

Museo del Westside during the COVID-19 Pandemic

by Sarah Gould, Director, Museo del Westside



Sarah Gould, Director of Museo del Westside, demonstrates how to make padded clothes hangers for heirloom clothes while her cat watches.

Building Update Most of the Museo's work has been behind the scenes this year as we have been working to finalize the architectural plans for the Museo's future home in the historic Ruben's Ice House. When the City's stay-at-home order was issued in March, our scheduled hearing at the Historic & Design Review Commission to receive conceptual design approval for our architectural plans was postponed. However, the City announced that it will be moving commission meetings to the virtual realm and our case is scheduled for a virtual meeting on Friday, May 20th starting at 3pm. You can still send a letter of support for the project to the Office of Historic Preservation at 1901 S. Alamo St., San Antonio, TX 78204 or by emailing it to Stephanie.Phillips@sanantonio.gov. You can join the HDRC meeting on May 20th by Webex videoconference, web-based live stream, or telephone at 210.206.LIVE (5483). We will share more information when we have it!



Digital Projects Update I began working from home March 16th and have been learning new skills since to create Museo related digital programming on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Please follow us @MuseoDelWestside.

So far, we have launched three digital projects:

Museo del Westside COVID-19 Journal Project

Museo Digital Projects

Suggested Writing Prompts

- Tell us about yourself and what your COVID-19 experience has been like. You might address how your daily life has changed, what challenges you are facing with work and family needs, how you will remember this time, or what you want future generations to know about the COVID-19 pandemic.
- When did you first become aware of the COVID-19 outbreak? What did you think and feel?
- Has your thinking changed or have your feelings changed about COVID-19 since you first learned of it?
- Have you ever experienced anything like this before? If so, what are the similarities and differences?
- In 100 years, what do you want people to know about what is happening today?
- **OPTIONAL:** Include a photo or drawing you would like to share that represents your COVID-19 experience. Be sure to tell us the story behind its creation, including when and where it was created.

Please include your name, age, and zip code.

• **A short video series** to encourage contributions of stories to our *Women & Activism in the Westside* project to commemorate the centennial of the 19th amendment.

If you are interested in contributing a story of a Westside Woman Activist do let us know!

• **The Museo del Westside COVID-19 Journal Project** to collect stories of life during the COVID-19 pandemic. The online journal submission form can be accessed at: bit.ly/covid-journal

If you would like to submit a journal entry, but don't use the internet, mail your story to: Esperanza, ATTN: Museo, 922 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, TX 78212

See suggested writing prompts at left in adjoining box.

• **Do-It-Yourself Museo video series** on preserving and celebrating history at home with videos on making padded clothes hangers for heirloom clothes, suffrage-inspired banners, and more!

Contact the Museo at 210.228.0201 or museo@esepranzacenter.org for information about any of these projects. ¡Gracias!

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