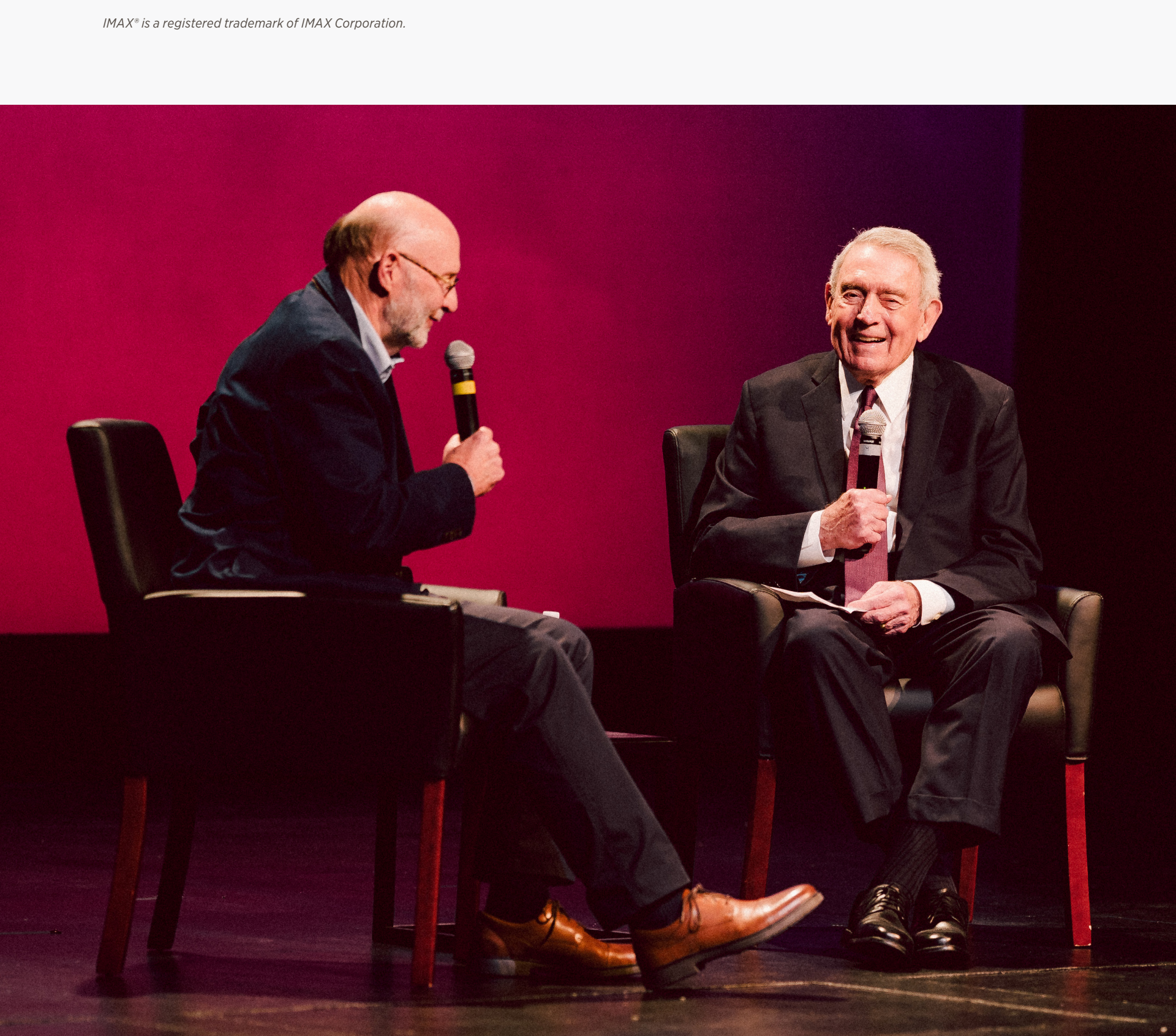
Dining

Take a break from exploring the Museum and enjoy a meal or snack in **The Star Cafe**, located on the second floor.

Venue Rentals

Make your celebration historic at the Bullock Texas State History Museum! With unique spaces for every occasion, the Bullock is the perfect event venue for weddings, galas, corporate events and more.

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Every purchase supports the Bullock Museum's educational programming.

For more information and a full calendar of exhibitions, programs, and films visit:






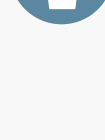
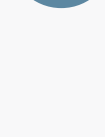
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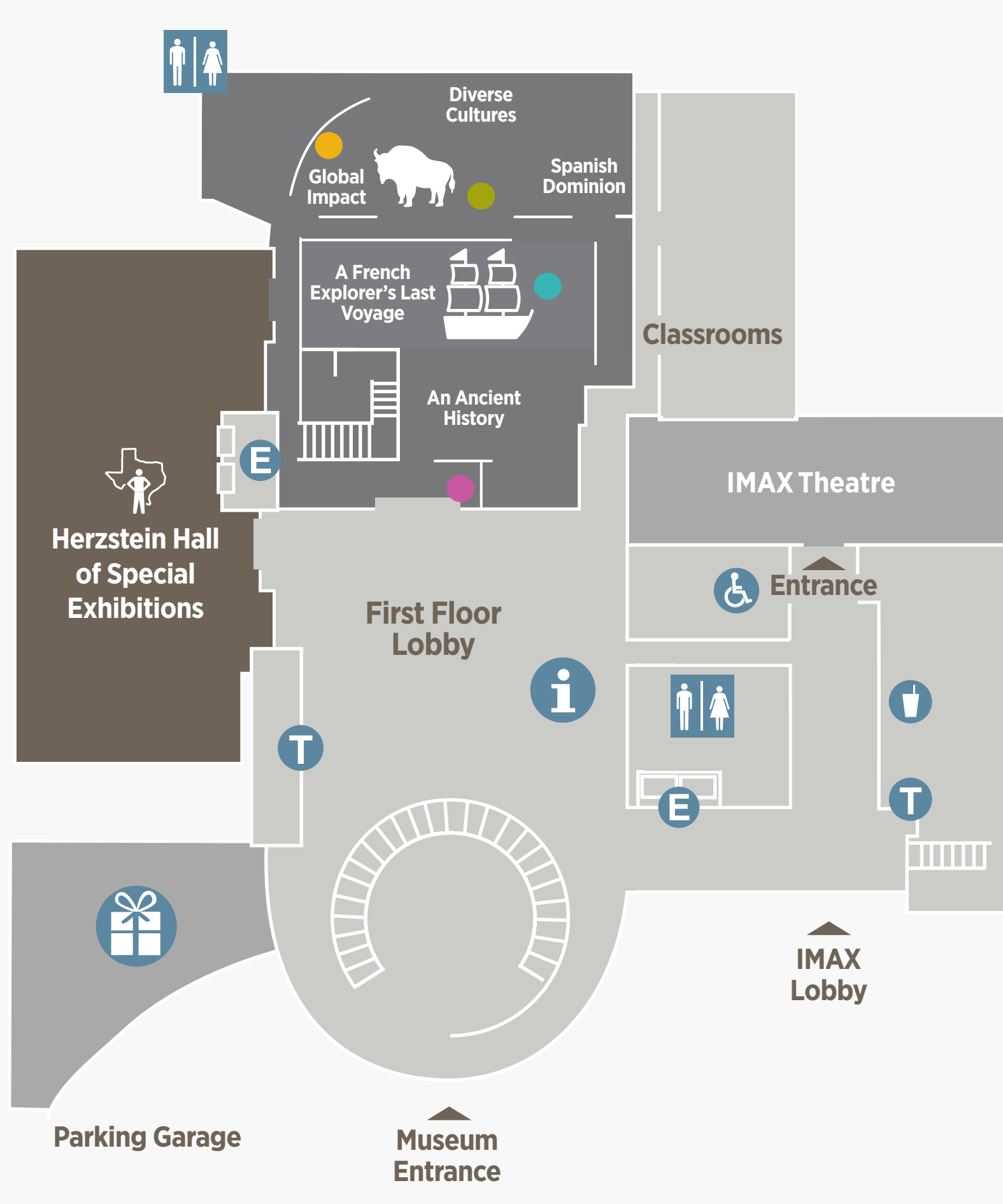
First Floor

Texas History Galleries

Becoming Texas: Our Story Begins Here

Explore more than 16,000 years on the land we now call Texas. Discover the people, places, and events that shaped the landscape prior to Mexican Independence in 1821.

-  **Information Desk**
-  **Elevators**
-  **Restrooms/
Water Fountains**
-  **Ticketing**
-  **Special Needs
Restroom**
-  **Drinks & Snacks**
-  **Bullock Museum
Store**



What to See and Do

● **Projectile point**

Discovered just north of Austin in 2011, this stone point with a broken tip was made at least 16,000 years ago and changed our understanding of when humans arrived in the Americas. *Projectile point courtesy Gault School of Archeology Research.*



● **La Belle and its cargo**

See the excavated hull of the French colonial shipwreck *La Belle*, which sank off the Texas coast in 1686. View thousands of cargo items discovered with the ship, including items needed to start a colony and trade with American Indian groups. See the ship from various viewpoints as it would have appeared prior to sinking with augmented reality kiosks located on all three floors.



● **American Indian traditions**

Explore the importance of bison to early Texans, and learn how American Indian artists are passing on their cultures' traditions to future generations with interactive multimedia, artifacts, and a life-size bison statue made exclusively for the Bullock Museum.

● **Landscape theater**

Immerse yourself in different Texas landscapes and hear the languages that existed in early Texas with a multi-sensory environmental experience.



Second Floor

Texas History Galleries

Building the Lone Star Identity

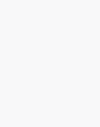
Uncover the history of Texas’s relationships with Mexico and the United States. Explore stories of settlement, uprising, war, and its aftermath that built the lone star identity.



Restrooms/
Water Fountains



Cafe



Elevators



What to See and Do

● Sam Houston statue

This statue by German sculptor Elisabet Ney represents Houston when he first came to Texas and took on the leadership of the Texas revolutionary army.

● The Alamo

Step inside the door of the Alamo façade for a short film based on an eyewitness account of the Texas Revolution by Captain Juan Nepomuceno Seguín.

● Cotton gin

The cotton gin revolutionized the cotton industry, increasing the demand for production. Meeting this demand was a driving force in the settlement of Texas by farmers from the American South. This cotton gin was used in the Texas Hill Country community of Luckenbach.

Gin courtesy Dan Taylor, Ropesville.



Courtesy Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin



● Goddess of Liberty

This original 1888 statue graced the top of the Texas State Capitol Building dome for nearly 100 years. The Goddess of Liberty continues to represent the liberties of all Texans.

Courtesy Dan Taylor, Ropesville



Third Floor

Texas History Galleries

Land, culture, and technology in Texas

Learn how industries, scientific developments, and struggles for equality have shaped the state and continue to impact Texans today. Explore the iconic music, cinema, and sports that ignite the imaginations of the Lone Star State and beyond..



Restrooms/
Water Fountains



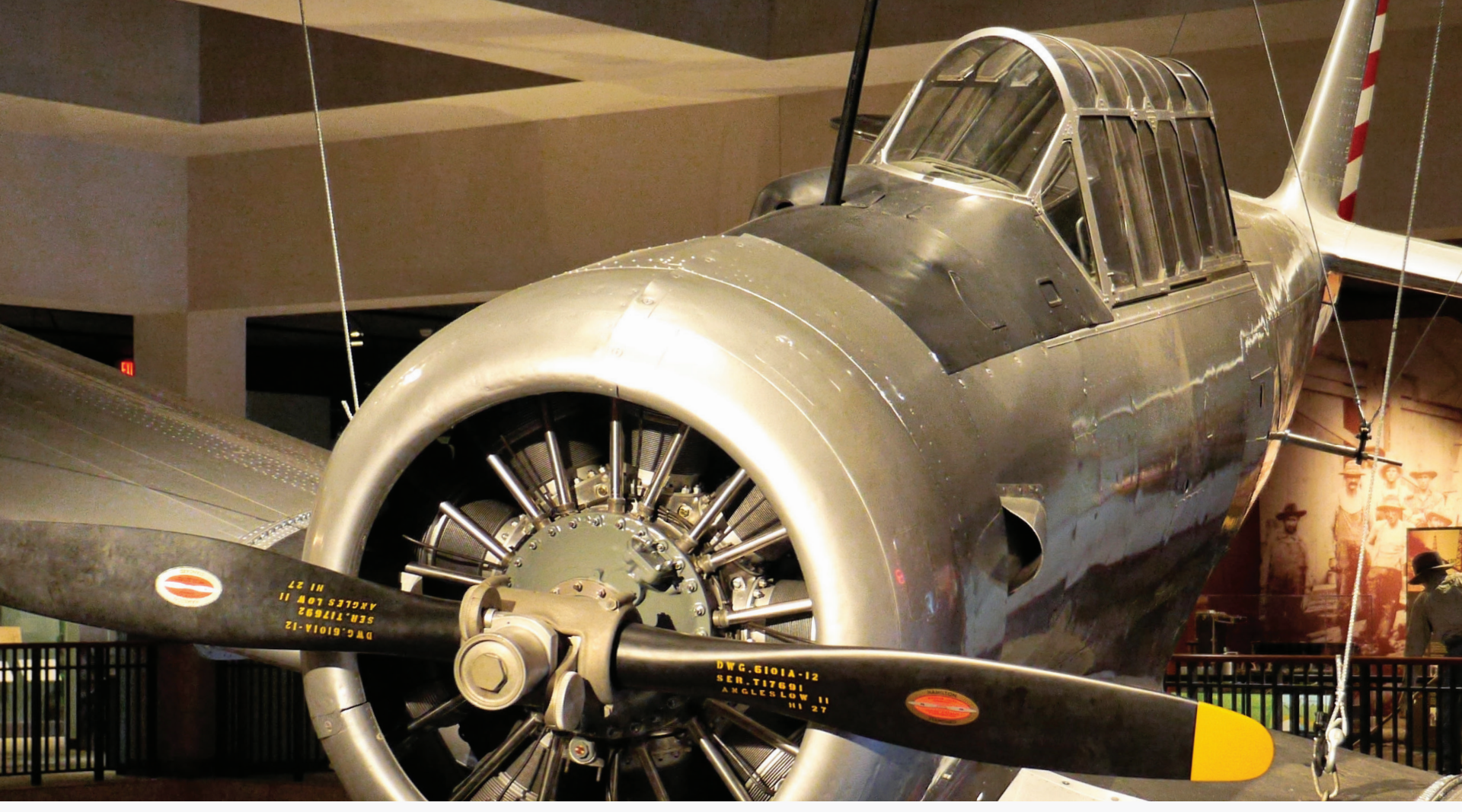
Elevators



What to See and Do

● **AT-6A Airplane**

The AT-6A “Texan” airplane was used to train pilots, including the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs). The AT-6A soars above three floors of galleries with its Pratt & Whitney R-1340-49 Wasp radial engine on view nearby.

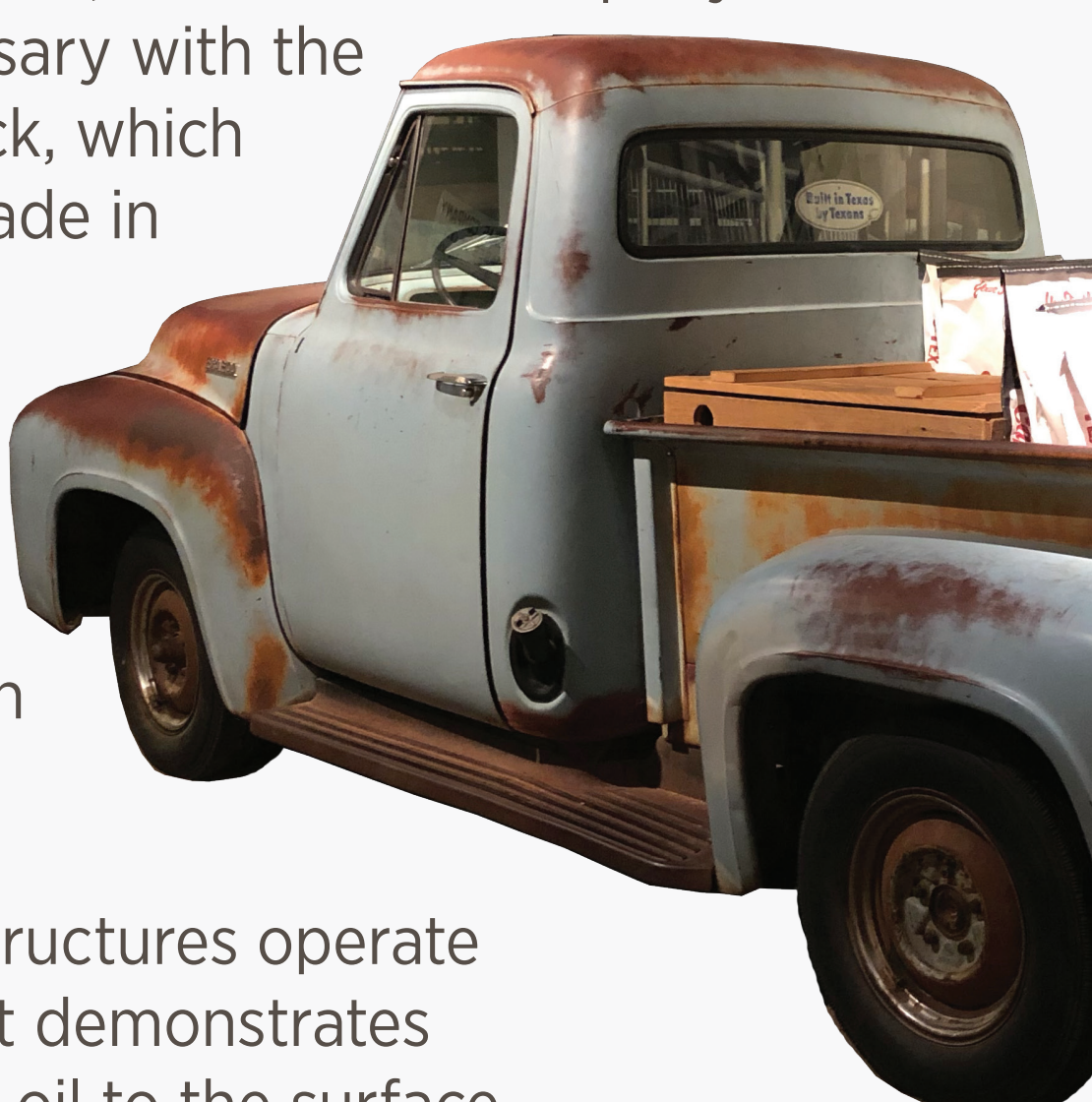


● **1953 F-100**

In 1903, Ford Motor Company established a plant in Dallas. Fifty years later, Ford Motor Company celebrated its anniversary with the Ford F100 pickup truck, which carried the sticker “Made in Texas by Texans.”

● **Pump jack**

View a working pump jack, an icon of Texas oil production used to extract crude oil from the ground. Discover how these structures operate with an animation that demonstrates the process of forcing oil to the surface.



● **Bobbie Nelson’s Piano**

This Steinway Model B grand piano was country music pioneer Bobbie Nelson’s touring piano. She played in younger brother Willie’s backing band for five decades, with her passionate, gospel-tinged playing earning critical and audience praise alike. *Piano courtesy the Family of Bobbie Nelson.*



Special Exhibition Galleries

First Floor

Herzstein Gallery



Hilos de Tradición: Dresses of Mexico

on view Oct. 1, 2022–Feb. 26, 2023

Thirty-seven dresses showcase the traditional textiles, art, dance, and culture of Mexico.



The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper

on view May 20–Oct. 1, 2023

View a collection of works that span more than 100 years of African American art and history.

Hilos de Tradición is made possible in partnership with the Brownsville Historical Association.

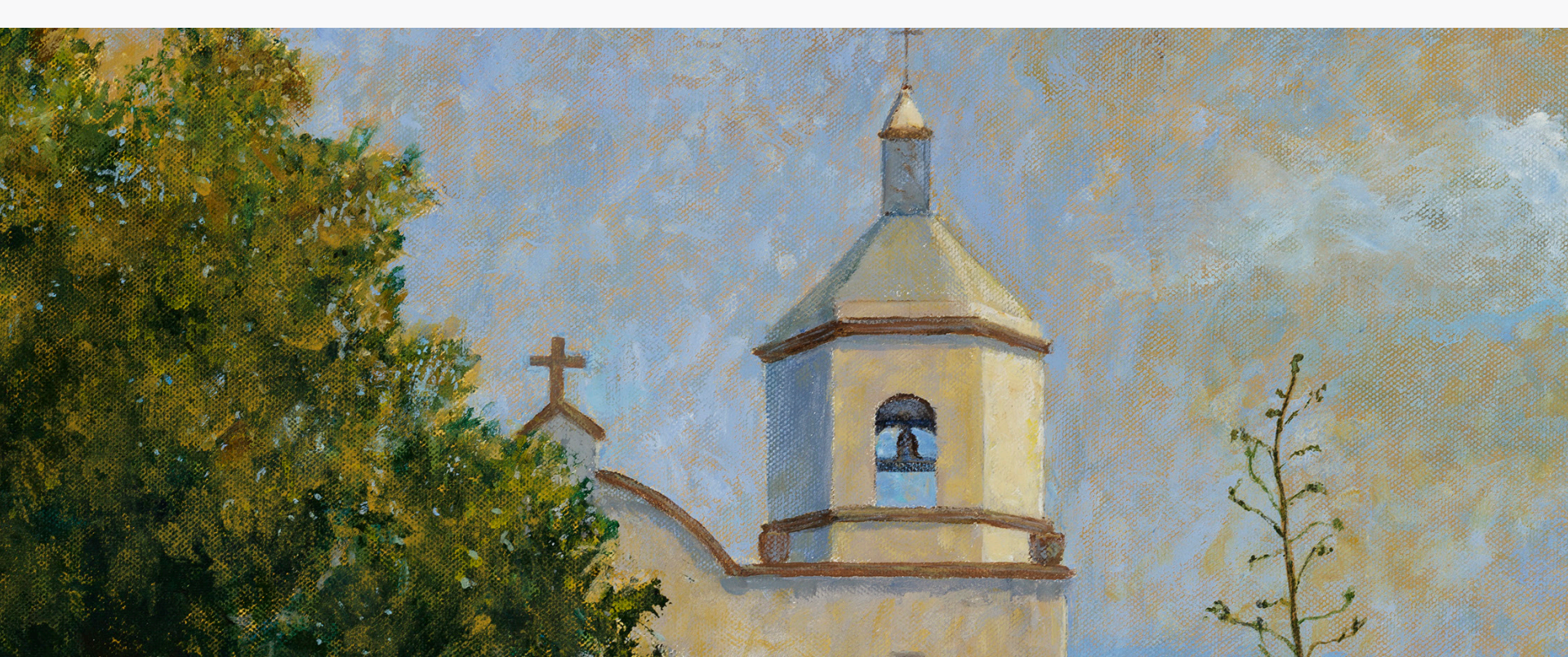
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Third Floor

Rotunda Gallery



Art of Texas State Parks

on view Jan. 7–April 30, 2023

Celebrate 100 years of the Texas State Park System through 34 paintings that explore the diversity of Texas State Parks.

Art of Texas State Parks is supported by The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Texas State University.

Additional support of exhibitions and programs is provided by the Texas State History Museum Foundation.



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