

## No meeting in December

### Holiday Party

Sunday, December 2nd 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Meurer's home

Mark your calendar for this year's Holiday Party and join us to visit with friends old and new. Bring a food item to share and we will have a fun gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift with an outdoor theme \$15 max.

Location: 2602 Foxboro Dr., Garland, 75044

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**Next TOWN Meeting**

**Monday January 7, 2019**

La Madeleine

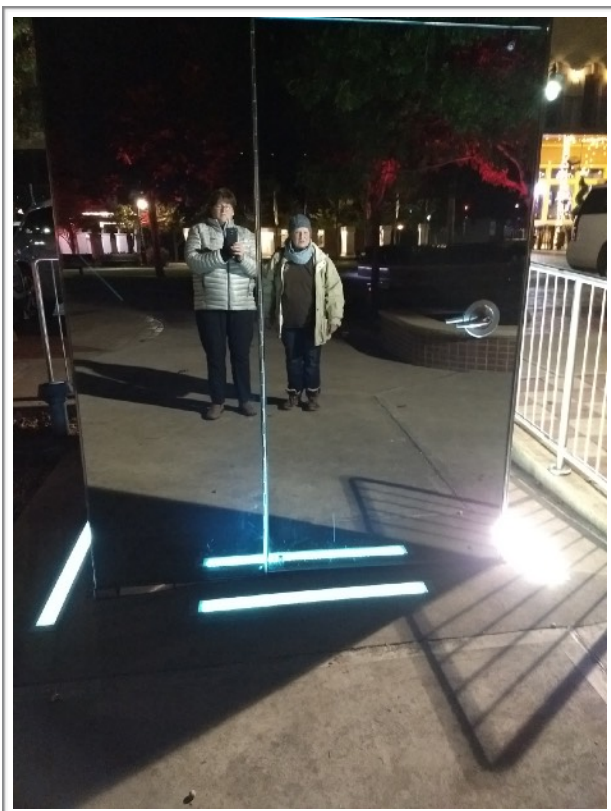
5290 Belt Line Road, Addison

6:30 p.m.

**REMINDER - WE DO NOT  
MEET IN DECEMBER**

Guests always welcome

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Reflection on the  
glass bathroom

*Happy  
Holidays*

# UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

Save the dates and sign up at the Holiday Party.

## First Hike of 2019

Saturday, Jan 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Chisholm Trail

Meet at Starbucks in Creekwalk Village, 801 W 15th St  
#500, Plano, TX 75075

Join us for a hike on the Chisholm Trail. Laura Thornton is going to lead the way on this hike for a couple of hours and then we'll find a place for lunch nearby.

**Leader: Shirley Meurer**

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**Camping at Inks Lake State Park**  
**Thursday - Sunday**  
**February 21-24**

**Barb Minyard** 5 sites reserved for the weekend. The Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge is about 45 minutes from Inks and at Doeskin Ranch area there are more than 5 miles of hiking trails, overlooks and photo blinds to explore. Shirley will lead a trip to check out this Refuge on Friday.

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**Huntsville State Park**  
**Camping with Alligators**  
**and Eagles**

**Thursday - Sunday March 7-10**

**Nancy Lee** has 3 sites reserved At Huntsville State Park, you can camp, hike, bike, picnic, fish, swim, paddle, [geocache](#) and study nature. There are 21 miles of trails, playgrounds, a bird blind and nature center. There is an [interactive trails map](#) and info about the Alligators that live in the park; [read our alligator safety tips](#).

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**In early November, six TOWN members, Dale, Barb, Nancy, MJ, Sharon, and Suzi, set out for an adventure week in Big Bend National Park!**

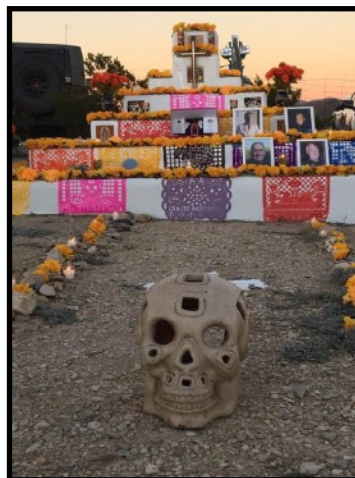
Before arriving at Big Bend, some members toured McDonald Observatory, one the major astronomical research facilities in the world. Staying at the famous Gage Hotel in Marathon was an historical experience. It was built in 1927 and is famous for its impressive gardens and restaurant.

Big Bend has more than 801,000 acres of mountains and desert - the most remote park in the lower 48 states. We took several hikes into the mountains and saw some beautiful scenery. Puma and bears were sighted, but not by any TOWN members. On our second night of camping we experienced a wind and hail storm. Luckily, no tents were lost!

Our activities included riding in a rowboat across the Rio Grande River and riding burros to Boquillas, Mexico. Eye-opening, to say the least! We also took a rafting trip on the Rio Grande. Our guide told us some very interesting border stories. After rafting all day, we cleaned up and went to Terlingua. To our surprise, it was the weekend of the Chili Cookoff AND the Day of the Dead! We all walked through the cemetery for this unique experience! Ask us about it. WILD!!!

Thank you, Dale, for a memorable trip!

**Big Bend is impressive!**  
And we had such a good time. We rode a little rowboat across the Rio Grande to have goat tacos for lunch in Boquillas, Mexico. We took a raft trip, experienced the Day of the Dead in Terlingua, hiked some trails and survived a rain and hail storm!!! We are Adventure Women!!  
By M J Steel



Big Bend 2018



## Cooper Lake State Park

Attendance Friday night-4, Saturday night-2. This park is only about an hour from Dallas. On the North side of the park, the brave tent campers weathered 29 degree temperatures. Along with some heater assistance and Nancy's fire building skills, we stayed warm. Hikes kept our blood flowing and warm while we looked for birds and other animals. Tejanos's Mexican Restaurant in Cooper and a trip to the Dollar General helped delay the return back to the cold on Friday night. What else can you do when everything was cold and dark (daylight saving time...ha). Shirley and Glenda solved that Saturday night with a trip to the Glass Bathrooms on the Sulphur Springs town square. Google it...yes it exists. Good Dutch oven delights: Egg Casserole and Peach Crisp were provided by the awesome cook, Shirley. Chicken Tortilla Soup and salad rounded out our meals at camp. Let's go back when the weather is a bit warmer. Fun trip!

