



CULLINAN

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Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Presents The 2018 Picnic For The Park

Two-time Guinness World Records® holder Mike Matson will set sail for a fundraiser benefitting Cullinan Park 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19.

Matson is the keynote speaker for the 2nd annual Cullinan Park Conservancy "Picnic for the Park" event that will be held in the auditorium of River Pointe Church, 5000 Ransom Road. Memorial Hermann Sugar Land is the presenting sponsor.

The famed outdoorsman made history for skippering a three-man rowboat more than 3,200

Ann Hamilton to receive The Nina Cullinan Outstanding Citizen Award



At the luncheon, CPC will celebrate Conservancy catalyst Ann Hamilton as this year's Nina Cullinan Honoree at the Oct. 19 Picnic for the Park. The Nina Cullinan award is given in recognition each year to an outstanding supporter of the Park and Conservancy.



Photo by Ellen Hoke

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miles across the Atlantic Ocean. He and fellow sailors David Alviar and Brian Krauskopf were the first Texans and the first triple-crewed row boat to finish the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, billed as the "World's Toughest Row."

"We are so excited to have Mike headlining Picnic for the Park," said Gary Tuma, chairman of the Cullinan Park Conservancy Board. "His story is inspirational. Not only did he and his mates row from the Canary Islands to the West Indies in 49 days, they did so under some of the most adverse conditions. We are looking forward to hearing his story and seeing the boat that made it possible."

In addition to Matson, the Conservancy will present Ann Hamilton with the Nina Cullinan Award, given to a person instrumental in promoting and enhancing the beauty of the park. Winners of the annual Cullinan Park Conservancy Photo Contest, underwritten by Johnson Development, also will be announced.

Tickets are \$50-\$75 and can be purchased online at www.cullinanparkconservancy.org/picnic-for-the-park. Proceeds will go toward improvements for the 754-acre Joseph S. and Lucie H. Cullinan Park in Sugar Land. Sponsorships are still available.

Cullinan Park Founders Circle

Cullinan Park Conservancy kicked off its FOUNDERS CIRCLE giving program last fall. To date, 33 community members have stepped up to join at the starting level of \$1200.

Founders Circle donors receive unique benefits, in addition to the satisfaction, that funds will be used to improve Cullinan Park.

By investing in the Conservancy at this level, you are investing in the unique blue-green oasis that is home to a vast array of wildlife, including 250 species of birds.

You are also investing in an important respite for Fort Bend County residents and visitors from throughout Southwest Texas – a park that is as big as Central Park in New York City and nearly twice the size of Hermann Park in Houston.

To join the Cullinan Park Founders Circle, Cullinan Park Conservancy, PO Box 422, Sugar Land, TX 77478, cullinanparkconservancy@gmail.com, 281-616-7860. Cullinan Park Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and contributions are tax-deductible under EIN# 45-4477343.

Bird Life at Cullinan

Cullinan Park has long been a birder's haven, located on the Upper Texas Coast of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. With the variety of habitats available just within the Park, it is home to a diverse population of birds throughout the year.

According to Ebird, 247 species of birds have been spotted at the Park. Some popular birds one might see this fall include black-bellied whistling ducks, pied-billed grebes, American coots, anhingas (the Conservancy's mascot), great egrets, belted kingfishers, white-eyed vireos, Carolina wrens, yellow-breasted chats, black-and-white warblers, scaly-breasted munias and more.

So, break out your binoculars and cameras, and come explore birds and other wildlife at Cullinan Park!



Photo by Robbin Mallett



Cullinan Park Conservancy Founders Circle Members

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Angie & Paul Wierzbicki

Ann Hamilton

Bill & Robbin Mallett

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2018 Cullinan Park Conservancy Photo Contest

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Contest Timeline and Deadlines

The contest submission period for images and registration

- Begins at 12AM CDT on the morning of Sunday, July 15, 2018 and
- Ends at 11:59PM CDT on Friday, September 21, 2018.

Winners will be announced at Cullinan Park Conservancy's Picnic for the Park on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 11:30am to 1pm at River Pointe Church Auditorium, 5000 Ransom Road, Richmond, TX.

Eligibility

The Cullinan Park Conservancy Photo Contest is open to any professional or amateur photographer, of any age, who has electronically submitted a completed registration email and images, as described under the Rules section to Cullinan Park Conservancy during the dates listed above. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. The contest is open to all participants regardless of residence or citizenship, so long as the laws of their jurisdiction allow participation.

The categories are:

- (1) Flora (Trees, Flowers, Plants)
- (2) Landscape
- (3) Visitors (People) - *note: any photos with people in them must include name and phone number as a consent to release (if you would like a formal consent form, please let us know)
- (4) Wildlife

To encourage young photographers' entries, the above categories will apply to "Under 21 years of age" separately. For photographers' under the age of 21, please send their age as well and they will be judged within their peers of younger age.

Contest Objectives

The contest seeks to expand community involvement in and increase public awareness of the Joseph S. and Lucie H. Cullinan Park.

Registration Fees

There is NO fee to participate!

How to Enter: Rules and Image Requirements

All photos must be taken of subjects within the boundaries of Cullinan Park. If you need a map of the boundaries, please let us know. The photos do not necessarily need to be taken during the timeframe of July 15 - September 21, as we understand spring and fall can offer other great photos that you may have taken previously.

Participants must submit each entry via email, one accompanying each image, to cullinanparkconservancy@gmail.com during the dates listed above.

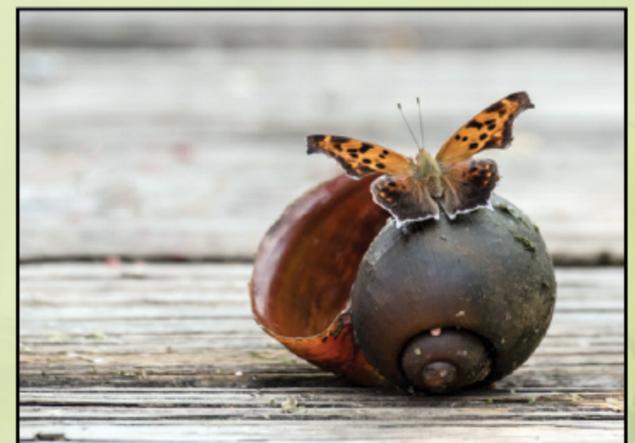
2017 Photo Contest Winners



Over 30 First Place
Dragonfly Basking in Morning Sun
By Warren "Ry" Birge



Over 30 Second Place
Bottoms Up
By Mack Womack



Over 30 Third Place
Butterfly On a Snail
By Dixie Spurling



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For more information on the Park or Conservancy,
visit www.cullinanparkconservancy.org,
email cullinanparkconservancy@gmail.com or call 281-616-7860.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Awards Cullinan Park Conservancy \$200,000

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (TPWC) recently approved a \$200,000 grant to fund a trail around White Lake at Cullinan Park.

Cullinan Park Conservancy's application was the sixth highest scored application among 67 applicants, receiving the max award amount available.

A dirt trail currently exists around White Lake, but it is an unofficial trail that is not maintained and often floods. The new trail will be a mixture of decomposed granite and boardwalks.

Phase 1 Improvements Update

City of Sugar Land Parks & Recreation Department went out to bid in early August for Phase 1 improvements including expanding existing trails, a new overlook on the East side of White Lake, beautification of the entry way and a donor recognition wall. The permanent restroom is being handled separately by Wallis Construction and will be built in the same timeframe as the other improvements.

Bid Opening is slated for August 30 at Sugar Land City Hall, with hopes that a contractor will be chosen by mid-September. Barring any major issues, the groundbreaking for Phase 1 improvements should be mid-late October, with construction wrapping up in the early part of 2019. The Park will still be open during the construction, but there may be small portions roped off for the safety of visitors.

The Conservancy is actively fundraising for the remaining Phase 1 projects including the White Lake loop trail, children's nature exploration area, overlook on the West side of White Lake, expanding and improving additional trails and more.

To keep up to date on Park happenings, feel free to call Conservancy Executive Director Angie Wierzbicki at 281-616-7860 or email cullinanparkconservancy@gmail.com.