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Staying Connected: Former Interns of the BHA and Where Are They Now

In the previous issue of the BHA's Banner Newsletter, we highlighted the Rudy De La Garza Scholarship and the Brownsville Historical Association's internship program. We also recognized a group of our returning interns who had the opportunity to be with us for two consecutive semesters. These interns, like others, have grown over the course of their internship and established a connection with staff that will continue beyond their internship.



Leonor C. Medina
Collections and Exhibit Project
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they now?" This first feature is unique in that it also doubles as a Staff Spotlight!

Meet our very own Leonor C. Medina, Collections and Exhibit Project Coordinator, for the Brownsville Historical Association. Leonor oversees the Costumes of the Americas Museum daily operations by working the front desk and managing the location. Leonor graduated in the Fall of 2021 from UTRGV with a major in History and minor in Political Science. Her degree has allowed her to work in the museum field; something she has always

The BHA is grateful to see the influence it has had on various students that have interned with our organization and more importantly, stay connected with them through updates on their careers and/or studies. This beckons the question "Where are they now?"

In this issue we would like to highlight and update you on one of our past interns for the first installment of "Where are

wanted. As an intern, Leonor was part of the Fall Semester interns, and present during the installation of the WaterWays Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition, as well as and the transition of the Costumes of the Americas Museum from its previous location. Her experience as an intern working with collections and exhibit curation prepared her

for current position with the BHA. Leonor started working for the BHA in May of 2022 where her first project was to assist with the Grand Opening of the Costumes of the Americas Museum in its new location as well as curating its first exhibition *Hidden in Fabric*. She remarks that, "Everything in running a museum is still new and still a learning process, but I enjoy the work and also enjoy the many patrons that visit the museum."

The BHA is fortunate to have dedicated staff like Leonor that are passionate about their work. Likewise, it is gratifying to witness the impact and influence the internship program has made, firsthand.

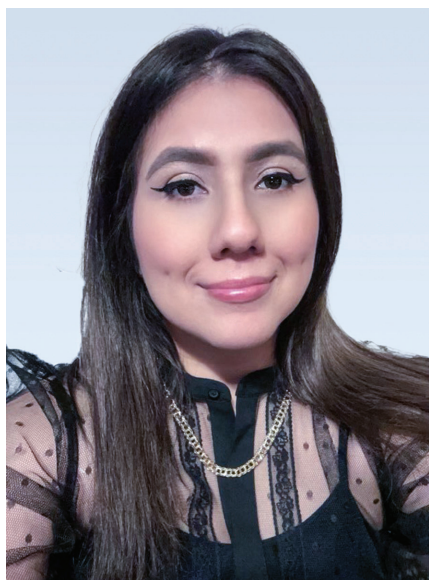


Leonor (L) with Collections Manager, Aubrey Nielsen (R), at Cocktails with a Curator.



Leonor (R) with Collections Manager Aubrey Nielsen (L) preparing a mannequin for the *Hidden in Fabric* exhibit.

Intern Spotlight



Lizette Paredes

We are fortunate to have interns and volunteers whose time and effort help support the BHA's mission. In this issue we would like to introduce to you one of our spring semester interns that was tasked with helping curate the *Roots of the Maya World Exhibit* under the guidance of our Collections Manager.

Lizette Paredes is majoring in anthropology at UTRGV. She has always been fascinated with the past and the tales that come along with history. In the future, she hopes to make a discovery of something unknown to the world and visit Egypt. Over the course of this internship, Lizette has enjoyed her experience working alongside BHA staff and was amazed by the artifacts in the collection. She also learned about the amount of work that a Collections Manager faces in maintaining and tracking the inventory of documents, artifacts, and displays. Lizette commented, "My most memorable moment so far was being able to dress the mannequins for the Roots of the Maya World exhibit. I loved working with the ladies from the Consulado de Guatemala and learning about the textiles." Overall, she felt her internship solidified her ambition of collecting and discovering historical artifacts.

Upcoming Events

"Guatemalan Heritage-Mystical and Unique": Lecture and Presentation by Irma Eralda Cristal Tos.

When: Saturday, August 5, 2023

Time: 6-8 p.m.

The event will begin promptly, so please arrive 15 minutes early to check in and find a seat.

Where: Historic Brownsville Museum, 641 E Madison Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

Limited seating available. RSVP REQUIRED. Please call (956) -525-7252

Nahual is a Mesoamerican mythology in which it is believed that a person may take an animal form. Ms. Irma Eralda Cristal Tos, psychology graduate with a certification in the science and philosophy of the Maya, will present a lecture on Nahuales. The BHA, in collaboration with the Consulate of Guatemala in McAllen, will offer a special lecture and food presentation. Enjoy an afternoon learning about Guatemalan culture and sample *bocaditos* or bite sized delicious food.

Historical Happy Hour: "Shop & Sip"

When: Friday, August 25, 2023

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Where: Heritage Museum, Vezzetti Room, 1325 E. Washington Street

Cost: Free for BHA members, \$15 if you RSVP and pay before the event, \$20 at the door. Sorry no refunds.

For more information, please (956) 541-5560

Take a break from the summer heat and cool off with the BHA! Grab a drink and shop from various items previously featured at Clutter for a Cause. Items for sale include office supplies and furniture. All proceeds from this sale will go on to directly support the BHA. If you can't join us but would like to help, please consider donating online. Event open for those 21 years old and over. Thank you to L&F Distributors for making this program possible.

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SEE THE EXHIBIT BEFORE IT ENDS!

Historical Happenings



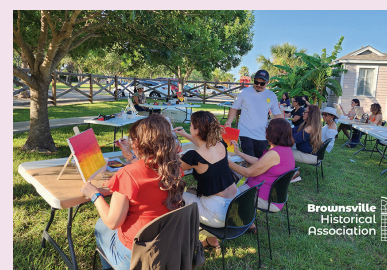
April Historical Happy Hour



Bebeleche- Dia Del Niño
Celebration with Revival of Cultural
Arts and the Mexican Consulate

Guatemala's Textile Fashion Show

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Cemetery



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