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Summer Sparkles in Historic Fayetteville with the 19th Annual City Wide Garage Sale, Tours, Pickin' Park Jammin' Music, & Exhibits That Go Beyond Exquisite



It's not just about those traditional events and viewing incredible pieces of art that bring visitors to the small town of Fayetteville. It's also about being pampered with hospitality, fun, and experiences that the locals render day after day, thus creating the "return" and "happy" customer to this outstanding National Registry hometown community.

Since 1996, Fayetteville residents and businesses alike have opened their doors to a "City Wide Garage Sale"--this itself is a mini festival and will be held from Friday, July 10 to Saturday, July 11. Find bargains and treasures via businesses, local antique dealers, collectors, and junk enthusiasts spread across the City of Fayetteville and spilling into the square. Maps are available with the locations of the garage sales for the treasure hunters (we told you it was serious business!) on the Courthouse steps beginning at 7:00 am Friday, July 10. Those seeking vendor booth information may e-mail lizcubage@fayettevillexchamber.org, call 979-378-4021 or go to www.fayettevillexchamber.org.

A special treat during this time is the Texas Pickin' Park session that normally runs the second weekend of each month from April-November. Bring the walking shoes and lawn chairs (and your instrument--unplugged of course) so you can relax after a hard day of fun/shopping and listen or "jam in" with the pickers on the square. Free workshops are

normally available with the pickers at 11:00 am on Saturdays and jamming goes on all afternoon into the night. Friday evenings provide smaller jams in the Old Fire House and acoustic instruments is requested. For more information on Texas Pickin' Park, e-mail Tom Duplissey info@texaspickinpark.com or call 512-415-3177.

And, a "not to miss" event on Saturday, July 11 includes *Texas Artists: Summer Flowers* (an opening reception) with the artists from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Red & White Gallery on 102 West Main. Whether your artistic talents stretch from one end of the spectrum to the other in abilities and knowledge, this is clearly an opportunity to engage in true beauty and creativity that the artists have to offer. Expect to view paintings by Mary Quiros and Mark Kohler, stained glass by Evan Quiros, works in clay by Pat Johnson, and drawings and photographs by Jerry Herring. The exhibit will open through September 12 and gallery hours are Fridays from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and by appointment.

Visitors are in for a real treat. They have an opportunity to see wonderful old historic buildings that personify Old Texas history including the Precinct Courthouse and Fayetteville Heritage Museum and witness the Czechs and Germans merging in a community where culture is profoundly respected today through the celebrations of this ageless and precious commodity to Texas. "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. "Country at its finest".

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