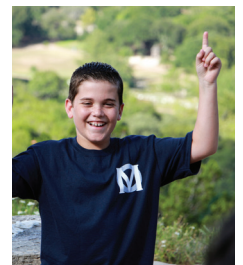




# MO-MESSENGER

stay connected with Mo-Ranch news



## - Changes happening at Mo-Ranch - The columbarium at Serenity Hill

It's been a year of exciting changes happening here at Mo-Ranch. One of the most recent changes at the ranch is the addition of a columbarium.

The columbarium at Serenity Hill is located in the beautiful outdoor setting of Mo-Ranch, just below Chapel on the Hill, connected by a pathway leading to Inspiration Point.

A columbarium is a physical place of remembrance and celebration of life. It is a permanent structure designed with recessed compartments, referred to as niches, for placing urns containing cremated remains.



One of four water features at Serenity Hill.

Memorial options at Serenity Hill include inurnment with niche spaces, in-ground interment, scattering ashes and memorial plaques.



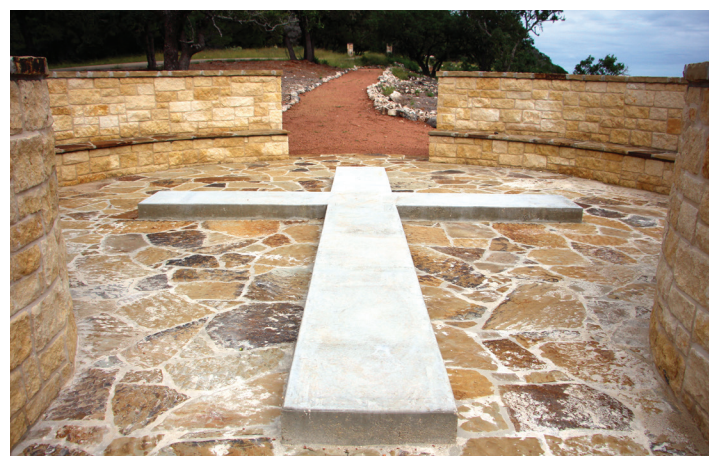
September Young Adult Weekend worship ceremony at Serenity Hill.



Scenic view overlooking the Guadalupe at Serenity Hill.



The columbarium area at Serenity Hill.



Columbarium niche space foundation in-progress at Serenity Hill.

Interested in reserving a niche space or other memorial options?

For questions regarding reservations, or to request an application, please contact the Serenity Hill administrator at 1.800.460.4401.

Applications and additional information are available online at [www.moranch.org/support](http://www.moranch.org/support).

Mo-Ranch is now a Texas Education Agency approved continuing professional education provider

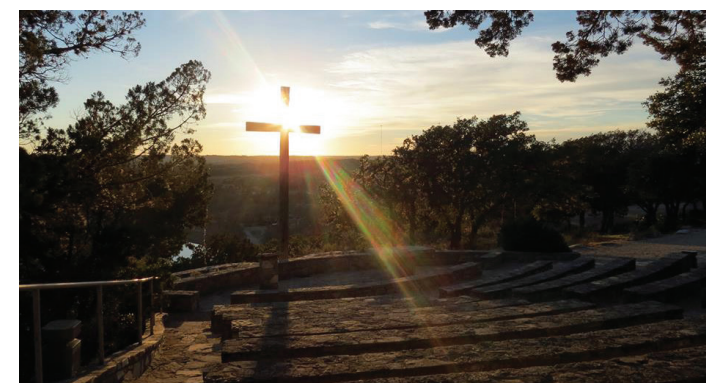


Mo-Ranch currently offers 12 conferences and retreats under the creative arts ministry that are now eligible for CPE hours at no additional cost. For more information on CPE hours, visit [www.moranch.org/attend](http://www.moranch.org/attend).

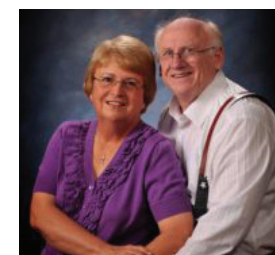
## Change doesn't happen without you! Your gifts make all the difference

Help continue to change lives and support the great advancements happening here at Mo by making a gift of any size to the Mo-Ranch annual fund. Unrestricted gifts allow Mo-Ranch the greatest flexibility to meet our most urgent needs.

Please be on the lookout for the fall appeal in your mailbox over the next few weeks, or respond today with the envelope enclosed in this newsletter.



## New programs and speakers are in store for 2017



New writing retreat, led by **Dr. Jerry Lincecum** and **Dr. Peggy Redshaw**, is set for February 2017.



**David LaMotte** will lead the May 2017 "Be the change" College Connection.



**Rev. Dr. Blair R. Monie** will lead the 2017 Men's Conference.



The 2017 Women's Conference and Young Adult Weekend will be led by **MaryAnn McKibben Dana**.

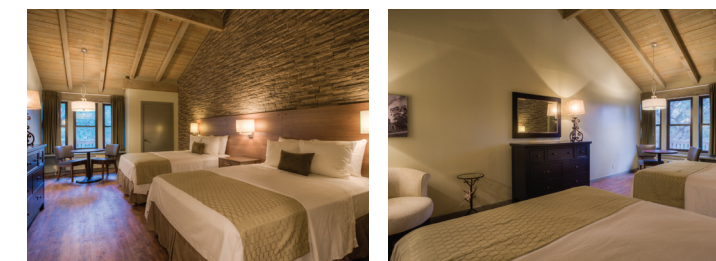


## The Mo-Ranch bookstore/gift shop has a new look

In the spring of this year, the Mo-Ranch bookstore/gift shop unveiled a new look. The store was completely remerchandised with a new floor layout, paint, light fixtures and many new merchandise options with over 40 new vendor lines to better serve Mo-Ranch guests.

The store now carries infant clothing, art supplies, Columbia PFG, Spirit Jerseys, Comfort Colors T-shirts, ENO hammocks, Nalgene water bottles, Tervis tumblers, outdoor gear, summer camp items and all of your traditional Mo-Ranch favorites. Stop in during your next visit!

## Renovations scheduled for winter to complete Wynne/Flato hotel rooms



In 2014, Mo-Ranch began a lodging campaign to remodel and upgrade guest rooms, exteriors of buildings and associated public spaces to better serve you, our guests.

Progress on this campaign will continue with 40 of the remaining Wynne/Flato hotel rooms set to be completed by spring of 2017.

Additional funds are still being sought to complete the 15 remaining rooms in Pheasant Run.

A gift of \$15,000 will dedicate a room in someone's honor.

## Mo-Ranch honors those who have made the decision to leave “their mark” on Mo

Mo-Ranch hosted the first Circle M Club event this spring in conjunction with the April board of trustees meeting. The event was created to celebrate and honor those who have made the decision to leave their mark on Mo-Ranch through a designated planned gift.

The night was an induction ceremony filled with festivities that included a dinner catered by Mo-Ranch, live music, old friends, laughter and reflection on Mo-Ranch’s history and memories. Future Circle M Club events will be hosted in April of each year to recognize new club inductees.

If you have made the decision to leave your mark on Mo-Ranch and have not yet notified us, let us recognize you by inducting you into The Circle M Club. Please contact the Mo-Ranch development office at 1.800.460.4401 ext. 226 or [crprobandt@moranch.org](mailto:crprobandt@moranch.org).

### Club membership benefits include:

- Recognition on a prominent plaque in the main area of the Mabee Registration Building that displays the club member’s name.
- Exclusive invitations to special Mo-Ranch events held around Texas.
- Recognition in the Mo-Ranch newsletter and annual report.
- Membership pin and/or pendant to wear proudly of The Circle M Club logo. The Circle M Club logo is derived from the registered cattle brand mark of Mo-Ranch’s original owner, Dan Moran.



*Adele and Sam Junkin, Circle M Club members, stood for recognition during the event.*



*Martha and Bob Turner and Donna and Ben Nichols attended the event.*



*The Reverend Jack and Alice Hunnicutt, Circle M Club members, attended event. Jack made a very memorable keynote speech, sharing with attendees why Mo-Ranch holds a special place in his heart.*



*First inducted members into The Circle M Club.*

## - April 2016 Circle M Club inductees - Thank you to the following honorees:

Jeanie and Dan Flowers  
 Mary K. and Clifford Grum  
 Judith and Malcolm Hall  
 Carolyn Harte  
 Julia and George Jordan  
 Nesha and George Morey  
 Angie and Ed Richmond  
 Marilyn Woodhouse  
 Geoffrey and Lacy Wright  
 Clarice Amann  
 Robert and Laurie Bruce  
 Carolynn and Stan Cobbs  
 Kay Craig  
 Harlan and Janett Crouse  
 Clyde Day  
 Judy and George Dishman  
 Fane Downs  
 Linda and David Evans  
 Jay Evans  
 John Evans  
 Sarah and Byron French  
 Ronald and Rebecca Gafford  
 Shelley and John Galbraith  
 Sibyl and Bill Galbraith  
 Charlotte Harper  
 G. Philip Huey  
 Chuck and Joan Hudson  
 Jack and Alice Hunnicutt  
 Sam Junkin  
 Karen Langley  
 Ray and Laurie McDonald  
 David and Ida McElroy  
 Otis and Marilyn Moore  
 Phyllis Morgan  
 Mike and Mary Murray  
 Jerry Newbold  
 Mary Northern  
 Bookman and Florence Peters  
 Carol and Bob Potteet  
 Dick and Lynne Powell  
 Mary and George Sullivan  
 Fran and Bob Shelton  
 Brenda and Les Staples  
 Kevin and Margaret Starnes  
 Jeanne Forrest West

Save the date for  
**#GIVING**  
**TUESDAY**  
 November 29, 2016  
 with a \$10,000 goal and a \$5,000 match just for Mo-Ranch!

A generous donor has agreed to provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds to encourage other Mo-Ranch friends and new donors to support Mo-Ranch on Giving Tuesday.

### What is Giving Tuesday?

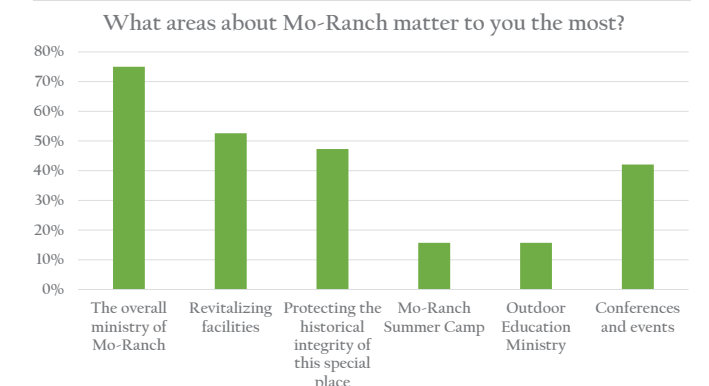
Giving Tuesday, observed after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, is an international day of giving. Join people from all over the world as they unite for one common purpose - to celebrate generosity and to give.

Please mark your calendars to join this online giving movement for Mo-Ranch on Tuesday, November 29. Mo-Ranch will have a special webpage for Giving Tuesday online at [www.moranch.org/support](http://www.moranch.org/support).

### Your opinion matters!

Mo-Ranch recently surveyed a targeted list of donors to see what areas about Mo-Ranch mattered most to them.

The top areas that were selected included the overall ministry of Mo-Ranch, revitalizing facilities, protecting the historical integrity of this special place and conferences and events.



## What others are saying about their experiences at Mo-Ranch:

“It feels like home. My children and I have made visits to Mo-Ranch for two of the Thanksgiving and Easter retreats over the past two years. My daughter cried when we left today!”

-2016 Easter attendee

“It is a very special spiritual and beautiful place. You can't help but be inspired just by coming here and visiting all of the beauty that Mo offers. ART@MO is a time for renewal, a time to try new things, perfect skills and make new friends.”

-2016 ART@MO Conference attendee

“There was so much comfort for me being surrounded by others who were grieving their own losses, instead of just being with those who know and grieve my story already.”

-2016 Comfort and Hope Conference attendee

“This is a jewel in the crown of PC(USA) – awesome!”

-2016 Mo-Ranch Women's Conference attendee

“What a wonderful opportunity to see outstanding young people take charge and bond with people of different ages. I could see them blossoming right before my eyes! What a life-changing experience!”

-2016 Mo-TLC youth sponsor

“Mo-Ranch is a wonderful place. We learn many things and make new friends. All of God's people come together to worship and praise God.”

-2016 Multi-Cultural Youth Conference attendee

“It's a life-changing week where you build new relationships, strengthen old ones and grow closer to God. It's the best week of my year!”

-2016 Youth Celebration attendee

“It was truly a blessing for me and my granddaughter. God bless all of you and thank you so very much.”

-2016 Grand Camp attendee

“If you want to get closer to God and meet new people, while also having fun, go to Mo-Ranch!”

-2016 Junior High Jubilee attendee



## 2016 program highlights



## Mo-Ranch Summer Camp grows in number and expands to new regions

Mo-Ranch Summer Camp had an exciting summer filled with new traditions, new faces and new places!

New traditions are beginning that include a vibrant arts program and a full-time camp counselor just for the arts, camp clubs with the foxes versus the hawks, theme weeks, outdoor cooking classes and more.

“We had an amazing summer of growth and new experiences for Mo-Ranch Summer Camp. One of the highlights of our summer was packing up and heading to Weslaco for the first-ever Mo-Ranch Camp in the Valley,” said Shasha McCracken, director of Mo-Ranch Summer Camp. “All of our staff had so much fun seeing so many participants experience the magic of summer camp for the very first time.”

Thanks to the generous support of Mission Presbytery, the Synod of the Sun and other donors, Mo-Ranch counselors were able to bring the Mo-Ranch Summer Camp experience to 36 underserved children in the Rio Grande Valley.

Mo-Ranch Summer Camp had a record-breaking summer!

682

total campers for summer camp and day camp programs, and

213

total scholarships were granted.

Because of you, more children have experienced summer camp and the ministry of Mo-Ranch.



Teen Adventure Day Camp scholarship participants kayaked the Guadalupe and rode bikes along the Kerrville River Trail.



## 2016 camp highlights



First-ever Mo-Ranch Summer Camp in the Valley scholarship participants gather for a group photo.

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## 2017 Mo-Ranch event schedule

### Events

Polar Bear Challenge.....January 1  
Spring Break Getaway.....March 5-19  
Easter @ Mo.....April 14-16  
Thanksgiving @ Mo.....November 23-26

### Conferences for youth

Mo-TLC: Teen Leadership Conference.....June 11-16  
Youth Celebration.....June 25-30  
Junior High Jubilee I.....July 2-6  
Junior High Jubilee II.....July 9-13  
MCYC: Multi-Cultural Youth Conference.....July 6-9

### Conferences for adults

Men's Conference.....May 5-7  
College Connection.....May 15-19  
Women's Conference I.....May 30-June 1  
Women's Conference II.....June 2-4  
Young Adult Weekend.....September 15-17

### Camps

Mo-Ranch Summer Camp.....June 4-July 22  
Mo-Ranch Day Camp.....June 5-August 11  
Summer Camp in the Valley.....July 24-29  
Grand Camp.....July 30-August 3

### Art, worship & music programs

Writing Retreat.....February 17-20  
Needlework & Knitting Retreat.....February 23-26  
Photography in the Hill Country....March 29-April 2  
Quilting Retreat - Spring.....April 3-7  
Painting Retreat - Spring.....April 10-13  
Bible Study Conference.....June 1-2  
Mo/PAM Worship & Music.....June 18-23  
ART@MO.....July 16-21  
Quilting Retreat - Fall.....September 18-22  
Painting Retreat - Fall.....September 21-24  
Fall Photography Weekend.....October 20-22  
Prayer Retreat.....October 20-22  
Clay Week Retreat.....November 5-10  
Holiday Gift Making Retreat.....November 30-Dec 3

### Conferences for grief

Comfort & Hope.....February 24-26  
Safe Place: Retreat for Bereaved Parents...Nov 10-12

### Conferences for church professionals

Family Systems Theory Conference.....January 2-5  
Bold Word Preaching Conference.....April 24-27  
Small Church Pastor's Retreat.....October 16-19

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