

Discover...



MUSEUM *of the* COASTAL BEND

Preserve...



Present...

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Museum of the Coastal Bend

You can help us to achieve our mission to enhance the appreciation and enjoyment of the region's heritage. Your membership and financial support is appreciated.

Purpose of MCB -

- ◆ to collect,
- ◆ to preserve,
- ◆ to exhibit, and
- ◆ to interpret the history and heritage of the Texas Coastal Bend

Goals of MCB -

- ◆ Education
- ◆ Preservation and stewardship
- ◆ Tourism



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Where Texas History Began

Located on the campus of THE VICTORIA COLLEGE, corner of East Red River and Ben Jordan, Victoria, TX. Viewing Hours: Tues. - Sat., 10am - 4pm. FREE ADMISSION for members, VC & UHV faculty, staff & students. General admission: \$3.50/adults; \$2.50/senior citizens; \$2.00/students. 361-582-2511



MCB on Facebook.com

Heritage and History

- √ La Salle Odyssey permanent exhibit—MCB is home to artifacts from the 1685 French colony Fort St. Louis, one of Texas' most important archeological sites. Artifacts from the *Belle* shipwreck complete the story of La Salle's ill-fated expedition.
- √ Early Peoples of the Texas Coastal Bend—Archeological evidence of prehistoric cultures in the Coastal Bend dates to 13,500 years ago. This permanent exhibit includes stone points, shell and bone tools and ornamentation from regional excavations.
- √ A rotating schedule of temporary exhibitions explores the region's unique and rich multi-cultural heritage.

Education

- √ Thousands of schoolchildren receive guided tours of MCB each year, participating in hands-on demonstrations, our live archeology lab and classroom activities.
- √ Traveling trunks and teacher's guides serve as curriculum resources for general classroom and history teachers, as well as home school groups.
- √ Public programs serve adults and children alike, and include scholarly lectures, heritage workshops, demonstrations, film showings, wine and food tastings, continuing education classes and summer camp activities.

State Certification

- √ MCB is a Curatorial Facility certified by the Texas Historical Commission, one of only eleven institutions in the state. This means that important archeological discoveries in our region can reside here instead of being placed in Austin or Corpus Christi.
- √ MCB provides resources, access to collections, and facilities to scholars researching prehistoric people, archeology and the history of the Texas Coastal Bend.