

2021

A Virtual Year in Review

The year 2021 saw the Esperanza take on a full calendar of virtual cultural, social and historical events including exhibits, films, música, pláticas, annual celebrations and workshops that we hosted or co-hosted beginning with the fight against COVID and for the survival of families and homes during the pandemic. In February 2021, Esperanza staff made phone calls and home visits throughout the city to arrange for vaccine appointments for almost 1000 people as part of a citywide effort to combat COVID. Esperanza staff continued to assist Buena Gente in accessing assistance for survival during the pandemic whether that meant paying for rents, providing for food or applying for COVID assistance to keep families afloat. Esperanza's commitment to community included advocacy work in housing issues and for the protection and preservation of Westside homes and neighborhoods throughout 2021.



MUJERARTES ANNUAL STUDIO EXHIBIT & SALE
 OCTOBER 2 & OCTOBER 4 - 9
 Visit www.facebook.com/MujerArtes or call 903.600.1066 to make an appointment to shop!

EVERY DAY IS MOTHER'S DAY!
 MUJERARTES SALE
 MAY 3 - MAY 14
 Visit www.facebook.com/MujerArtes or call 903.600.1066 to make an appointment to shop!



MUJERES EN LA LUCHA
 MUJERARTES SALE
 MARCH 15 - MARCH 31
 Visit www.facebook.com/MujerArtes or call 903.600.1066 to make an appointment to shop!

Paseo Por El Westside 2021: Nuestros Abuelos, Nuestros Maestros
 LIVE ON

MAY 17 GUADALUPE SECURA	MAY 19 TOMÁS YBARRA-FRAUSTO	MAY 21 BLANCA RIVERA	MAY 24 ENRIQUE SÁNCHEZ
MAY 26 MARIACHI ESPERANZA	MAY 28 LAS TESOROS DE SAN ANTONIO		



Día de los Muertos Celebration
 OUTDOOR COMMUNITY ALTAR EXHIBIT & JARDINES Y VIVIENDAS DEL WESTSIDE
 Guadalupe & S. Colorado St.
 November 1-8, 2021

Two keystones of Esperanza’s cultural arts programming, *MujerArtes* and *Noche Azul* found creative ways to reach Buena Gente in 2021 with concerts, presentations, exhibits, demonstrations and sales for the community. *MujerArtes* opened their own virtual store (mujerartes-store.esperanzacenter.org/mujerartes) and hosted sales of their creative clay works throughout the year providing customers with safe by-appointment shopping or pickups at their studios at 816 S. Colorado.



Noche Azul's monthly concerts, a staple of Esperanza's cultural offerings branched out with virtual Noche Azul Home Concerts featuring musicians, artists, poets and chefs in Azul's home and streamed in from Mexico. Noche Azul 2021 attracted a wide variety of audiences from San Antonio to Mexico City and beyond! In addition, concerts were often offered over a two-day span to accommodate both English language speakers and Spanish speakers. Bilingual audiences benefitted by enjoying both sets of concerts!



Annual celebrations of *Paseo por el Westside*, *Día de los Muertos* and the *Peace Market/ Mercado de Paz* reflected the resurgence of and gradual ebbing of COVID during 2021. All workshops & programs for the *Paseo* were conducted virtually, while *Día de los Muertos* altars were exhibited outdoors with an outdoor concert featuring the Esperanza trio and other musicians. The addition of the *Viviendas y Jardines* project to the *Muertos* celebration gave *buena gente* the chance to work together outside to beautify the Westside. A smaller version of *Peace Market (El Mercadito of 2021)* returned with local vendors outdoors in tents and tables and a limited number of customers allowed into the first floor's *Esperanza tiendita* that featured items from our international vendors who were absent this year. Still, *el Mercadito* saw record sales for all vendors. With a new COVID variant arriving at the end of 2021, challenges for 2022 remain ahead.



As in previous years, Esperanza cultural programming included films, pláticas, historical commemorations, exhibits and workshops impacting multiple communities while honoring cultural traditions or serving community needs. A sampling of 2021 programming included:

5TH ANNUAL FEMME FRONTERA FILMMAKER SHOWCASE
Virtual Q&A with Filmmakers moderated by Latino Collection & Resource Center
3.19.21 | 7PM CT | LIVE ON   

LOS AVIADORES MICRAM by Anissa Torres	JAMAICA & TAMBORINO by Sherry Bailey	GROWN WITHOUT WATER by Rachil Rodriguez	ODA A LOS PROBLEMAS by Karolina Espinoza
JOSIA by Jacqueline Barragan	TATÁ EN EL BOSQUE by Margarita Angarita	MÁS	LAKETA CERECITOS DIENTE by Catalina Calero

Register at bit.ly/FemmeFronteraFilms2020 to view the films before the plátical

Films



1921 Flood Commemoration

Film Screening & Discussion
THE PRESENT
A FILM BY TAYLOR KESSEY
7.28.21 | 7:15PM CT | 922 San Pedro Ave

COMING OUT COMING HOME
with Adelina Anthony & Dr. Jackie Cuevas
Friday, October 1st
7pm CT via ZOOM
Register at bit.ly/ComingOut2021

Spanish & American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. Solicitaremos interpretación en Español y Lengua de Señas Americana.

MEXICAN GENEALOGY 101:
FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS IN SOUTH TEXAS & MEXICO
with Donna Guerra, professional certified archivist and a Co-Curator with the Museo del Westside!
5.8.21 | 11AM CT | LIVE ON   



"TRULY TEXAS MEXICAN" FOOD PLÁTICA W/ THE FILMMAKERS
4.1.21 | 7PM CT | LIVE ON   




Pláticas

Workshops

AUG 14
11:30AMCT-1:30PMCT
LIVE ZOOM
BREAKING SILENCES & ENVISIONING THE FUTURE: A GENERATIVE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP PART 2
WITH EMMY PÉREZ
Spanish Interpretation will be provided



Exhibits

Museo Women & Activism in the Westside Exhibit
In celebration of Latino Heritage Month, the Museo del Westside has added new profiles to its virtual exhibit!



Visit museodelwestside.org

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! This La Voz overview of 2021 highlights the important work the Esperanza community accomplished from cultural programs, to preservation work, to community advocacy. We could not have done it without you! Thank you for your continued participation and support. To support Esperanza's work, consider becoming a Monthly Donor or making a donation. Visit our website at www.esperanzacenter.org/donate to learn more. To access the video presentation, *Saludos 2021*, go to: YouTube.com/esperanzacenter. Adelante con 2022!