



# What's COOKING

## HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
11:00 am to 10:00 pm

**Saturday & Sunday**  
3:00 pm to 10:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mother's Day**  
May 14th  
Open 10 am to 10 pm

**Father's Day**  
June 18th  
Open 10 am to 10 pm  
*Reservations open June 4th at 12:01 am*

**Grandparents and Grandchildren  
Texas History Tour:**  
June 13th  
9 am to 11 am

**Steak School:**  
June 17th  
9 am to 12 pm

**Adult History Tours:**  
September 9th  
October 7th  
9 am to 11 am

**Adult History Group Tours:**  
September 30th  
9 am to 11 am

**Wine Dinner:**  
September 25th  
6 pm

**Christmas Decoration Tours  
& Alan Anderson  
Jeweled Tree Event and Sale:**  
Saturday  
November 18th

Reservations for all events are available at [TasteofTexas.com/events](http://TasteofTexas.com/events). All proceeds from special events go into our employee scholarship program!



Nina pictured here with her wonderful Mother-in-Love and Edd's mom, Ann, ca. 2001. We miss our moms everyday!



Taste of Texas staff celebrating Father's Day

## MOTHER'S DAY May 14th

Don't miss celebrating this special day together as a family at Taste of Texas. We will open at 10am and serve continuously till 10pm. All Mom's will receive a complimentary family photo in our photo booth in front of the restaurant in the Wagon Barn.

*"Her children arise and call her "Blessed!"  
Proverbs 31:28*

## FATHER'S DAY June 18th

Celebrate Dad with a great steak for lunch or dinner on Father's Day! Taste of Texas will be open from 10am to 10pm serving continuously. Dad's will receive a special Father's Day Grilling Apron and a complimentary family photo in our photo booth out front.

*"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,  
and the hearts of the children to their fathers."  
Malachi 4:6*

Memories are created around special times and special meals. We look forward to seeing your family create those memories here at Taste of Texas.



### OUR 2023 GIFT GUIDES ARE HERE!

Scan the QR code to find a perfect gift for moms, dads, and grads.

## Reservations "Pro Tips"

Making a reservation is so easy! Go to [TasteofTexas.com](http://TasteofTexas.com) right from your smartphone, select "Make a reservation" and in moments you will have a reserved spot for dining lunch or dinner! We accept reservations 14 days in advance. You will need your cell phone number and personal email address – it's super easy! Be advised we cannot seat incomplete parties, so please have everyone here at the appropriate time. Maximum table size is 12 people. If reservations are full for the time slot you want, we accept a limited number of "Join the Waitlist" slots on the day of your dining. The system will tell you the approximate time to arrive for your seating. Simply select "Join the Waitlist" at [TasteofTexas.com](http://TasteofTexas.com)! And as always, we welcome "Walk in guests!" We will register your party when you arrive and quote a waiting time if the table is not immediately available.





**Edd & Nina** Edd and Nina had an amazing trip to Israel with their Second Baptist Church Family and both were baptized in the Jordan River. Nina by her two favorite "Ed's" Dr Ed Young and Edd Hendee! Edd Hendee has taught Bible Study at Second Baptist Woodway for 25 years this month!

**Hartlands/Hendees** Claudine and David Hartland just celebrated their 11 year wedding anniversary! They are excited to welcome son Sam home after his first year at SMU. Campbell (17) is finishing up his junior year and is looking forward to summer break. Hudson (16) is about to be a new driver and is enjoying playing rugby. Reagan (13) is continuing to play tennis and started cheer at Second Baptist school this year. Conrad (9) just finished spring baseball!

**Blackfords** are having a ball managing the busy E-Commerce business. Henry (7) is loving little league baseball and swim team. Fun-loving toddler Annie (2) keeps everyone on their toes. They love their church, neighborhood, and schools, and life is sweet.



**Blackards** Lisa and Chris are celebrating 15 years of marriage. They are still each other's favorite people, and absolutely love being parents to Hannah (12), Lizzie (10), and Maddie (5). The family stays busy with school work, sports, and dance practice. Chris is excited to take Hannah on her first mission trip

to Honduras over the summer with other dads and daughters from church. Life is a blast with three adventurous daughters!



**Poulsons** Our Poulson family is excited that Jackson's steer won Reserve Grand Champion at the Tarrant County Livestock Show and just completed his 14 year baseball career! He will graduate from All Saints Episcopal School this month and has been accepted to Texas A&M! Gig em! Grayson will graduate from TCU in December and will study abroad this summer in England.

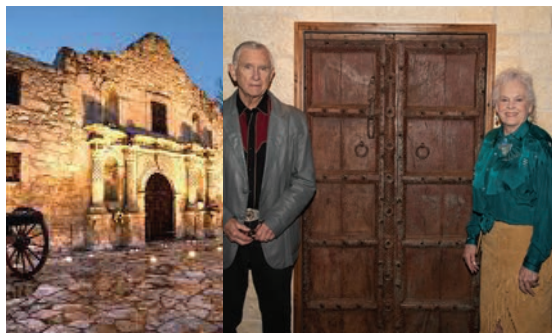
## Buckhead Meat and Seafood of Houston

What's more fun than Nina's Texas History School Tour Field Trips? In our opinion not much, but our management team had a great time on their field trip to Buckhead Meat and Seafood of Houston. Director of Merchandising, Amanda Mims showed our team their immaculate facility and walked us through the step-by-step process on how those incredibly delicious, perfectly aged steaks gets to your table. We are thankful for our partnership with them and appreciate their dedication to providing Taste of Texas with excellent customer service. Thanks Amanda!





## The Alamo Doors have a New Home at the Taste!



In September of 2022, Nina received a phone call that would change the Taste of Texas Museum Collection forever. The Interior Sacristy Doors of the Alamo Chapel had been in a private collection since 1954 and were coming available for bid. These doors had been sold by the Alamo to a private collector and had been displayed in Texas for almost 7 decades. The

collectors were liquidating their extensive holdings. Nina contacted the auction house and began to inform them of the 15,000 school tours for Texas 4th graders each year, and the 1000+ people daily who come to Taste of Texas Restaurant. Those numbers piqued the interest of the collectors whose primary desire was that the doors would remain in Texas and be highly visible in their display to educate young people about the courage and valor of our founding fathers in Texas. On December 16th, we were informed that we had won the bid! Oh Happy Day! We took delivery of the doors and began planning their display. On March 6, 2023 on the 187th Anniversary of the battle of the Alamo, the doors went on permanent display in the lobby of the Taste of Texas, and have been causing quite a stir since then!



## Historical Significance

The Spanish Government built the Alamo which was known as Mission Valero in 1717. The doors of the Interior Sacristy of the church were built in 1750. On March 6, 1836 the battle of the Alamo inscribed the names of those 189 Texian defenders into our history forever: Crockett, Travis, Bowie, and Dickinson became household names for all who have toured the Alamo and revered it's history. It was behind those doors that Susannah Dickinson hid with her 18 month old daughter Angelina in her arms listening to the shouting, rifle & cannon shots of this brave battle. Her husband Almaron Dickinson was just a few feet away directing the cannon on the rampart wall of the church. In the early moments of the battle, Almaron ran to Susannah and said, "All is lost, and I hope that you should live." Colonel David Crockett just before the battle came to pray with Susannah and re-dedicated his life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and then returned to his position. Oh, if these doors could only talk and tell of the stories of that day. But they can! Susannah recounted her experiences and they are recorded for history forever. Now these doors bear witness to the bravery, struggle, and sacrifice that makes our Texas so unique. They are sentinels to our Texas Heritage.

*"The enemy has demanded our surrender at discretion. Otherwise the garrison are to be put to the sword if the fort is taken. I have answered their demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat. I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his honor and that of his country. Victory or death."*  
PS: The Lord is on our side."

- Colonel William Barrett Travis

## STAFF NEWS



Server Ivan Ramirez is an accomplished marathon runner and will be running the Brooklyn Half Marathon on May 20, 2023. Good luck Ivan! We are proud of you!



Grill at Home Store Staff Laura Moreno graduated Texas Tech University Nursing Program and started her nursing career at Texas Childrens Hospital in the NICU. Laura has been a part of the Taste for six years. Well done Laura!

Lauren Dubner graduated University of Arkansas pre-med and is studying for her M-CAT exam. Lauren is a superstar having worked at Taste for 7 years started working as Door Hostess while at Stratford High School.



Long time staff member Mari Marin and her partner Shelby Smith are engaged. They met working at the Taste of Texas in 2017. They are the 47th couple to have met and married from the Taste of Texas.





# TASTE OF TEXAS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please check our website for details and register online at [www.tasteoftexas.com](http://www.tasteoftexas.com)*

#### **Grandparents & Grandchildren Texas History Tour**

**June 13th at 9:00 am** - Join Nina for her presentation of Texas History and Legends like you have never heard it before. You are invited to bring your grandchildren ages 8 and older for a special morning together. Cost is \$50 plus tax for adults and \$25 plus tax for children and includes lunch.

#### **Steak School**

**June 17th at 9:00 am** - You'll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This makes a wonderful Father's Day gift for the steak lovers and "grillers" in your life. Cost is \$150 person and includes steak lunch.

#### **Adult Texas History Tour with Nina**

**September 9th & October 7th at 9:00 am** - Join Nina for a morning of Texas History and Legends like you have never heard it before. Lunch is included. Cost is \$50 plus tax per person.

#### **Group Texas History Tour**

**September 30th at 9:00 am** - Special groups of 10 or more only. Please reserve via email to [lacey@tasteoftexas.com](mailto:lacey@tasteoftexas.com). Cost is \$50 plus tax per person.

#### **Spec's Wine Dinner**

**September 25th at 6:00 pm** - Carroll B. "Spec" Jackson and his wife Carolynn opened this Houston Classic in 1962. The name originated from "Spec" Jackson's glasses or "spectacles" - which are part of the iconic Spec's Rabbit on the logo! In 1971 Lindy Jackson Rydman and her husband John joined the family business after graduating from college. And their daughter Lisa Rydman-Lindsey is the 3rd generation of leadership as the director of marketing and special events. They have 165 stores in Texas, and are the largest vendor of liquor in Houston. Their expertise and wine selection is unmatched. This family owned and operated company is also very involved in education at UH and North Texas. \$195 plus tax per person. Includes gratuity.

#### **Christmas Decorations Tour with Nina & Alan Anderson Trunk Show**

**November 18th at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, & 1:00**

Nina will be giving a Christmas tour and talk about her favorite Christmas collections and more. Come and enjoy the spectacular Christmas décor that has become a Houston holiday destination. Alan Anderson will also be here with a display of his beautiful jeweled trees for sale. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$25 plus tax per person. Space is limited.

Please note: We do not ship tickets for the events. You will receive a confirmation email after registration is complete, and your name will be added to the event's guest list. Proceeds from all events benefit our employee scholarship program. Space is limited, so please reserve early.