



# 9th Paseo Por El Westside

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH 9AM-3PM

### RINCONCITO de ESPERANZA 816 S. Colorado

Celebrate the history and culture of San Antonio's Westside. Take a walking tour to see the fotobanners that tell stories of life on the Westside. Live music, workshops, demonstrations y mas!

*“Preserving Westside culture while remembering our past.”*



Making Tortillitas



Música Tradicional



Plants for Healing



Chiles Workshop

**Música, food,  
teatro, games,  
films, plantitas,  
and more!**

# Yo Veo Fantasmas Yo Veo Fantasmas

I drive over Commerce St. Bridge  
going home to the Westside of San Anto  
My windows are rolled down  
And the smell of freshly made frijoles and barbecue greet me  
The sunset paints the sky with over 30 shades of  
yellow orange pink purple and blue  
I turn my radio to a station playing Tejano  
And all of a sudden of I see ghosts

I see ghosts of trabajadores sitting on the curb trying to wave down cars  
asking for manual labor for the day,  
my abuelo Chewy is among them  
his friend Don Luis plays the guitar and they pass the time cantando

I see the ghosts of my abuelo Raul and abuela Elvia  
heading inside the Guadalupe Theater ready for a night away  
from their kids  
My abuela is wearing pearls and her favorite blue huipil  
She looks like a movie star from the Mexican Golden Age of Cinema

I see ghosts of familias sitting on their front porches  
some drinking sweet tea watching the sunset  
while others talk chisme with their next door neighbors

I see ghosts of abuelas showing their nietas how to prepare la cena  
while passing down to them la historia de su familia.  
I see ghosts of mothers curando el ojo y susto de sus nina/os

I see ghosts of children playing in the street.  
I see ghosts of mujeres making tortillas inside taquerias  
I see ghost couples dancing and laughing in cantinas

I see ghosts when I wear a rebozo when it's chilly out  
I see ghosts when I make a pot of arroz Mexicano  
I see ghosts when I light my daily offering of copal  
I see ghosts as I work and when I relax

I see ghosts  
I see ghosts  
I see ghosts.

—Gianna Elvia Rendon

