

Dede Rogers honored as final XII Traveler

WHO says you can't go home again? Louise Beach "Dede" Rogers did, returning to her native El Paso after graduating from SMU, working as a journalist, and owning her own professional racing team, DSTP Motorsports (standing for Don't Spend The Principal, her dad's advice when she received her inheritance). Dede moved to the penthouse of the Fairmont Apartments on the corner of Stanton and Rim, where she enjoyed spacious views of three states and two countries. Dede lived expansively, and El Paso didn't hem her in. Though she traveled to every corner of the world, she always returned home.

From her balcony, Dede saw Mount Franklin, with Murchison Rogers Park at its southern tip. Louise Beach Murchison, her grandmother and namesake, gifted the land to El Paso; her sister, Isha Rogers Santamaria, has plans to redesign it. Where Scenic Drive turns into Rim Road, Dede also saw the house her parents built on Dede Lane before her father became El Paso's four-time mayor (brother



Louise Beach "Dede" Rogers

Jonny and his wife, Lory, live there now). A Yale classmate of George H.W. Bush from Connecticut, Jonathan Rogers was stationed at Fort Bliss, and met Patricia Murchison, a former Sun Queen, on a blind date. With a humor Dede would inherit, Jonathan told his four children – Jonny, Dede, Isha and Mac – that all worked out

when he popped the question because "your mom wasn't wearing her glasses!" He was founder, chairman and CEO of WestStar Bank.

Dede remained a proud Tiger of El Paso High School – the 1916 Henry Trost-designed "temple on the hill" – where she graduated in 1975. It stood out as an icon from her balcony. She made lifelong friends dubbed "the cha-chas" there, who gathered once a year for fun and fellowship. Dede planned to take them all to a place she loved in South Africa the year she died. As Sallie Baggett, one "cha-cha," said: "Dede died doing what she loved most in life, being out with her friends."

Dede's widespread philanthropy was legendary, including UTEP, St. Clement's School, the YWCA, El Paso Museum of History, El Paso Museum of Art, Tom Lea Institute, and many, many others. As sister Isha said, if you want to hear about Dede's causes, "you better pull up a chair."

— Adair Margo

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tom Lea Celebration a community favorite

AFTER the pandemic, people are eager to reengage with the Institute – every Tom Lea Celebration event has been at capacity. We are grateful for the support of our participants, presenters, performers and venue partners. Fond more about Tom Lea Celebration on the center spread.

Supporting teachers with arts curricula

Educating teachers about the value of Tom Lea curricula for instruction is central to our mission. This fall the Institute conducted a hands-on, professional development workshop for 50 Socorro ISD art teachers. They learned about the art of Tom Lea and did a group project based on Tom Lea's Southwest mural. The Institute produced a video with SISD art teacher Julian Vidales to illustrate the process for students. Teachers can take this lesson back to the classroom so students' eyes will be opened to the artistic interpretation of our landscape. Access the bi-lingual curriculum, *Magnificent Murals*, on our website.

Little-known Tom Lea book

At church, a friend thrust an envelope into my hand. I opened it and found it was a book about the history of Christianity, *Stained Glass Designs in the McKee Chapel of Saint Clement's Church in El Paso*, written by Tom Lea and designed by Carl Hertzog.

As a parishioner, Tom was hired by Frankie McKee



ABOVE: Julian Vidales instructs how to make a mural.

BELOW: Teachers create murals at SISD professional development event.



to write the commentary for each window. The result is a succinct, literary quality explanation ranging from Moses to "Bishop James Stoney in the act of confirming one of the next generation who will carry on." Tom Lea's narrative is part of the expanded version of our walking tour "Fossils in Our Walls, Cisneros in our Halls and Tom Lea in our Windows."

– Holly Cobb
Executive Director

upcoming events

This Valentine's Day: Give a stay at Paquimé!

Join Us!

Four Walking Tours around Downtown

THE Tom Lea Institute offers FREE walking tours in the downtown El Paso area. Enrich your appreciation of the borderland:

- Los Murales de Segundo Barrio
- La Revolución Mexicana!
- Go Back 400 Years: Juárez
- Travel the World in Architecture



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I Love El Paso

with Dr. Heather Wilson & Jay Hone

FEB. 9
THURSDAY • 5:30 PM

Tours fill up quickly. Scan to sign up today!

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Exhibitions



Tom Lea Combat Warrior Art Exhibit
Old Bakery and Emporium, Austin
Oct. 22 - Dec. 17, 2022



Unbridled: The Art of Tom Lea
Museum of the Southwest, Midland
Sept. 27, 2022 - Jan. 8, 2023



Western Eyes: 20th Century Art Here and Now
New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe
March 12, 2022 - Jan. 29, 2023



Tom Lea, Life And World War II
Hilliard Art Museum, Lafayette, LA
Nov. 11, 2022 - Feb. 11, 2023

» SEPT. 29

Benito Juárez in Word & Song
Mexican Consulate, El Paso



» OCT. 1

Double Ninth Hike
McKelligon Canyon, El Paso



» OCT. 13

Dreaming in Chinese
Archaeology Museum, El Paso



» OCT. 15

Sips of History
Kinley's House Coffee & Tea, El Paso



» OCT. 20

Tom Lea's China
with Tom Lea Fellow Dr. Joshua Fan



» NOV. 3

A Vast & Wondrous World
El Paso Museum of Art



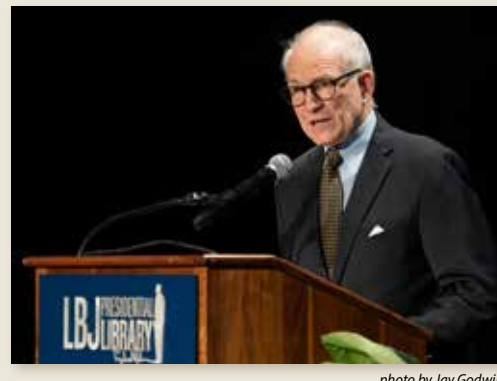
» NOV. 10

Chew Family Legacy
Hotel Indigo, El Paso



» NOV. 15

**Forgotten Prophet:
Homer Lea**
LBj Presidential Library, Austin



» NOV. 17

**The Fascinating Story
of a Chinese Cemetery**
Concordia Cemetery, El Paso



» DEC. 1

**How the Railroad
Transformed El Paso**
El Paso Museum of History



» DEC. 3

Christmas Card Workshop
Fort Bliss



Impact

112,440

PARTICIPANTS

15.7
MILLION

MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

156

PRESENTERS

37

PARTNERS

2

COUNTRIES

4

STATES

9

CITIES

19

EVENTS

373

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XII TRAVELERS \$100,000+ Contributors

Established by the Tom Lea Institute in 2011, the Society of the XII Travelers is comprised of the first twelve \$100,000 contributors to the Tom Lea Institute. The 1.25-million-dollar endowment will provide a percentage of the annual operating costs for the Tom Lea Institute.



Three more Tom Lea Fellowships awarded

ESTABLISHED by Dee and Adair Margo, the competitive fellowship enables UTEP professors and students to further the academic body of knowledge about Tom Lea's art and writing.



Dr. Miguel Juárez



Dr. Nayeli Dousa



Dr. Dominic Dousa

Her findings will be incorporated into an undergraduate music appreciation class.

Finally, Dr. Dominic Dousa will compose three original chamber music pieces for violin, cello, and piano inspired by the artwork

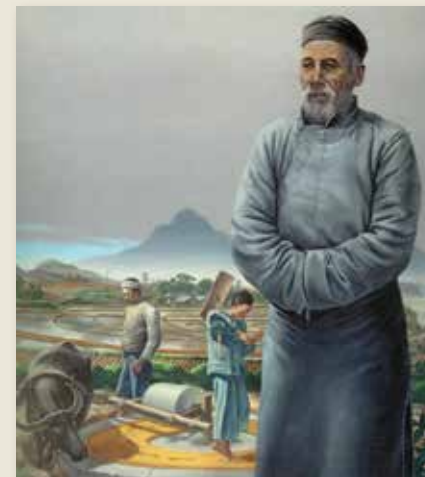
The first fellow, Dr. Miguel Juárez, will deliver a paper about the influence of Tom Lea on the works of artist Jose Aceves, a notable El Paso artist and writer.

Dr. Nayeli Dousa will investigate the musical traditions of the American Southwest from the 1930s to the 1950s when Tom Lea painted iconic Southwestern works of art before leaving in 1941 to record WWII.

of Tom Lea. The Galan Trio from Greece will perform the works on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Fox Fine Arts theater room 340, UTEP.

The Institute provides support and resources for the Tom Lea Fellows. We appreciate the leadership of Dr. Selfa Chew, liaison, and Dr. Anadelli Bencomo, dean of the Liberal Arts at UTEP.

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APRIL 1
SATURDAY • 10 AM

Small Man in a Vast & Wondrous World

Student Exhibit & Reception

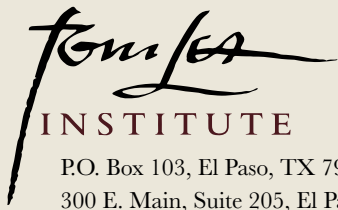
IN April, high school students will get the opportunity to win cash prizes and display artwork in the International Museum of Art's Turney Youth Gallery. Working with art teachers, the museum and Institute will hold a juried exhibit of student landscapes based on Tom Lea's theme *Small Man in a Vast and Wondrous World*.

➤ If you know anyone who would like to participate, contact marketing@tomlea.net.



Cuidad Juárez welcomed to the Tom Lea Trail

JUAN Acereto, bi-national affairs; Jacqueline Armendariz, director of tourism; and the Institute's Adair Margo and Holly Cobb present Juárez Mayor Cruz Perez Cuellar with a plaque welcoming the city to the Tom Lea Trail.



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A tribute to Roland Mesnier

THE death of former White House Pastry Chef Roland Mesnier on August 26 saddened many. He had built a fan base in El Paso after speaking, and teaching culinary students. Roland had prepared dessert for many presidents, including President George W. Bush, who often shared Tom Lea's words about living on the "sunrise side of the mountain" before pointing to Lea's *Rio Grande* which hung in the Oval Office. To President Bush's delight, at lunch one day, waiters brought an oval-shaped cake with a miniature sugar version of *Rio Grande* on top.

In an October 10, 2014, Facebook post, Roland wrote: *I am just now returning from El Paso, Texas – one*



First Lady Laura Bush admires one of Mesnier's pastry creations.

of my favorite and I think most beautiful parts of the USA. ... Surrounded by mountains, the air is fresh and the views are stunning. So, if you are looking for a different place to vacation, open a new business, or start a new life, go visit El Paso – I promise you'll love it!