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***City on the Bayou* exhibition premieres at Weather Museum**



HOUSTON—The John C. Freeman Weather Museum, the nation's first and only museum of its kind, will open its new exhibition, ***City on the Bayou: Houston's History through Floods***, with a grant from the Houston Arts Alliance and with sponsorship from Weatherford, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, a free day at the museum, just in time to celebrate Earth Day and the museum's second birthday.

The exhibition features vintage photographs of past historic Houston floods from the Museum's collection and contemporary weather photographs taken by local photographers to

demonstrate how weather, specifically the Houston-area bayous' propensity for flooding has shaped Houston's history and development as a community.

The Weather Museum has partnered with the Houston American Red Cross to debut the exhibit at Preparedness on the Square, an event where downtown workers will have an opportunity to preview the exhibition and learn how to prepare for Hurricane Season that begins in June on Thursday, March 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hermann Square, the Reflection Pond at Houston City Hall located at 900 Smith at Walker.

<http://www.houstonredcross.org/attachments/wysiwyg/29/MAPreparednessontheSquare.pdf>

The *City on the Bayou* exhibit will then move to the Houston Area Red Cross Building at 2700 Southwest Freeway on March 14 to mark National Flood Awareness Week, March 17-21, 2008. A media reception will be held at the Red Cross building Saturday, March 15 with a press conference at 10 a.m.

The exhibition will remain on display at the Houston Area Red Cross Building until April 15, when it will return to the Weather Museum located at 5104 Caroline on Tuesday, April 22, a free day at the Museum.

The Weather Museum will also incorporate the information and images displayed during National Flood Awareness Week in development of a Houston Weather History Web site, focused on flood awareness and the historical and cultural impact on Houston.

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The John C. Freeman Weather Museum opened its doors in April of 2006 in the Houston Museum District to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. Founded and operated by meteorologists, the Weather Museum is a project of Weather Research Center, a Houston, Texas based non-profit educational and research organization, whose goal is to reach as many people as possible and educate them about weather and weather safety as well as make them weatherwise.

For more information, visit www.weathermuseum.org or call 713-529-3076. The Weather Museum is located at 5104 Caroline Street in the Museum District and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors. Children to age 3 are free. Guided tours are available for a fee. Free admission on Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m.

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