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DOWNTOWN BUDA MERCHANTS' GROUP TO HOST FIRST THURSDAY

You don't have to go far enjoy the last days of summer. Join the Downtown Buda Merchants' Group as they invite you to their "Staycation – Beat the Summer Heat in Buda!" on Thursday, August 5, 2010 from 5 – 9 p.m. The Merchants' are encouraging local residents and visitors to come stroll through the unique antique and specialty shops, while enjoying food from downtown restaurants.

Activities in side walk chalk and a game room located at 203 Railroad St., Suite 3B, where family game night comes alive where games and other fun activities will be set up for you and your family to enjoy! Buda Grocery and Grill will have more games for both children and adults from 7 – 8 p.m. including Pin the Tail on the Donkey; Water Balloon Toss; and the Map Game. Casa de Arte will have their new artist exhibit! Special discount will be available to visitors for use in the T-Shirt Design Gallery. Old Main St. Station & Sue Ellen's Florist invite you to bring the kids and invite you to enjoy lemonade and sidewalk chalk art in front of the shops! Genesis Hair Design will have their salon special - \$7.00 (Adults) Haircuts Only and \$6.00 (Kids & Seniors) Haircuts Only. Salon One 12 will offer bang trims for \$3.00 no appointment needed, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. only, and FREE temporary tattoos for kids. Also, bring in a pair of jeans to "recycle" & be entered in a drawing for a makeover and photo session.

If shopping is what you have in mind, visit our downtown antique and specialty shops! Visit Cimarron Rose where they will have specials on vintage kitchen décor items and records! The Looking Glass will have 20% off one item, and Memory Lane Antiques boasts a fine collection of quality American antiques, quilts, and collectibles proudly displayed in a nostalgic setting, with an additional wholesale/retail warehouse next door. Visit the Shops Above Memory, a unique handmade marketplace featuring local artisans offering clothing, jewelry, and gifts. Bring your creativity to our craft room open when we're open, private parties available upon request.

Buda Grocery & Grill will be serving up an enticing menu with their “Dinner under the Stars.” At \$7.99 per person, visitors can enjoy a Free Wine Tasting from 6 – 8 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner (includes salad, bread, dessert and tea) with dessert in the garden area of Sue Ellen’s Florist. Don’t forget to call Buda Grocery & Grill for reservations! Stop by the Buda Soda Fountain for a cool treat - \$1.00 on all old fashion sodas up to 2 flavors!

Indulge in local culture; mingle with neighbors, and experience, in one evening, the diversity of downtown Buda’s historic and unique character. Participating downtown merchants include Buda’s Red Door; Casa de Arte; Cimarron Rose; Genesis Hair Design; Old Main Street Station and Sue Ellen’s Florist; Memory Lane Antiques; Shops Above Memory Lane; Raby’s Roots; Salon One 12; The Yellow Sweater; The Looking Glass; Windwalker Primitive Weapons; Buda Public Library; Farmers Insurance Group; Buda Grocery and Grill; A&E Signs & Graphics; Buda Soda Fountain; Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant; Nonna Gina’s Italian Restaurant; and Palmar Mexican Restaurant; Trendy Tay; Edward Jones Investments – Shirley Malone.

The Buda Downtown Merchants’ Group are downtown businesses dedicated to working cooperatively to increase business traffic in Buda’s downtown area. For more information about First Thursday, please contact the City of Buda Tourism Department at (512) 312-0084 or visit www.discoverbuda.com.