

SOUTHWEST BONANZA SOCIETY
Celebrations Christmas
La Grange, Texas
December 7 - 9, 2018

It has taken a lot of work, but our Christmas weekend is now completely finalized. We will be traveling to the historic community of La Grange, Texas for this year's Christmas celebration. Because the way the calendar falls, most venues are not beginning their Christmas season celebration until this weekend. Looked at the previous weekend starting on November 30th, and there just weren't many options for a season-themed weekend.

Therefore, our weekend will begin on December 7th and continue until departure on December 9th. We'll have a fun-filled day on Friday which will keep us busy after arriving at the Fayette Regional Air Center Airport (3T5) in La Grange, Texas. Friday afternoon will include a short trip to **Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery State Historic Site** tour topped off with a Christmas light show and dinner at **Lights of Tejas**.

Saturday will be a day to explore the historic town of La Grange with the following options available:

1. **Fayette County Courthouse.** Completed in 1891, the three-story building will be open for docent tours from 9 am - 2 pm.
2. **Texas Heroes Museum.** Museum of heroes who fought for Texas' independence to present day heroes located in the Old Fayette County Jail constructed in 1883.
3. **Texas Quilt Museum.** Featuring three exciting exhibits including one by legendary artist and innovator Kaffe Fassett.
4. **Historic Faison Home.** Built in the mid-19th century, one of the oldest homes in Fayette County featuring original furnishings of the Faison family.
5. **Historic Casino Hall** (which is their visitor's bureau). Built in 1881 by social club founded German immigrants featuring social events and traveling plays.
6. **Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center.** Czech heritage cultural museum.
7. **Local wineries and tasting rooms.** Several local wineries and tasting rooms in the immediate vicinity.

Saturday evening will be our annual Christmas dinner at **Celebrations** in downtown La Grange. Happy hour will begin at 6 pm with an open cash bar. Dinner will begin at 7 pm in their Christmas-decorated private catering venue next door.

We will have shuttle vans available for the weekend.

We have blocked 40 rooms at the local **Best Western in La Grange** at a rate of \$120/night. Call them directly at **979-968-6800**. Please complete the attached registration form and call into the Best Western to book your room.

Itinerary
December 7 - 9, 2018

Friday (7th):

10:00 am - 01:00 pm	Arrivals to La Grange Airport (3T5) (Light lunch for those arriving hungry)
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Hospitality suite open for meet-and-greet
02:00 pm - 05:00 pm	Monument Hill & Kreische Brewery State Park
06:30 pm - 09:30 pm	Lights of Tejas Christmas light show and meal
10:00 pm - 11:30 pm	Hospitality suite open for end-of day socializing

Saturday (8th):

All day	On your own for sight-seeing and shopping
02:00 pm - 05:30 pm	Hospitality suite open for socializing
06:00 pm - 09:00 pm	Christmas Dinner at Celebrations on the Square (Cash bar will be open)
09:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Hospitality suite open for after-dinner socializing

Sunday (9th):

08:00 am - 12:00 noon	Shuttle service to La Grange Airport
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Registration Form
SWBS Celebrations Christmas

Your name: _____

Spouse/companion name: _____

Other guest names: _____

Phone number: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

A/C tail number: _____

Expected arrival time: _____

Any dietary restrictions: _____

Mail registration and fee to: Cam Gulley
P.O. Box 163
Eastland, Texas 76448
325-669-9795
cgulley@txol.net

Total Attendees	
Price/Attendee	x \$ 125
Total Fee Due	\$

Registration fees include: Friday light lunch, Lights of Tejas entry fee and evening meal, shuttle service to/from airport, hospitality suite, and Saturday night Christmas dinner.

Best Western hotel reservation cut-off is December 1, 2018 for the special SWBS rate of \$120/night for standard room. Please contact me if the block fills up and I'll see if I can get additional rooms.

Best Western phone number is 979-968-6800.

Note: You must be registered and paid by December 1, 2018

Southwest Bonanza Society Events Cancellation Policy Is In Effect
Read entire policy at www.southwestbonanza.com



Cocktail Hour
Passed Appetizers
Crostoni, Brie with Granny Smith Apple
Smoked Salmon on Toasted French Bread with capers and dill

Winter Salad
Mixed Greens, Crisp Granny Smith Apple, Craisins, Feta & Toasted Walnuts
Blush Wine Vinaigrette

Choice of either:

Beef Short Rib
Wild Mushrooms Risotto
or
North Atlantic Salmon
Lemon Butter Sauce

Twice Baked Potato

Brussels Sprouts Roasted with Bacon, Pomegranate Garnish

French Rolls & Butter

Iced Tea and Coffee

White Chocolate Cheesecake with mixed berries & whipped cream