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Fall in Fayetteville Brings a Festive Flavor of History, Music, and "Junk" (yes, junk)



(Below compliments of Red & White Gallery)



It's not very difficult to discover something "going on" in Fayetteville and as fall presents a pastry collage of colorful creativity, this incredible National Registry District community is preparing for a fall blitz of activities and fun in history will not be shelved!

The Fayetteville Area Heritage Museum (on the square) will celebrate an open house on Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is no regular "open house" because Mr. Edgar von Minden will be present. Mr. von Minden, a native to Fayetteville made his hometown his retirement home as well and in 2008, he began constructing replicas of historic structures located throughout the town. Using balsa wood, corrugated tin, matchsticks, and other objects, Edgar devoted an enormous amount of man hours to hand cut the wood and construct these replicas as part of his commitment to authenticity and detail--what a hobby!!

One of these replicas is the "Gulf Station" (replica pictured), purchased in July of 1935 by Alvin Onken. The station was also the Kerrville Bus Station and Mr. von Minden's father

worked there while the family feed store was across the street. The station was closed in 1958. If you have never heard of the Miniatures of Fayetteville now on display, here's a great opportunity to visit a very special museum in the niche of a hometown community insurmountable with hospitality, history, and creativity. Mysteries of the museum and a special invite to reunion classmates from Fayetteville will be a part of the special venue. Questions may be addressed by calling 979-877-5290 or e-mailing fayettevillemuseum@yahoo.com.

Texas Pickin' Park will be celebrated on the square on Saturday, September 12 and again on Saturday, October 10 (always the second weekend of each month April thru November). This is a free event that reaches out to acoustic instruments with a workshop at 11:00 am. All ages are welcome and everyone is encouraged to bring a chair to sit back and listen to incredible music right on the square. Contact Tom Duplissey at 512-415-3177 or info@texaspickinpark.com for information.

Music takes center stage again on Friday, September 25 in Fayetteville (and this time a little different type of event and venue) as all are invited to enjoy The University of Houston Moores School Concert Chorale. This group is the renowned gold medal winners from the International Grand Prix of Nations Summer 2015 and are the University of Houston's premier large choral ensemble. Chorale members have traveled to compete at the Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales and represented the United States at the prestigious festival's opening night concert. For more information, contact Arts for Rural Texas at info@artsforruraltexas.org or call 979-378-2113.

Art remains a driving force of interest in Fayetteville as *A View From the Road* featuring paintings by Patsy Supak runs to October 10 at Arts for Rural Texas on the Square at 114 North Live Oak. Patsy loves to paint the scenic landscapes that Texas has to offer with its streams, barns, and wildflowers.

Antiques on the Square in Fayetteville kicks off ten days before some of the major shows. The Fall Show opens Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am and closes on Tuesday, September 29 around 9:00 pm. The packing up sale begins on September 29 around 9:00 am and an on-site auction kicks off at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 28 at the Historic Fayetteville Square and in the Old Firehouse. The hours may vary, some days a little earlier for opening, and often remaining open later in the evening. Vendors with their precious treasures journey from Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, and other parts of Texas. Merchandise included is everything from fine art to primitives, silver, outdoor garden, furniture, quilts, tools, advertising, and much more for those one of a kind finds. New vendors are welcomed by calling Lisa at 318-465-1603.

Fayetteville never misses a chance to create a new tradition and the latest is the official *Fayetteville 1st Junk Day* commencing on Saturday, October 3 beginning at 7:00 am. This new venue is scheduled to coincide with the end of Fayetteville's Antiques on the Square and the area Antiques Weeks. Garage sale signs will be posted for all of the good folks ready for a break from the toils of urban and suburban life. Contact info@FayettevilleTxChamber.org or call 979-378-4021 for more information.

“Fall is truly a festive time for our city of Fayetteville,” states Mayor Ronnie Pflughaupt. 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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