

FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL NEWSLETTER



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Bryan Public Library Storytelling Guild

Tellabration!, a national storytelling event, will be taking place on Saturday, November 17, in the Children's Museum in conjunction with Brazos Valley Worldfest. The Bryan Public Library and the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley Storytelling Guild has taken this opportunity to participate in a big way.

In addition to Tellabration!, the library staff have created "Singabration" which will highlight cultural storytelling set to music. Visitors will have a chance to hear international and folk songs as well as learn about instruments and their significance in different cultures.

A schedule of performers and open mic times will be distributed closer to the event. If you would like information on the national Tellabration! program, visit, <http://www.tellabration.org/>. For more information on the Bryan Public Library and their programs, visit, <http://www.bcslibrary.org/bryan.html>.

TAMU Student Affairs Culture Display Grant

Texas A&M University Student Affairs office is getting behind Brazos Valley Worldfest by making it easier for student organizations take part.

To help officially sanctioned student organizations prepare a culture display and demonstration for the festival, the Student Affairs Office is offering a Student Organization Funding Request Grant. Eligible student organizations apply for the grant to help defray the costs associated with creating a culture display. Funds can be used for the purchase of display supplies, handouts, shipping costs, items for demonstration and more.

The application process requires the organization to submit a Culture Display form before the online grant process can begin. Visit, <http://www.brazosvalleyworldfest.org/displays.html> for details on the application process. Any questions can be directed to Kim Fox at 862-6700 or kfox@tamu.edu.



Display on Russian cultural items.

Bryan Firefighters Pipe and Drum Band - Fir Na Tine (Men of Fire)

Men of Fire, the new Pipe and Drum Band made up of Bryan firefighters, will be on display at Brazos Valley Worldfest.

The seven-member Local 1204 Pipe and Drum Band will perform at firefighter funerals and official ceremonies and participate in area parades and activities.

Although the group is not ready for a live performance, group members and their instructor will be on hand to share the purpose of their organization as well as demonstrate how to play the bag pipes. This demonstration of the Scottish culture is unique and an opportunity not to be missed.

For more information on Fir Na Tine, contact Lt. Todd Mack, Bryan Firefighters Association President and member of the band at 209-5975.

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International Facts

Did you know?

- Thailand means "Land of the Free".
- The world's coldest inhabited place is Norilsk, Russia where the average temperature is 12.4 degrees Fahrenheit (-10.9 Celsius).

Please contact Ms. Kim Fox, Festival Coordinator, with any questions or comments about Brazos Valley Worldfest or Friends of the Festival newsletter.

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