



## **NCOIL SPOUSAL/GUEST TOURS Austin, TX November 19 & 20, 2010**

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – TEXAS HILL COUNTRY PRIVATE TOUR**

Please meet Sandy Feldman at 9:15 a.m. in the lobby of the Austin Hilton Hotel where we'll depart via private motor coach for the scenic back roads of the Texas Hill Country. Our first stop will be in Johnson City where we will visit LBJ's boyhood home. Next, we'll journey to Stonewall, the Peach Capitol of Texas and home to the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. We'll tour the LBJ Ranch on the Pederales River, and see Wildseed farm, the largest wildflower farm in the area. Lunch will be in the historic town of Fredericksburg at a classic German restaurant. After lunch we'll all go to the town of Lukenback, made famous by Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. Our last stop will be a tasting and tour of the Sister Creek Winery. Don't miss out on this fun filled day – sign up to save your space. **Cost per person: \$77.00 - includes tour, lunch, tax and tips.**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – PRIVATE TOUR OF THE STATE CAPITOL**

Join us on Saturday in the lobby of the Austin Hilton Hotel at 1:15 p.m. where we'll depart via private motor coach for the Texas State Capitol. The Capitol, modeled after the nation's Capitol in Washington D.C., rises to a stately 309 feet and is the nation's tallest. Designed by architect Elijah E. Myers and constructed of red granite, the Capitol took more than seven years to complete. It was finished in 1888, at a total cost of more than three million dollars, an extravagant price by 19<sup>th</sup> century standards. We thank Representatives Craig Eiland and Larry Taylor, who have arranged for us to have a private tour and refreshments in the Members' Lounge. **Cost: per person for transportation, tax and tip is \$20.00.**

 **Please register by November 1 for our tours so that we can get a count for transportation.**

**Friday - Tour & Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ November 19, 2010 Number in party \_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday – Private Capitol Tour \_\_\_\_\_ November 20, 2010 Number in party \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Please make your checks payable to:**

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**No refunds on day of event unless tour is cancelled due to inclement weather.**

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### **Did You Know....**

The Texas Capitol is an extraordinary example of late 19th century public architecture and is widely recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished state capitols. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1986 for its "significant contribution to American history."



Sited on one of Austin's highest points, the Capitol anchors the northern periphery of the downtown commercial district and commands a sweeping view towards the Colorado River from its southern façade. The main campus of The University of Texas at Austin is situated four blocks to the north. Wonderful views of the Capitol's dome from many vantage points throughout the Austin area are protected from obscuration by state law.

Completed in 1888 as the winning design from a national competition, the Capitol's style is Renaissance Revival, based on the architecture of 15th-century Italy and characterized by classical orders, round arches and symmetrical composition. The structural exterior is "sunset red" granite, quarried just 50 miles from the site. Additional structural support is provided by masonry walls and cast iron columns and beams.

In 1993, the \$75 million underground Capitol Extension was completed to the north of the Capitol, doubling the square footage available to Capitol occupants and providing much improved functionality. In 1995, a comprehensive interior and exterior restoration of the original building was completed at a cost of approximately \$98 million. Finally, in 1997, the park-like grounds surrounding the Capitol were given a much needed \$8 million renovation and restoration.

*\* Austin City Guide*