

BAYOU BEND COLLECTION AND GARDENS, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA

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Directions to Bayou Bend

Approach Bayou Bend via Memorial Drive in Houston. Turn south at Westcott and park in the free public lot. Cross the footbridge to the Jones Visitors Center.

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The north facade of Bayou Bend. Photo © Rick Gardner.

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Bayou Bend— A Remarkable Collection

Just minutes from downtown Houston, Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens houses a remarkable collection of American decorative arts and painting. Founded by the renowned collector and philanthropist Miss Ima Hogg, the collection is displayed in her former residence, Bayou Bend. Formal gardens and wooded ravines surround the gracious and impressive home, which takes its name from the bayou that bends around the property.

One of the nation's premier museums of Americana, Bayou Bend tells the story of America's taste, style, and customs from the earliest of colonial times, through the Revolutionary War, and into the prosperity and adventure of the new nation in the nineteenth century. Twenty-eight room settings—elegant parlors, a fashionable dining room, a grand reception hall, and stylish bedrooms—trace the evolution of style from 1620 to 1870. Approximately 5,000 examples of furniture, paintings, works on paper, silver, ceramics, glass, and textiles exemplify the finest artistry of early America.



Furniture from the best workshops—including those of John Townsend, John and Thomas Seymour, and John Henry Belter—and by the architect Benjamin Latrobe grace the home. Paintings by such esteemed artists as John Singleton Copley, Charles Willson Peale, Gilbert Stuart, and Thomas Sully are on view. Fine examples by the most important American silversmiths, including Paul Revere, John Coney, and Samuel Kirk, are shown. Rare works on paper

"I hope in a modest way Bayou Bend may serve as a bridge to bring us closer to the heart of an American heritage which unites us."
—Ima Hogg



*Clockwise from top:
The Murphy Room. Photo ©Rick Gardner.*

*John Coney, Tankard, 1695-1711, silver,
gift of Miss Ima Hogg.*

*Gorham Manufacturing Company,
Nut Spoon, 1869, silver, gift of Phyllis
and Charles Tucker.*

From top:
Joseph Badger, *Portrait of John Gerry*, 1745, oil on canvas, gift of Miss Ima Hogg.

London, *Posset Pot*, probably 1632, tin-glazed earthenware, gift of Katherine Prentis Murphy.



include prints by John James Audubon and Nathaniel Currier, maps of Texas, and decorative Pennsylvania German birth and baptismal certificates. Ceramics range from early slipware to fashionable Tucker porcelain of the nineteenth century.

From Massachusetts to Texas, from colony to

Opposite:
Bayou Bend's north facade, seen from the Clio Garden. Photo © Rick Gardner.



republic, the history of the United States of America unfolds at Bayou Bend.

The Gardens — An Oasis of Tranquility



Bayou Bend is set among fourteen acres of exquisite gardens and verdant woodlands. The gardens feature a variety of regional plants, including azaleas, camellias, magnolias, and crape myrtles.

An active and intrepid gardener, Miss Ima Hogg supervised the plans for the eight formal gardens that are set among the woods and ravines bordering the estate. Graceful statues of Clio, Diana, and Euterpe preside over gardens named

in their honor. The East Garden incorporates elements of English garden design, the Butterfly Garden is a parterre in the shape of a butterfly, and the White Garden offers a diverse array of blooming white flowers throughout the year. Miss Hogg created the Carla Garden in a clearing left by the devastating 1961 Hurricane Carla. The Topiary Garden features a grouping of animals native to Texas around the Texas star.