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Fabulous Fayetteville Flaunts a Myriad of Activities Including Biking, Art, & Music as Spring Surges Forward



Yes, that great little National Registry community of Fayetteville, Texas is once again preparing for a very eventful April with the historic square taking center stage for all ages. Expect music, art, even biking to capture interests as well as charm the senses to all the great activities planned in the upcoming weeks.

Art rarely takes a back seat in this great community and April is no exception as David Michael Brady presents his exhibits at Arts for Rural Texas (ARTS) on 114 Live Oak beginning with his reception on Saturday, April 16 from 5 pm - 7 pm and continuing through May 28th. Native Texan, Brady takes a great deal of pride with work in oil paintings, stoneware, and sculpture. This is clearly a "don't miss" exhibit. Call 979-378-2113 or go to www.artsforruraltexas.org for more information.

Biking captures a big part of the area for weeks to come kicking off with the April 16-17 BP MS-150. And if large capacity crowds don't capture your fancy, try the 18th Annual Fayetteville Stage Race held on Sunday, April 24. This race is held every year rain or shine and is presented by the

Southwest Cycling Club. It is a three-stage event based on elapsed time and riders must finish one stage to begin the next. For more information, contact James McCowen at 713-480-1612.

The following weekend encourages those preferring endurance in biking with the Texas Ultra Spirit-Endurance Bicycle Race on April 29-30. This race, sponsored by North West Cycling Club, recognizes consistent performances in ultra-cycling and participants may earn credit by riding in centuries, double centuries, 12-hour races, 24-hour races, and other rides. Go to bikereg.com or call 832-236-6855 for further information.

And, all the more reason to prepare for a "mini vacation" in Fayetteville as Thursday, April 28th brings the return of the incredible McCallum Classical Guitar Ensemble who will be performing in the local schools thanks to ARTS (Arts for Rural Texas). The evening will bring a back yard BBQ at 6:00 pm and guitar party at 7 pm at ARTS on the square. This is a free will donation event that is geared to support children's programs thru ARTS. In case of rain, the event will be held at the grand historic Country Place Hotel at 201 West Fayette Street. Now is an awesome time to "meet the talented young musicians" and enjoy their amazing talents.

The McCallum Fine Arts Academy in Austin is home to one of the leading classical guitar programs that have won several consecutive first prizes in competitions and have performed showcases at major conventions. Students in the McCallum Classical Guitar program have opportunities to perform in "masterclasses" for leading classical guitarists and have won numerous prestigious awards. Call 979-378-2113 or e-mail info@artsforruraltexas.org for information.

Pickin' folks can welcome back the Texas Pickin' Park the second Friday and Saturday of each month from April through November. With its location on the square, this central location gives musicians an opportunity to truly enjoy that hometown experience in an all acoustic environment. Beginners are always welcome those Friday evenings into late evening Saturdays as the venue draws loads of fun for all ages. For questions, e-mail info@texaspickinpark.com or contact Tom Duplissey at 512-415-3177.

Fayetteville is located on Highway 159 a short distance from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS users—"Great weekend getaway with dining, shopping, and lodging available for all."

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