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New Members Party: October 17th at 7 PM

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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* When you learn how to solder, you also need to know how to unsolder. Experiment to extract an electrolytic capacitor, charge it up, and use it to drive an LED was successful. *Bottom:* Cathy Allshouse and Collene Goldman at the Bradley Science Museum in Los Alamos, next to one of the original firesets from the Manhattan Project, a machine whose job is to turn itself into a plasma.

Back *Left:* Oliver and his "aquacar" as he dives into the gearbox. August Poker winners, CCW from left: tied for 1st - Gerald Law & Doug Fix, 3rd - Paul Whiteman. Ya gotta keep raising those blinds, guys.

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

October has arrived, bringing cooler autumn air, the return of pumpkin-spiced everything, and a packed calendar for our North Texas Mensa community. Be sure to review our calendar on page 6. As we transition into the final quarter of the year, it is the perfect time to reflect on our collective curiosity and look ahead to how we can grow, connect, and stimulate our minds together. Coming up on Saturday, October 17th is our New Member's Party offering a prime a prime opportunity to welcome new minds into the fold as well as to celebrate our current community and longtime friends. It will be at the home of Barbara Guzak and James Peterson. Many thanks to them for hosting. Please check out the announcement on page 10.

Remember that testing occurs monthly. If you have a friend, family member, or coworker who constantly aces trivia night or thinks outside the box, encourage them to take the leap this month. Also, bring them to a group meeting or SIG event so they can see for themselves how much fun we have.

Registration for the NTM Regional Gathering on Thanksgiving weekend has begun! This event is always so very much fun. You definitely don't want to miss out on this event! Karen Brack, our RG chair, is hard at work setting up the programs for that weekend. So, if you have some unique hobby, special talent/ expertise you want to share, please contact her. See the announcement on page 13.

A local Mensa chapter is only as vibrant as its volunteers and active members. From writing a guest piece for this newsletter to hosting a SIG event, your participation keeps our community thriving. Stay sharp, stay curious, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our local gatherings this month!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

New Mensans: Benjamin Langford, Preston Nguyen, Steven Nordseth, Erik Oelkers, Dezmond Sauls, Joseph Schulz, Aurora Seneviratne, Luke Shanks

Moving to NTM: Brandy Burchard (in Woodville!)

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Polly d'Avignon, Keerti Kirpalani

We welcome you all, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

HOWDY!

DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT... *By Karen Brack*

I've been extolling the virtues of attending the NTM Regional Gathering (RG) for years now, and many of you have listened. Here's what some have said:

"My partner told me it was either Thanksgiving with their family or the RG, and I had better make the right choice. Well, I made the right choice; I've been living my best life ever since. Sometimes I wonder what ever happened to my ex."

"Not a speck of pumpkin spice in the building — it's so freeing!"

"We had a Thanksgiving dinner that couldn't be beat. And we picked up the garbage."

"The tastings were fantastic. I found a new favorite wine, apple, cheese, olive oil, beer, hot sauce...Wow. I was buying a whole bunch of crap before I started going to the RGs."

"The speakers were splendiferous. So edifying and erudite. If only I knew about RGs before I took the SATs."

"Beer. Good."

"Now that I can get all my shopping done online at work, I can skip the malls and go to the RG instead!"

"The meals were fantastic. Like traveling around the world without the TSA sticking its nose in."

"Two words: indoor pool."

"I went to the RG to find "my crowd." I found a spouse instead — my own, this time!"

Come to the RG this year and see your own review in print next year! There is a registration form in this M-Aura, and it has instructions for online registration, too.

Play Games...

...Win Prizes...

...Learn fascinating stuff. All at the 2026 NTM RG

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

In August we had a couple of intrepid adventurers who took on the disassembly day challenge (note, the dissemble day challenge is something different). A small boat with wheels yielded a study of gearboxes and how antennas work, while a humble motor controller yielded desoldering skills, and a fat electrolytic capacitor from where we went off into how capacitors work, and how LEDs work, and how much fun a couple of LEDs and coin cells are. Oliver was able to totally disassemble the boat, reassemble it, and (the challenge for me at that age) have it working again at the end.

For this month, we're going to do a field expedition on the 18th. Mineral Wells has a fossil park where anyone can stop by and dig up fossils from the sea bed that was there (and here, below you now) 300 million years ago. The usual expedition caveats apply, closed-toed shoes, hat and sunscreen are recommended, along with a water bottle. I have found that a nail apron is an excellent way to keep track of your finds, and a small hand shovel or garden trowel is a good way to dig up treasures.

I want to thank those that took the time to reply to the activity survey, I'll be compiling the data and trying to get the most popular ideas onto the schedule in 2027.

Lastly, allow me to put a small plug in for IGNYTE, a Regional Gathering specifically for Gifted Youth, Nov 13-15 in New Jersey. More info at https://nnjmensa.org/event/ignyte-regional-gathering-for-young-mensans/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in October:

Stephanie Copeland, Charles Rigsby, Warren Puziewicz, Charles Bornsheuer, David Webster, Martin Gross, Winston Black, Lloyd Segler, Andrew Essary, Erin Wheeler, Julie Bradley, Robert Pittman, Ameer Choonara, Mark Magazu, Tony Wang, Davin Sanchez, Sonya Cooper, Collene “friend me” Goldman, Adam McLean, Jacqueline White, Roland Freeman, Curry Taylor, Robert Hatridge, Lucy Hooker, Mark Chavez, Jerold Skaggs, Brandy Burchard, James Oates, Holly Stone, Kathy “bright on” McWhorter, Alan Kazdoy, Darlene Wade, Stacie Cannon, Alexander Southard, Doug Fix, Julie “have you read” Sandel, Anita Raskin, Thomas Rogers, James Binford, John Daly, Kimberly Chapin, Meghan Horton, Sara Stokes, Robert Rollins, Eric Beeby, Valiant Vetter

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01 1 pm Lunch Group 7:30 pm NTM Board Meeting	**02** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**03** 10:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG
04 12:30 pm GY book club 	**05** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**06** 2 pm R&I Mall Walk 7 pm Beer Garden	**07** 1 pm VDG	**08** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**09** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline
11 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 	**12** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**13** 2 pm R&I Mall Walk 7 pm Beer Garden	**14** 1 pm R&I Lunch 1 pm VDG 7 pm College Essays	**15** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**16** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**17** 1 pm VDG 4 pm Small Group Mtg **7 pm NEW MEMBERS PARTY**
18 10:30 am GY and fossils	**19** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**20** 2 pm R&I Mall Walk 7 pm Beer Garden	**21** 1 pm VDG	**22** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**23** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**24** 9:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG 6:30 pm Games SIG
25 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk 	**26** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**27** 2 pm R&I Mall Walk 7 pm Beer Garden	**28** 1 pm VDG	**29**	**30**	**31**

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FOR CALENDAR UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT
HTTP://WWW.NORTHTEXASMENSA.ORG

~WEEKLY EVENTS~

MONDAYS

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

TUESDAYS

NEW !

2:00 PM —R&I Walk the Mall
Location: **Northpark Mall**, 8687 N Central, Dallas, 75225
Join the Retired & Inspired folks for mall walk during the month of October at NorthPark Mall. Several of us did this in past and really enjoyed it. We meet up at the fountain in front of the Dillard's store.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse** (callshouse1@aol.com)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beer Garden – Dallas
Location: **District 9 Draught Haus**, 718 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas
This is a neighborhood pub in the shopping center, corner of Buckner & Northcliff, which is the first stoplight south of NW Hwy. on Buckner. They have a good beer selection, wines and ciders on tap, and a tasty, but somewhat limited, menu. Ask for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

THURSDAYS

1:00 PM Plano Lunch Group
Location: **King Buffet**: 521 Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
Yelp loves King Buffet Plano's wide selection which ranges from pizza to made-to-order hibachi favorites. Look for Ty. https://www.yelp.com/biz/king-buffet-plano-3
Contact: **Ty O'Neil**: (214.394.7364 cell)

6:45 PM HOTDAM
Hang **O**ut **T**ogether **W**ith **D**enton **A**rea **M**ensans
Location: **Sidewalk Cafe**, 2900 Wind River Lane, Denton, TX 76210
Meet us for games, revelry, and more. See YOU 'round!
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO
Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940.391.9657) or **Christie Miller**, (940.765.0429)

FRIDAYS
1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch
Location: **Fish City Grill**: 7170 Skillman Street,
Dallas 75231 Fish City Grill is a neighborhood seafood restaurant that delivers the best quality and fresh ingredients.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY / SATURDAY
1:00 PM M Virtual Discussion Group (VDG) SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)* Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2K0ZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09 Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234 It turns out that some Mensans enjoy talking to others about a wide variety of subjects. Other Mensans simply enjoy hearing other points of view. The problem is getting enough of us together. We can do that through Zoom
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com

October Events

01 THURSDAY
7:30PM - Board Meeting (First Thursday of the month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or **Zoom Phone**: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video call), Meeting ID: 816 9208 3286, Passcode: 448903
All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. The board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

03 SATURDAY
10:30 AM - 12:45 PM Mensa Admissions Testing
Location: **Carrollton Public Library – (Hebron & Josey Branch) BACK Conference Room** 4220 N Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX 75010
Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? 50% off testing in October! Please refer all interested testers (or anyone

with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond at NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)

04 SUNDAY

12:30PM CST - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club (First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing **Pretend She's Here** by Luanne Price.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

09 FRIDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)
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10 SATURDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**: (william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.415.5302)

7:00PM – 9:00PM – Singles Chat and Chew
(Second Saturday of each month)
Location: *(October Only)* **Canton Chinese Restaurant**: 400 N Greenville Ste 25, Richardson 75081
Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.
Contact: **Laura Stuart**: (214.641.2520)

11 SUNDAY

2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Gathering
(Second Sunday of each month)
Location: **la Madeleine French Bakery & Café**: 15125

Montfort Dr., Dallas (one block east of the Tollway, on Montfort) Look for us (and the Bright Ladies logo) as you come in.
Contact: **Call Kathy McWhorter for directions or more details**: (214.215.5809)

14 WEDNESDAY

1 PM – Retired and Inspired meet for lunch
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line, Dallas, 75254
We can enjoy their modestly priced lunch specials that include their famous Pizookie.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse:** callshouse1@aol.com

7:00PM Gifted Youth College Essay talk

Location: **Flower Mound Public Library**: 3030 Broadmoor Ln, Flower Mound, TX 75022. Also on Zoom: Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Professional author, writer, and screenwriter James Wallace has kindly offered to give a presentation on crafting an effective college essay. Learn how to get the most out of making a good first impression.
Contact: **Bill Rock**: 972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com

17 SATURDAY

4:00PM – 6:00PM - Small MENSA Meeting Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)
Location: **We meet in each other's homes on a rotating basis**
We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food fests, no partying. Enjoy the exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!
Contact: **Gerard Brohman**: gbrohman@live.com

Oct 17th, 7 PM FALL NEW MEMBERS PARTY!
Location: the home of Barbara Guzak and James Peterson
Come one, come all to the Fall 2026 North Texas Mensa New Member's Party. This is always a very highly anticipated event and a lovely time to meet some of our newer members and to re-connect with your NTM friends. It will be at 7pm on Saturday, Oct. 17th at the home of Barbara Guzak and James Peterson. **Please** email your **RSVP** to **Cathy Allshouse** at **callshouse1@aol.com** to receive the address. Please bring a "finger-food", dessert or side dish to share; sandwich trays and beverages will be provided by NTM. No cover charge! There will be a Halloween theme to the party, so feel free to indulge your creative and whimsical natures by coming in costume. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

18 SUNDAY

10:30 AM Gifted Youth Fossil Hunting
Location: 2375 Indian Creek Rd, Mineral Wells, TX 76067
Mineral Wells has a fossil hunting site that is open to the public. Let's go see what we can find. Site has no water and primitive amenities. Bring close toed shoes, hat, sunscreen and water, and a small hand trowel or garden shovel to hunt for fossils. More at https://visitmineralwells.org/mineral-wells-fossil-park
Contact: **Bill Rock**: 972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com

23 FRIDAY

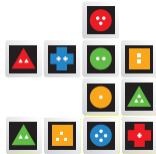
7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em
Location: **Bill Rock's Home--"The Rock Pile"**: 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002
The next Texas Hold 'Em will be at The Rock Pile on Friday, October 23rd. Join us for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your $10 contribution to the kitty, and a $5 re-buy

if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.
Please RSVP: **Bill Rock**: 972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com

24 SATURDAY

09:30—11:45 AM Mensa Admissions Testing

Location: **Dallas Public Library – Timberglen Branch Classroom** 18505 Midway Rd, Dallas, 7528
Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? 50% off testing in October! Please refer all interested testers (or anyone with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond at NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)



6:30PM – Games SIG

Location: **Bill Rock's Home**
"The Rock Pile": 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, 75002
We have some classic board games and some new ones, and I'm happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.
Contacts: **Bill Rock**: 972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com

25 SUNDAY

1:30PM – 3:00PM - Eclectic Book Club

(Fourth Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Half Price Books Mothership**: 5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231
This month EBC is reading **Never Let Me Go** by Kazio Ishigura. Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.
Contacts: **Larry Strickler**: (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302 or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:30 PM Theodore Talk:

The title of the October Theodore Talk is "**Saving the World with Cheap, Generic Toys"**. This virtual event will take place on Zoom October 25 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time

NOTE: This is the **final** Theodore Talk for 2026. The complete 2027 schedule will appear in the January issue of the *Mensa Bulletin and on the National Events Calendar***.**

ABSTRACT

For his War-Toys *photo series, photographer Brian McCarty has spent years sourcing toy-props in war zones. After finding the exact same inexpensive toys everywhere from Beirut to Baltimore, he discovered that there are just a handful of factories churning out these cheap toys for the entire global market. With support from Fulbright, the US Department of State, and PolyU Design Hong Kong, Brian conducted research on these factories and developed a simple strategy for improving the play and developmental value of these extremely-low-cost toys: give manufacturers better designs and subsidize their startup production costs.*

The War Toys® organization is working to positively influence children's play on a global scale by partnering with generic toy makers; developing new, extremely-low-cost toy lines; and allowing factories to keep all of the revenue. In exchange, War Toys is harnessing existing markets to impact millions upon millions of children for relatively little cost. . War Toys will bridge the play gap for disadvantaged children and create ripple effects that will span generations. After all, at this level of the market, the same toy designs are sold for decades.

Register for this presentation at https://tinyurl.com/yvpe9myp

Even if you can't attend the live Theodore Talk, as long as you register in advance you will receive a link to the Zoom recording. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled, and this year we are offering Translated Captions as well.

The Theodore Talk lecture series is made possible by the generous financial support of Life Member Dr. Mark Cohen.

A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the Mensa National Events Calendar or by visiting the American Mensa home page.

Questions? Contact us at MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com.

NORTH TEXAS MENSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Proceedings for September 3rd, 2026

On September 3rd, the regularly scheduled NTM board meeting was held at 7:30pm via Zoom. Formal meeting minutes were not taken. Attending were: Cathy Allshouse, President, Aaron Adair, Member at large. Also attending were appointed committee chairs Collene Goldman, Social Media and Jonathan Bethune, Webmaster. There was not a quorum, per the bylaws requirements, so no votes were taken. Those in attendance reviewed the committee reports turned in via email and discussed upcoming NTM events, including the new member party in October, the 2027 Board election in November, as well as August NTM events. Also discussed was the critical lack of volunteers for the group causing difficulties in planning and executing events. Planning for the RG has begun and many aspects of that event was discussed.

PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM FROM MEL DAHL:

My proposal would change the presumption from confidentiality to transparency with our hearings committees. Currently when someone is brought up on charges, most of the process is confidential. This proposal would require that when charges are sustained and a member is sanctioned, a report be made to the membership with enough detail that they know what the charges were, the factual basis for them, and the sanction imposed. This way, the members can have confidence in the process, and spreading false information will be more difficult. The impetus for this proposal is the situation regarding 10 former board members who lost their seats following a hearing committee decision that they had violated the bylaws. Much false information was spread and Mensa was unable to respond because of our confidentiality rules. This proposal would guarantee that that never happens again.

Of course there are some things that need to remain confidential. If for example a complaint involves sexual harassment, those details needn't and shouldn't be made public. But we need to get enough accurate information out to ensure that people know what has happened and why.

So please sign my petition. If nothing else, I hope to generate a national debate on the subject. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks. The petition is here:

https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/election/referendum-petitions/?election=2&petition=5

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North Texas Mensa Presents:

The Feast of Pleasures and Delights XLV

Thanksgiving Weekend: Nov. 26 to Nov.29, 2026

Go to: https://www.northtexasmensa.org/rg_event/ to register online.

North Texas Mensa is proud to announce our 45th Regional Gathering. Come join us for entertaining events, great speakers, a variety of games, a wonderful indoor pool, delicious tastings and other interesting activities. The RG runs from Thanksgiving evening through Sunday. This RG will truly please and delight one and all. So come join your Mensa family and friends for another fun-filled Thanksgiving weekend.

BONUS! For the second time, we are adding programs and lunch on Sunday!

Where: Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Dallas at Preston
6055 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy, Dallas, TX 75240
(972) 404-4500 or Click here to reserve your RG hotel room

Be sure to tell them you are with the North Texas Mensa Regional Gathering!!

Our discounted room rate is $109 for any room. The rate is guaranteed through 11/6. The rooms are enormous and come equipped with a mini-fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Plus, the hotel has a full breakfast buffet for all overnight guests included in the room rate.
Registration: The early registration rate is $125, which ends on October 31. Starting November 1st, the rate will be $150 until November 25. The walk-in rate will be $165, so register early! Children 0-5 years of age are free. Older children (6–12 at time of the RG) are ½ the regular registration price on the day they register. See registration form for day rates. Check, money order, PayPal or credit cards are accepted. You can register by using the handy form on the back and sending it to Registrar Cathy Allshouse, 10702 Stone Canyon Dr., #128, Dallas, TX 75230. Or email her with questions: President@northtexasmensa.org You can also call or email RG Chair and Program Chair Karen Brack at kwbrack18@gmail.com or 214.477.1151 for more information or to *volunteer*.

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The registration fee includes three catered dinners, three catered lunches, continuous snacking opportunities, soft drinks, beer and wine, all speaker events, games, tournaments, etc.
The only events not included are the tastings, which are separately ticketed events.

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In response to a frequently asked question, your non-Mensan spouse/partner/significant other/best friend/out of town guest/curious neighbor etc. is *welcome* to register with you. The more the merrier!!

Tastings!
TBA!

**More details coming soon! **

ALL TASTING TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE AT THE RG
PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHECK

North Texas Mensa Presents:

The Feast of Pleasures and Delights XLV

Thanksgiving Weekend: Nov. 26 to Nov. 29, 2026

Name #1	☐ All weekend, *or:* ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun Name Tag #1	
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone ( )	Email	
Name #2	☐ All weekend, *or:* ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun Name Tag #2	
Name #3	☐ All weekend, *or:* ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun Name Tag #3	
Name #4	☐ All weekend, *or:* ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun Name Tag #4	

Do you wish to be contacted via ☐ E-mail? ☐ Text? ☐ Snail-mail?

Registration Fees: Includes 3 catered dinners and 3 catered lunches, snacks, beverages, programs, entertainment, games, tournaments, speakers and all other events for the whole weekend! Tastings require the purchase of separate tickets to cover expenses.

Single days: Fri or Sat - $75, Sun, - $40
$125 (postmarked by Oct 31, 2026)
$150 after Oct 31, 2026 (received by Nov. 25)
$165 for walk-ins
½ price for those 6-12 years of age
(Kids 0-5 years are *free)*

Registrant #1 $_____
Registrant #2 $_____
Registrant #3 $_____
Registrant #4 $_____

Total enclosed: _____

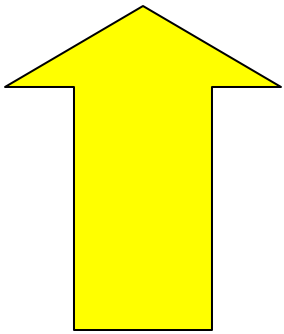
Payment: *check one* ☐ Money order
☐ Check payable to **NTMRG**
☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ PayPal
Credit card #: _____

Expiration date on credit card: _____ Security Code on card: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: Cathy Allshouse, 10702 Stone Canyon Dr., #128, Dallas, TX 75230
Questions? Email Karen Brack at kwbrack18@gmail.com

Many hands make light work. I'd like to volunteer for:
☐ Registration _____
☐ Programs *(specify)* _____
☐ Games/tournament *(specify)* _____
☐ Lead a Tasting (specify) _____
☐ Hospitality (specify) _____
☐ Other *(specify)* _____



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under paper handing, choose “fit”