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**Frida Kahlo Exhibit Comes to Westside Community Center**

**New Braunfels, TX** – To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Westside Community Center will be displaying an exhibit of the incredible paintings of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo (1907-1954) from September 19th to the 24th (excluding Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> when the facility will be closed for Comal County Fair Day).

Considered one of Mexico's greatest artists, Kahlo's paintings can be found in leading museums around the world. The 2nd-floor display at the Westside will feature beautiful reproductions of some of these paintings, including life-size photos of Frida. Exhibit visitors will view *"The Bus"* (1929), *"Frida and Diego Rivera"* (1931), *"Self-portrait as a Tehuana"* (1943), *"Self-portrait with Hair Down"* (1943), *"Self-portrait with Monkeys"* (1943), and *"The Frame"* (1938).

An opening reception, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19th, includes a talk by Mabel Brown, light refreshments, and an opportunity for guests to dress up like Frida (optional but encouraged), and to win prizes by participating in quizzes and scavenger hunts. Additional programs during the week will include art classes with local artists Stella Olivas and Angelina Pliego and a talk on Guatemalan Textiles in Frida's Wardrobe by Cristabell Reiche West. A complete guide to all the events, as well as pre-registration forms for the art classes, can be found on the library's online calendar ([www.nbtexas.org/library](http://www.nbtexas.org/library)).

"Frida Kahlo's remarkable life is like a prism through which we can view so many aspects of history: the Mexican revolution, the politics of the 1920s and 30s, the Surrealist movement in modern art and the retablos of Mexican folk art, the indigenous weavings of Latin America—the list goes on and on," says Alix Samuels, Lead Librarian at the Westside Community Center.

"The Westside Community Center is beyond excited and honored to bring such an amazing art exhibit to New Braunfels. This community has strong Hispanic roots and we are fortunate to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Frida Kahlo's work displayed at our facility," stated Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Hernandez. "We look forward to patrons visiting and opening up their hearts and minds to the cultural and educational opportunities Frida Kahlo's exhibit brings."

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