



*Spouse and
Companion
Program
Highlights*

An Invitation from AWWPA's First Lady, Donna Grimes

A Texas Welcome to Y'all and a Texas good time is planned for you! We chose April in Austin because this is the time the state comes alive with wildflowers and we wanted to share this with ya!

You will be staying at the Hyatt Regency which is next to the beautiful Town Lake with a hiking trail for those with an athletic spirit.

Also, the Congress Street Bridge next to the hotel is the home of 1.5 million Mexican free-tail bats. Each night from mid-March to November, the bats emerge from under the bridge at dusk to blanket the sky as they head out to forage for food, eating 10,000 to 30,000 pounds of insects per night. This event has become one of the most spectacular and unusual tourist attractions in Texas.

Check out the website:

<http://www.austincityguide.com/content/congress-bridge-bats-austin.asp>

Hope you can join us for this year's Spouse Program!

Donna J. Grimes



For Monday, April 10

Visit to LBJ Library and Museum for a historic trip to the 1960's. Do you even remember the 60's? Here's a link to their website:

<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/>



Following this we will eat lunch at the Shoreline Grill that overlooks the lake. Don't worry – you won't find bats or insects on this menu!

<http://www.shorelinegrill.com/>

After a scrumptious meal, we travel to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.



<http://www.wildflower.org/>

For Tuesday, April 11

Your adventure is NOT over! Plan to join us for breakfast on Tuesday morning for music and stories from Albert & Gage.

Other events of interest for spouses and companions of AWWPA meeting attendees:

Sunday, April 9th (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)

President's Reception

Monday, April 10th (8:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

Keynote Address - America, Carved from Wood, Perfumed by Wood: How We Built a Nation in the Forests (Dr. John Lienhard, University of Houston)

Award of Merit Presentation to Dr. Jerrold Winandy of the USDA Forest Products Laboratory.

Tuesday, April 11th (7:00 PM - 10:00 PM)

Banquet and Entertainment

Installation of Officers

Awards

