

CITY GUIDE OF:

BRENHAM, TX

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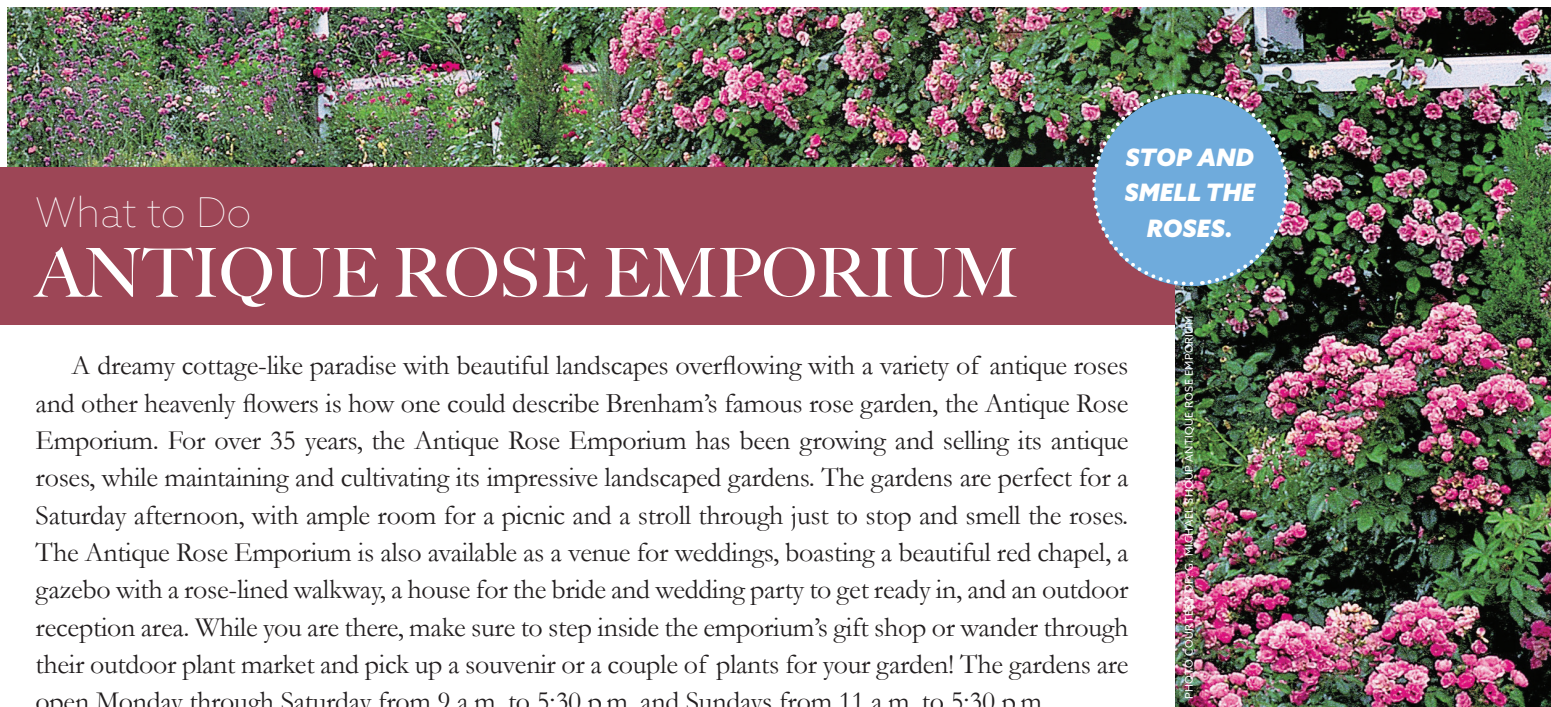
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Where to Stay

ANT STREET INN

Located right in the heart of historic Downtown Brenham, Ant Street Inn, known for its unique antique furnishings and elegant designs, has been serving Washington County with unmatched hospitality since 1995. In December of 2011, Suzy and Keith Hankins took ownership of the registered historic Texas landmark and were determined to continue the mission of the inn's original founders, Pam and Tommy Traylor, which, according to the inn's website, is to bring "Texas hospitality and a peacefully elegant sanctuary to guests."

The inn does just that by offering guests fifteen rooms and exceptional amenities, including free high-speed WiFi, free parking, flat-screen cable televisions, an outdoor veranda overlooking their landscaped gardens, and more. And if you are getting hungry, the hotel has its own on-site award-winning restaurant, the Brenham Grill, where they serve breakfast to guests and the Brenham community on weekends. The inn also has a 24/7 Refreshment Room stocked with snacks and drinks for the guest's enjoyment.



**STOP AND
SMELL THE
ROSES.**

What to Do

ANTIQUER ROSE EMPORIUM

A dreamy cottage-like paradise with beautiful landscapes overflowing with a variety of antique roses and other heavenly flowers is how one could describe Brenham's famous rose garden, the Antique Rose Emporium. For over 35 years, the Antique Rose Emporium has been growing and selling its antique roses, while maintaining and cultivating its impressive landscaped gardens. The gardens are perfect for a Saturday afternoon, with ample room for a picnic and a stroll through just to stop and smell the roses. The Antique Rose Emporium is also available as a venue for weddings, boasting a beautiful red chapel, a gazebo with a rose-lined walkway, a house for the bride and wedding party to get ready in, and an outdoor reception area. While you are there, make sure to step inside the emporium's gift shop or wander through their outdoor plant market and pick up a souvenir or a couple of plants for your garden! The gardens are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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Where to Eat 96 WEST

With everything from bacon-wrapped quail to pan-seared salmon, and an extensive drink menu, 96 West brings the flavor to Downtown Brenham. Guests can sit on the patio and sip on some fine wine, or order from a wide selection of craft beers while they wait for their food to come out. From rehearsal dinners and anniversaries, to birthdays, 96 West serves as the perfect place for private events and is available for booking. Along with offering a delightful upscale casual dining experience with tasty food and delectable drinks, 96 West also hosts live music, making it a perfect place to go for a romantic dinner for two, a fun family dinner, or a lively night out with friends.

Must See

BLUE BELL CREAMERIES

Named after the bluebell flower that blooms in Brenham during summertime, Blue Bell Creameries is known for its delicious, best-selling ice cream that is sold in 22 states and treasured by so many all over the nation. The highly praised creamery got its start in 1907 when a few Brenham businessmen decided to put their hats together and start the Brenham Creamery Company, with the mission of selling butter from excess cream sourced from local farmers. A few years later the company started selling ice cream too. It was not until 1930 that the company changed its name into what it is today, and in 1958, they ended their production of butter to focus solely on making their beloved ice cream.

Today, you can visit the factory to eat some of your favorite flavors in the Ice Cream Parlor, find a gift or souvenir in the Country Store, or watch the ice cream being made from the Observation Deck. And do not forget to check out the Visitor Center for more Blue Bell history.



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