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**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Plans Special Art Exhibit**

**FREDERICKSBURG, Texas** – As part of the year-long celebration of Fredericksburg’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a special art exhibit titled *“The Art of Fredericksburg: 175 Years,”* will be on display from May 8 through September 19, 2021.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be hung in the temporary exhibit hall of the George H.W. Bush Gallery at the National Museum of the Pacific War.

“This art exhibit will provide a wonderful look at Fredericksburg and our environs through the eyes of our artists over the last 175 years,” 175<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee member Marty Kaderli said.

Featuring more than 60 pieces of original art created by nearly 30 talented artists throughout Fredericksburg’s history, the exhibit will include original sketches, oil paintings and watercolors. These works of art will be on loan from major institutions and museums across Texas, as well as from private collections.

Works include mid-1800 pieces from Richard Petri and Hermann Lungwitz, German-born early Fredericksburg settlers, and Seth Eastman, an U.S. Army officer and illustrator, stationed at Fort Martin Scott and commissioned by the U.S. Congress to record Native American life. Organizers expect at least three original pieces by each of these early artists to be on display.

Other artists slated to be featured in the exhibit include Buck Schiwetz, Lee Ethel, John McClusky and Charles Beckendorf. Current active artists, who are scheduled to be showcased, include John Hanna, Nancy Bush, Phil Bob Borman and others.



The exhibit will also include sculptures from John Bennett and Jonas Perkins. Bennett was a designated Texas State Artist by the Texas Legislature in 2010 and will present a full-size clay of Lady Bird Johnson, while Perkins will show a clay bust of “Schatzie” Crouch.

Father Peter Tarrillion, a former priest from St. Mary’s Catholic Church, is one of several unique artists being featured. While at the parish, he painted three large paintings which originally hung in the Marienkirche. Only two of Tarrillion’s work exist today- one of the Crucifixion and one of St. Joseph. Part of this project will include professional restoration work on these two early paintings.

The sub-committee working on organizing this art exhibit includes Stephen Harris, Marsha Pape, Ruby Lee Clark, Janice Langerhans and Marty Kaderli. The group is also working on the transportation and loans for these pieces.

Information on being a donor to help underwrite the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration can be found at <https://175th.org/sponsorship-investment-levels/>. To assist in underwriting this specific exhibit, email [founded1846@gmail.com](mailto:founded1846@gmail.com).

For more information on the year-long celebration of Fredericksburg’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, please visit <https://175th.org/>.

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