



Texas Institute of Letters Awards

Weekend Schedule

Friday evening, April 26th

6:30: Opening Reception

7:15-8:30 Readings & Poetry Awards, and a special presentation on "Ghosts and Legends of the Rio Grande Valley" by David Bowles with a special appearance by La Lloronaon the Skywalk

Saturday, April 27th

8:30: Leave to Quinta Mazatlan World Birding Center.

(Van & Private Cars leave lobby at 8:35-8:40. Tour is 9-9:45)

(10am, 10:20, and 10:40: Vans leave Hotel for McAllen Public Library)

11-12:15: Readings by Chris Barton, Naomi Shihab Nye, Xavier Garza, David Bowles and Varian Johnson.....McAllen Public Library

12:15-12:45: Hors d'oeuvres with The Authors. The public is invited to join the authors for snacks and conversationMcAllen Public Library

2:30-4:00: New Member readings.....Ruby Red Ballroom, Casa de Palmas

Saturday night, April 27th

6:30: Awards ReceptionSkywalk, Casa de Palmas

7:00: Annual Awards BanquetRuby Red Ballroom, Casa de Palmas

Sunday, April 28, 2019

There are two Optional Post-Awards Events on Sunday:

8:30-9:45: **Readings at The Border Wall**

11:00-2:30: **Trip to Progreso, Mexico** (If you are going to Progreso, You MUST take passport. It's an easy one-block walk over the international bridge to the tiny, tourist-friendly community of Nuevo Progreso, Mexico, where many Winter Texans gather to have lunch and shop. Please notify carmentafolla@yahoo.com if you are interested in forming part of this International Lunch Bunch.)



April 26-28, 2019
Casa de Palmas, McAllen, Texas

Saturday evening's banquet will feature some very special entertainment, including a reading By Naomi Shihab Nye, excerpts from films by award-winning TIL filmmakers, and a musical performance by Tish Hinojosa



If you have not yet purchased tickets to the banquet, please go to the TIL website and place your reservations online.