

Newsletter

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Informally Speaking



Letter From the President

Happy Summer to all!

School's out, but many of you are in full swing with summer camp and other summer programming. Summer's also a busy time for professional development opportunities for educators that you may be hosting or attending yourself. Speaking of professional development, if you are receiving this newsletter, you've probably attended an ISEA conference in the past. The ISEA conference is one of the best professional development opportunities for informal science educators in the state, so please plan to join us February 26-28, 2020 in Waco and invite friends. The ISEA Board is planning a great conference - you can find all the updates as they develop on our awesome new website texasinformalscience.org and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

See you soon,

Melissa Mullins
ISEA President

New Board Member Highlight

Please join us in welcoming our new board members Sarah Jenevein, Emily Clark and Sarah Miller.



Sarah Jenevein is a graduate student in STEM education with broad experience in both the formal and informal science education worlds, and she is passionate about improving science communication and bringing science to a wider audience.

Emily Clark is the Museum Engagement Manager at the Mayborn Museum, with a specialization in the making and tinkering space as well as contributing to the Teen Science Café.

Sarah Miller is the volunteer engagement coordinator at the Mayborn Museum where she is working on reimagining and revamping the Portal to the Public program to help Baylor researchers connect their scientific research to the public.

Welcome!

Staying Connected

This summer is filled with workshops, conferences, institutes, and for those that can get away, vacations. The informal education world is normally buzzing in the summer with all kinds of events. How do we capture it all? The *Informally Speaking* newsletter goes out twice a year. Traditionally, it has been a way to send out news about the upcoming ISEA conference or share out information about CAST.

In recent years, the place for communicating events, sharing pictures, and acknowledging our fellow members has gone digital. Not just uploading a file to email and sending it to all the members, but it is live. Think about how we share of our information to the virtual world. It can be overwhelming how much we put out to social media in just one day!

Looking at Facebook today, I see a lot is going on around Texas. ISEA of Texas members are hard at work facilitating events and participating in learning experiences all across the state. How do we know? We open up our different social media platforms and there it is! Today, I can see conservation collaboration between Texas organizations, workshops being hosted on the Texas coast, upcoming events to the Austin area, and so much more. Another way we come together is through Twitter, maybe it is being replaced with Instagram, but when you look at both of these applications, they offer all of us an opportunity to share "instantly."

There is a common saying that "a picture is worth a thousand words." This summer, take the time to upload your images and text to ISEA's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. It is a global way to reach out and get the word out about what you are doing as well as how we can learn more about the world of discovery this summer.

Upcoming



The Texas Association of Museums 3rd annual fundraising conference is next week! Register your spot for the August 19-20, 2019 conference in Dallas today.

www.texasmuseums.org

Rigor on the Move

Here is Rigor with Board Member Sarah Coles in South Texas! To keep up with Rigor, make sure you friend him on **Facebook**.



New Web Space

ISEA has a NEW website. Check us out and get the latest news about informal education:

www.informalscience.org

State Parks are Awesome in the Summer!

Sun's out, fun's out! Swim, paddle, and explore at a **Texas State Park**. No matter where you're at, there should be a Texas State Park within a couple hours drive!

Check out all the summer happenings **here**.

Looking Back

Thank you to all those who continue to support ISEA's commitment to furthering informal science education in Texas through the scholarship program.

ISEA was able to offer scholarships to 10 scholarship attendees at the 2019 conference at Camp Aranzazu in Rockport, TX. These attendees received \$250 to help towards registration costs.

Through live and silent auction, we managed to raise about \$4,100 for our 2020 scholarships.

2019 scholarship attendees wrote that they "loved connecting and sharing ideas with other passionate people." They also "really enjoyed the pre/post conference activities, especially birding."

Save the Date for ISEA 2020

ISEA 2020 Vision For the Future Feb 26-28, 2020

Baylor Research Innovation Collaborative (BRIC)
Cameron Park Zoo
Mayborn Museum
And more...

SEE YOU IN WACO!



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