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2026 BCCI + Twin Sisters Dance Hall Art Contest: Highway to History

This year's art contest invites artists to explore the history, stories, and community surrounding Twin Sisters Dance Hall along Highway 281.

THEME REQUIREMENT

All artwork must:

- Relate to the theme Highway to History
- Include recognizable imagery of Twin Sisters Dance Hall itself
- Connect in some way to the dance hall, Highway 281, its history, or the people and places associated with it

Visit the BCCI website for details: [BCCI 2026 Art Contest](#)



This fall, the Blanco Library is launching Blanco County's first free community seed library (dubbed *The Blanco Library Seed Exchange*), opening Oct. 3. The goal is simple: to create a community collection of native seeds that anyone can take, grow, collect and return.

Craig Bruska of the Native Plant Society of Texas is helping launch this new community resource and will lead a series of educational events this summer and fall:

Sunday, Aug. 9, 9-11 a.m.

Seed Collecting in the Paradise Creek Pocket Meadow

Monday, Sept. 14, 4-6 p.m.

Creating a Native Seed Library

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon

Ribbon Cutting for "The Blanco Library Seed Exchange"

BCCI is one of the **Founding Contributors** to this conservation project. All it takes to contribute is a few free seeds collected locally - from your field, fence line, garden, yard, or natural area. Seed donations can be dropped off at the front desk of the library with a note that includes the plant species and name of the organization.

Founding contributors that help establish the inaugural collection will be recognized on a commemorative plaque displayed with *The Blanco Library Seed Exchange*, honoring the organizations who helped launch this community resource.

Founding Contributors will also be featured on the [Blanco Library Seed Exchange website](#) and in the [catalog](#), along with any plant information, educational resources or other important information the organization would like to include.

BCCI - Blanco County Landowner Outreach Project

BCCI has received another strong response to its second round of land ownership surveys sent to landowners in Blanco County in an effort to seek input on land stewardship views and goals. Now, with 90+ surveys received, a 14% return rate, we are off to a good start on input and understanding the concerns of our fellow landowners. BCCI is analyzing responses by charting answers and mapping responses in order to understand landowners interests and concerns.

So far, the surveys have shown that the majority of land ownership is for ranching, livestock, and wildlife habitat with the majority of landowners hoping to pass their land onto their children or family. The biggest threats seen to their land is subdivision and development, as well as the availability of water. It is clear from the responses received so far that the top priorities for landowners are continued good stewardship through maintaining open spaces and rural character of the county, preserving wildlife habitat, and water and spring development for continued privacy and personal enjoyment in preparation for passing along to future generations of Blanco County landowners.

BCCI is in the planning stages for host two landowner gathering workshops this fall, with details to be released soon.

Update on McCar Companies Quarry in Blanco

BCCI Board Members have a seat on the Advisory Council and are working to ensure all impacted parties are represented and facilitating dissemination of information to affected Blanco County residents on the quarry permitting process. The Advisory Council has been focusing on quarry best practices and lessons learned from community challenges to other quarries in the State.

Understanding how quarries are permitted and operated is an important first step. Feedback on quarry permitting should be directed to elected representatives.

Resources:

Dirt, Sand, and Rock Quarries and Aggregate Processing Plants: Compliance Resources

Aggregate Production Operations: How to Register

Aggregate Production Operations (APOs): General Best Management Practices (BMPs)



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