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AIA Statewide Award!

Brian Ott, TTF board president, Susan Rankin, TTF executive director, Larry Speck, president Texas Society of Architects

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We are thrilled to announce that TTF recently won the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Citation of Honor. This award commemorates distinguished architectural design and achievements in public architecture. Projects like the Miró Rivera Restroom, Lou Neff Point, Pfluger Circle and the recently completed Johnson Creek Trailhead and Restrooms were recognized and, as the Texas Society of Architects stated in its nomination letter, "It is not each individual project that merits The Trail Foundation for this award. It is the sum total of all of their continual efforts for which they should be recognized."

ART Survey
The Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake is host to a myriad of public art works that you might be familiar with and others that you may not. Some of these works are permanent and others are temporary (being installed for a period of time lasting anywhere from a few weeks to a few months).

The Trail faces increasing pressures to site more public art, both permanent and temporary, along its route than it currently has. With this in mind, we want to ask you, our Trail users, about your perspectives on the art-works around you when you walk, bike, jog, stroll, run, etc. at the Trail.

In addition, in partnership with Women & Their Work, we are including questions about *Thirst*, the temporary public art installation currently on site. Thirst was funded in part by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.

Over the coming year, The Trail Foundation will be conducting additional research on art-at-the-Trail as it relates to its mission to protect and enhance the Trail.

Please take the [Trail Art Survey](#) and share your opinions with us; thank you!

**Boardwalk Progress**

Trail Ambassadors and Patrons were treated to a close-up and personal tour of the Boardwalk aboard Capital Cruises. Griffin Davis, a TTF founder and Capital Campaign Chair, regaled the tour-goers with tales of the history of this iconic project, Lady Bird Lake, and insights as to the public-private partnership. While there have been some delays due to the major rains, we still anticipate completion by summer of 2014.

**Trail Shirt Unveiling; Luke's Locker Happy Hour**

You are invited to Luke's Locker 3rd Anniversary celebration with a runner's
happy hour. The Luke's/Nike/TTF 2014 Trail shirt will be unveiled at 7:30. Trust us, you do not want to miss it!

**Luke's donates 100% of the proceeds of the Trail shirts for our Trail improvements; plus, the shirts make great holiday gifts.**

Luke's will be offering 20% off most retail items. Wed., December 11 6pm 5K Social Run, 6:30-8:00 Music, Refreshments, Raffles Live Band: Jayson Bales and the Charmers

**Safety First**

Now that it's winter time, many of us are out on the Trail when it is dark. Run in pairs, wear reflective/lighted gear, carry your cell phone and protective spray if out alone. Practice being aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious behavior.

If you encounter any persons or situations that need immediate attention, please do call 911.

And if you observe things that need less immediate attention such as maintenance, please email parksmaintenance@austintexas.gov.

**RunSafer - FREE!**
Thursday at 6:00pm Rogue Running

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Decker Challenge Water Stop**

We need your help! Please join TTF to cheer on the Decker Half marathoners and keep runners hydrated at our water stop. December 8 from 6:45 a.m - 10 a.m. Volunteers will receive a goody bag and a FREE TTF membership! Email Rachel for more information.

**Trail Tales from the Trail Memory Board**

Following is another memory left on the Trail Memory board this past February. Thanks to all of you who shared your memories and stories.

"Rain or shine, happy or sad, excited or tired. As often as is humanly possible, I run this Trail. And I'm never more ME, never more INSPIRED than when I'm here."