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Fayetteville Celebrates History With Art, Music, and Festivities In the Upcoming Weeks



The captivating, historic community of Fayetteville sends the sultry days of spring into a whirlwind as art, music, and a tribute to local firefighters via a fire department fundraiser commences in the busy upcoming weeks.

Festivities kick off with ArtWalk (a free event) on the historic Square on Saturday, May 2 from 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday, May 3 from 11 am - 4 pm. ArtWalk, a juried fine art show sponsored by ARTS, has successful proven year after year that an incredible showing of fine art for all ages can indeed be showcased in a small hometown historic community.

This show promotes local, regional, and national artists with over 60 participants, musicians, children's instructions, and activities. With over \$6000.00 in award money distributed by the judges panel, it's clearly a "win-win" event. Included in the festival is wine tasting, food booths, and other attractions that make this sparkling scene "picture" perfect. For additional information, go to www.artsforruraltexas.org or call 979-378-2113.

The party is just beginning Saturday evening, May 2 as some of Fayetteville's "finest"-- the Fire Department holds its' 21st Annual Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser and Dance at the St. John Catholic Church Pavilion. From 4:30 - 7:30, enjoy kids activities including a bounce house, barrel train and music for all as Central Texas Sounds Polka Band is showcased. Good ole' country BBQ beef, pork, and sausage will be served beginning at 5:30 pm and a silent and live auction commences at 6:30 pm. Bring the dancing shoes (or boots) as after the auction, there is a dance under the pavilion to the sounds of Leaving' Sundown. There's a clear need for the fundraiser this year as funds go toward a 2014 Model Grass Truck. This type of truck is a small vehicle build on a "pick-up" truck frame that carries a small amount of water and is used to fight grass fires that pop up frequently in rural areas. Donations are welcomed and questions may be directed to Rodney Sladek at 979-259-6868.

Rarely does Fayetteville take the "back seat" to music and May proves to be no exception as a wide range of music may be enjoyed--from Chamber Music to Bluegrass. The Fayetteville Chamber Music Festival is showcased: Friday May 8 at 8 pm, Saturday May 9 at 3 pm and 8 pm, Friday May 15 at 8 pm, and Saturday May 16 at 3 pm and 8 pm. Expect to be entertained with some of the most beautiful compositions performed by world-renowned artists that grace this wonderful community--all in the Country Place Hotel on the square of Fayetteville. The natural acoustics bring a warm intimate sound to the musician's violin, clarinet, and piano and the repertoire includes classics by Brahms, Mozart, Beethoven, and Czech favorites to name a few. For more information, go to www.fayettevillemusic.org or call 979-966-8251.

Live all-acoustic music is showcased as Texas Pickin' Park (another wonderful free event) returns on the square for that toe tappin' entertainment on Friday, May 8 and Saturday May 9. "Newcomers" are always welcome and if you are not familiar with Bluegrass and jammin' music, you are in for a real treat. This is an acoustic instrument jam for all ages with all styles of music played on instruments. One may easily solo or jam with others while making new friends. Free workshops are usually conducted around 11:00 am (on Saturday) and the visitor or "newbie" is encouraged to dress comfortably, bring a chair, and enjoy the warm spring breezes under the trees with new friends. This incredible event is held the second Saturday from April through November. Contact Tom Duplissey for information at www.texaspickinpark.com or call 512-415-3177.

And if you enjoy art with a "western theme", you are in for a treat as Mark Kohler-Painting the West exhibit will open Saturday, May 16 from 5-8 pm at the Red and White Gallery (1835 historic building) on 102 W. Main Street. Kohler has a passion for the American West and for the last 18 years has dedicated his talent to documenting the independent spirit of the modern working cowboy and what they have inherited from their predecessors. Mark is an award-winning watercolorist whose work appears in the top invitational shows in the country, and in private and corporate collections throughout the world. For more information, go to www.redandwhitegallery.com or call 713-818-3766.

Mark your calendars as Arts for Rural Texas has the Summer Art Camp 2015 schedule for the kiddos and young adults. Grades 1st - 6th: June 8-12 Theater Week, June 15-19 Haitian Style Painted Paper Bowls and Trays/Mixed Media, June 22-26 Recyclable Art/Mosaics, July 6-10 3D Art/Quilling, July 13-17 Acrylic Painting & Puppetry/Storytellers/Writing, July 20-24 Food & Edible Art/Abstract Art. Grades 7th-12th: Mosaics, June 8-12, Photography June 15-19, Watercolor June 22-26, Pastels July 6-10, Acrylic Painting July 13-17. The Blinn College-Campus for Grades 3-6: Watercolors June 8-12 ages 8-14 with Student Artists Reception Friday June 12th at 4 pm, and Blinn College-Weimar Campus July 20-24 Quilling with Student Artist Reception Friday July 24. Arts For Rural Texas is a 501(c)3 non-profit that heightens the visual and performing arts experience in the rural communities with an emphasis on providing educational opportunities for children. For more information or to sign up, go to www.artsforruraltexas.org or call 979-378-2113.

“This great community of Fayetteville (thanks to many volunteers) continues to showcase our history, heritage, and cultures through arts, music, and festivals for all ages,” states Mayor Ronnie Pflughaupt. “Our restaurants, lodging, shopping, and businesses extend their hometown hospitality to welcome all visitors and locals that come to share these experiences”. Fayetteville is located on Highway 159 a short distance from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS.

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