

Fort Worth South, Inc.

Report to Members & Partners
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Spring ArtsGoggle!

ArtsGoggle continues to grow, and last Friday's event set new records for the number of venues, artists, and musicians participating. It was great seeing so many people out on the street visiting 43 of the district's unique businesses. Bands played outside and the venues were packed with folks browsing and buying local art. Thanks to all of the artists, musicians, and businesses that participated. A special thanks to Miller Brewing for providing complimentary beer. The hard work of everyone involved – especially Fort Worth South's Michel Stebbins – continues to pay off as ArtsGoggle gains publicity. We'll do it again this fall on Friday, September 5, so mark your calendar!



Joe's Run benefiting Samaritan House – Last Saturday marked the first time Joe's Run (formerly Run to Joe's) was held on the Near Southside. Magnolia Green Park was the perfect setting for the finish, with vendors from the district lined up to serve great food to walkers, runners, spectators, and volunteers. Between ArtsGoggle, Joe's Run, and the grand opening of Baylor All Saint's Andrews Women's Hospital, thousands of visitors witnessed the district's revitalization for themselves over the weekend. Congratulations to Samaritan House for a great event!



Driehaus Form-Based Code Award – The Form-Based Codes Institute (FCBI) is a national group working to help cities update their outdated zoning and development codes in order to promote sustainable, urban development. Fort Worth South, Inc. worked with the City last year on this type of zoning update for the Near Southside. We're proud to announce that FCBI selected the Near Southside Development Standards and Guidelines as one of three winners of the 2008 Driehaus Form-Based Codes Award. The award will be presented to FWSI and City staff at the Congress for the New Urbanism in Austin this Saturday, April 5.

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CONGRESS
FOR THE
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URBANISM



Organic Farmers Market – Saturdays beginning April 19 at Elizabeth Anna's Old World Garden, 2825 Eighth Avenue. Farmer's Market opens at 8:00 am till sold out. Stop by for fresh organic produce and support this great neighborhood business.

Tarrant County's Annual AIDS WALK – Sunday, April 6, 2008, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fort Worth Community Arts Center and Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, registration fee: \$25. Your participation will help AIDS Outreach Center fund vital outreach, prevention, educational and support programs. 817-335-1994, ext. 224 or www.firstgiving.com/aocwalk.

SOLD! On Historic Neighborhoods – An annual event to promote historic neighborhoods, presented by Historic Fort Worth, Inc. on Saturday, April 12 at Thistle Hill, 1509 Pennsylvania Ave. \$5 per person children, under 12 free. For more information call Corry Smith 817-336-2344. Educational sessions include:

- Uncovering the History of Your House – Susan Kline, Historian
- I'm from the Government & I'm Here to Help: Historical designations and financial incentives available from the City – Liz Casso, Preservation Planner
- We Did It and So Can You: Lessons from the Historic Fairmount Southside Neighborhood – David & Marianna Thrapp, Fairmount Neighborhood
- Environmental Sustainability and the Historic House – Steve Kline, AIA
- The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly of Home Rehab – Brent Hull, Hull Historical Restorations



NEW BUSINESSES...

The Fairmount, 600 W. Magnolia Avenue – The Fairmount is a new music venue showcasing national, regional, and local acts while nurturing aspiring musicians with a Tuesday night Guitar Pull and Wednesday night Songwriter Showcase & Open Mic. **LIVE MUSIC 7 NIGHTS A WEEK.** Large full-service bar, separate beer-only bar, huge dance floor, special VIP area, free wireless internet, pool tables, killer jukebox, and one of the most advanced sound and light systems in the area. Completely remodeled with wood from a 100-year old barn and antique ceiling tin from an old grocery in Throckmorton. For more information visit www.thefairmountlive.com.



Julie Lazarus Gallery, 1617 Park Place – The work of Julie Lazarus is informed by 11 years in Murano and her sketches of Venice became the foundation of her range of paintings and glass sculpture. Visit www.julielazarusart.com for more.

Art Blown Glass - Sculpture - Paintings - Printmaking

Julie Lazarus

Jen Meyer Photography, 1020 W. Magnolia Avenue – “My love for capturing images started at a very early age. I absolutely loved my grandmother's Polaroid and drove her bananas using up all the film! I'm still that same little girl who sees things very differently and I'm so thankful for that.” The remodeled upstairs suite is something to see. Visit www.jenmeyerphotography.com.

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FWSI EVENTS...

Members Breakfast: Wednesday, April 2, 8 am – Chadra Mezza & Grill 1622 Park Place. May 7 host will be Quorum, 707 W. Vickery. We have 2008 dates open for hosts. Please contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org or 817-923-1343.

Member Host Happy Hour: South Village Townhomes, hosted by Gate Lock, 465 Bryan, 5:30 till 7:30 pm. Don't miss seeing this new work, live condo's concept. Please contact michel@fortworthsouth.org if you are interested in hosting a Happy Hour.

THANK YOU...

Lighthouse for the Blind for hosting our March Breakfast, and **Arts Fifth Avenue** for hosting our March Happy Hour.

MEMBERSHIP...

There are now **330 funding members** of Fort Worth South, Inc. New Members:

JPF Homes, Inc.	2252 Sixth Street	Joe Frank
Julie Larazus	1617 Park Place	Julie Lazarus
Magnolia Avenue Salon	711 W. Magnolia	Tim & Donna McDowell
Panther City Bicycles	1306 W. Magnolia	Bernie Scheffler
Signs Etc.	1800 Park Place	Bruce Richardson & Bill Lyons
The Salon Upstairs	1240 College Avenue	Vandy Cespedes
Historic Mehl, Park Hill Partners, & South Main Development		Fran McCarthy
OurFortWorth.com		Maureen Sullivan

Applications available at www.fortworthsouth.org “Join Us.” Dues support the redevelopment of the district.

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