

Frio Cañon
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Celebrating the Red, White & Blue

For me, there's always been something about watching the American flag, high above my head, swaying in the wind, that conjures up emotions. I feel a sense of excitement as my mind wanders to the image of Emanuel Leutze's famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware on a boat, with his fellow revolutionaries. I imagine how they must have felt, boldly carrying the flag of the nation they were fighting to create. I remember the shock and sadness I felt seeing the images on television of New York firefighters raising a flag over the ruins of the World Trade Center after the attacks of September 11, 2001. I remember the photograph of a group of marines raising our stars and stripes at Iwo Jima and later seeing the bronze reproduction at the Memorial on an eighth grade class trip to Washington D.C. It wasn't until I listened to the stories of my parent's friends who fought in Vietnam that I began to understand its enduring purpose of encouraging weary soldiers who press on through the pain of paying the cost of our freedom.

American history is filled with moments of sadness and stories of hard times, but it is also filled with moments of great celebration and stories of overcoming those hard times. I am reminded of this every time I see our flag. Regardless of whether I feel excitement, somber sadness or even a great sense of respect, it is because of our country's triumphs, in spite of everything, that I will always feel pride. Every year, on the Fourth of July, we are taken back to those stories from American history books and those great moments in time we were present to experience first-hand, to those moments that make us proud to be Americans. We remember what an

incredible country we live in. As we celebrate with our friends and our family, we remember those who have fought to preserve our freedoms and protect what our forefather's created. We teach our children about what our Independence Day truly means and we celebrate this country's greatness. We are thankful for what we have overcome and what history has taught us.

For me, celebrating the history of this great country on the Fourth of July meant riding in the Leakey July Jubilee Parade with my friends and family, seeing a sea of red, white and blue and smiling faces looking back at me from the street, not a care in the world about the rain soaking each of us. It meant enjoying a plate of ribs and potato salad, made by my dear friends, as I relaxed on the Frio River, watching my daughter splash around with her Aunts and Uncle. It meant jokes with a dear friend about "celebrating with the rebels," with a laugh and a sparkle in his Scottish eye. It meant shooting off a seemingly endless stream of fireworks late into the night. For me, this Fourth of July wasn't only a time to celebrate the history of this country, but to create a history of my own, for my family. I can only hope that all of my Fourth of July experiences are filled with parades down Main Street in Leakey, Rene's ribs and s'mores with my family and friends. I hope it's filled with Hill Country views, only to be outdone by the beauty of fireworks' bright lights and the sounds of rushing water, which seem to carry with them the sounds of children's laughter. I will, however, hope for a little less rain in the years to come.

Abigail Dalglish

Upcoming Frio Cañon Community Events

August

The Frio Model Cottage is complete and open every Saturday and Sunday through the month of August from 11 am to 5 pm. Stop in for a tour.

August 6th-7th

Regents School of Austin Football Retreat

Sep. 4th

Join us as we celebrate the heritage of Frio Cañon. The Mear family, who originally owned the land that is now Frio Cañon, will be joining us for this historical day as we dedicate our bridge in their family's name. Please come and listen to the stories from the past and help create new stories for generations to come. The dedication will take place from 4 to 7 pm.

Sep. 5th

Check out the Frio Scramble parent and child golf outing at Concan Golf Club. Anyone interested in joining us for an afternoon of family fun golf, please contact Diane for all details. diane@friocanon.net or 210-863-1739.



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Community 🦎 Updates

Name That Mountain Competition

The competition to name the mountain that sits in the center of Frio Cañon is in full swing! From now, until the end of the year, we will be taking name suggestions. In choosing a name, we are looking for something simple, perhaps related to the history of the area and that expresses the beauty of the area. To offer a name, email abigail@friocanon.net with your contact information, as well as your suggestion(s). The winning name receives an overnight stay at Frio Cañon. Good luck!



New Website and Facebook

Frio Cañon has made big changes to its website. Make sure to check out the new design and our new blog for everything you want to know about the Hill Country. Visit www.friocanon.net and don't forget to find us and friend us on Facebook if you haven't yet!

10% Down Program

ABC Bank and Frio Cañon are offering financing for Frio Cañon properties. Typically, 20-25% down payment is required depending on the Buyer qualifications. In this economy many interested Buyers want to sell another property or finalize some personal business before buying into Frio Cañon, therefore we have developed a special program that we call the 10% Down Program. The 10% program is an incentive that reduces the down payment to 10% down.

Here is how it works:

10% down payment at closing and interest only till the end of 2011. At the end of 2011, the balance of the typical down payment is due which would be an additional 10-15% down. Payments would convert to a 20 year amortization. Basically this program helps Buyers reserve a Frio Cañon property with only 10% down and gives them up to 18 months to sort out any other business matters. This financing is a one-time closing so the Buyer does not need to re-qualify at the end of 2011. Specific terms will be based on Buyer's qualifications and customized to fit their particular needs. If this program is of interest to you, please call for information at 830-232-5904 and we will get you connected to the appropriate officer at ABC Bank so that you can discuss the specifics of how this program can help you finance a Frio Cañon property.

Blog Idea Submissions

If you'd like to share your experience and pictures from Frio Cañon with us, we'd love to feature it on our new blog. Tell us your favorite activities, events and places to go in Leakey, on the Frio Cañon property and in the surrounding areas. We want to know what you love about the Hill Country and Frio Cañon! Send submissions to abigail@dalglesh.net and look for your story on our new blog at www.friocanon.net/lblog.

Bridge Dedication

Join us over Labor Day Weekend as we dedicate the Frio Cañon bridge in honor of local pioneer, Sabra Adeline Mear. The Mear family still lives in the area and they continue to oversee the daily operations of the John Mear Ranch, which at one point, included the land we now call Frio Cañon.



We love Leakey- Fourth of July

For this year's Leakey Fourth of July Jubilee Parade, Frio Cañon's float theme was "We love Leakey". Shirts were exclusively designed to fit this theme and all of our participants wore them during the parade. T-shirts were sold to the general public following the parade, with net proceeds benefitting the Leakey EMS and the Leakey Volunteer Fire Department. Frio Cañon was able to make a combined gift of \$700 to the two organizations shortly after the holiday weekend. T-shirts are still for sale and if you'd like one, please contact Diane Eagan at diane@friocanon.net.



🦎 Building A Cottage 🦎

As we began to create for Frio Cañon, our vision included a commitment to quality architecture and design. We didn't want the buildings to be fancy or pretentious, but rather simple and artistic. Our vision was for a waterfront cottage community. The endearing thing about cottages is that they are both humble and artistic. They are informal and authentic. They inspire creativity and are relaxed. Building a cottage requires a discipline to keep things simple, which is difficult in a complicated world.

I loved a cottage my friend David Shiflet designed. My company built it for him on Lake Travis several years ago. He called it a "study in small" and a "study of simple". I loved that little place so much, I asked him if I could take his basic concept and modify it in my own way. I added a bunk room for children. I added a folding door that opens the living area up with the screen porch, now furnished with a fireplace. I detailed things a bit differently and carefully placed windows to inspire guests with the scenic beauty of the area. Charles Travis helped me design a Guest Cottage that along with the Car Barn, creates a cluster of buildings around the gardens. My friend, Roy Materanek, one of Austin's best interior designers, helped furnish the cottages with his artistic eye.

The most important decision we made was in how we sited the

buildings on the property. We positioned the screen porch to catch the breezes that prevail up the Frio River. Perched on a riverside knoll, you can hear the waterfalls day and night. You can look across the Frio and watch the setting sun disappear behind the mountain ridge to the west. At night, the moonlight reflects off the cool face of the river and you can see lightning bugs flicker in the darkness. The Frio Cottage is folksy and simple, artistic yet humble. It is a place to be refreshed, a place to be inspired. It is a comfortable place designed carefully to scratch the itch of our soul that yearns for simplicity and a slower pace. Building a Cottage is an art, but staying there is almost heaven!

David Dalglesh

Come and visit the Frio Cottage! Open Houses are on most Saturday afternoons and tours can be scheduled on request.

Special thanks to my friends who helped me with design:

- David Shiflet, architect
- Charles Travis, architect
- Scott Hawley, architect
- Roy Materanek, Interior Designer
- Robert Champion, Construction Management

