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***THE EXPERIENCE OF HISTORIC FAYETTEVILLE EMBRACES
THE GUEST WITH ARTS, MUSIC, AND HISTORY WRAPPED UP IN
THAT GREAT HOMETOWN HOSPITALITY***



Nestled in the rolling hills of Central Texas traditionally expressed this time of the year by a cacophony of wildflowers and historic trails is an incredible community with ongoing events, arts, and eclectic shopping that will set a gleam in anyone's eyes—the National Registry hometown known as Fayetteville. And a footnote—although that “antique show” with vendors has ended for the season, there are still many unique finds on the square throughout the year midst the historic buildings (as well as galleries) that beckons the visitors to take a “country” pace to enjoy the beauty of a hometown wrapped in hospitality.

“Fayetteville's pride is indeed its hospitality as everyone is a volunteer to this great community!” states Mayor Ronnie Pflughaupt. He continues, “We roll out the red carpet with our creative arts, hometown cooking, specialty shopping, and overnight lodging for all of our great visitors.” And, that’s a conservative statement with the upcoming venues and events confirming just that.

What better way to kick off a new tradition than with an organization that has been a part of the fabric of the community for some time. The Fayetteville Lions proudly present the 1st Annual Car and Music Picnic as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Lions as well as the 50th anniversary of the Fayetteville Lions organization. Festivities are on the square, Saturday, April 8 from 11 am – 2 pm. Part of the square will include a roped area for Antique and Custom vehicles and prizes will be awarded. Additionally, the Lions will be selling sausage on a stick, kettle popcorn, old-fashioned ice cream sundaes, and other menu items.

And on the same day, the Fayetteville’s Picking Park gears up for an April session with that great toe-tapping music getting everyone in a spring-festive mood. Enjoy live acoustic bluegrass jamming that is free for all and takes place around the square with all levels of players encouraged to attend. Slow jam kicks off at 1:00 pm at the Old Fire Station led by Lou Lou Barbour. Although jamming in the gazebo and the square continue after 10:00 pm on those select Saturdays, The Old Fire Station generally wraps up at 10:00 pm sharp. The Fayetteville Picking Park jam sessions are always held on the second Saturday of every month except for December. Bring a lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy. Questions may be directed to Debbie Stepan at 512-914-6640.

If you feel a little inspiration and/or curiosity towards art, ARTS (Arts for Rural Texas) gives you a chance to delve into that creativity with local artist Michael Clann as he shares shortcuts on basic drawing, painting, design, and use of acrylic paints for a great kick start towards your artistic career beginning Monday, April 10 and running for six weeks from 9:30 am to 12 (noon) at the ARTS Classroom Building right on the square (114 N. Live Oak). Call 979-378-2113 or e-mail info@artsforruraltexas.org for more information.

Needless to say, Arts for Rural Texas has been busy. They see not only the return of the Houston Grand Opera April 17 and April 18 at four different schools over a two day period with “The Barber of Seville” but also welcome back the McCallum Classical Guitar Ensemble on April 28. A special surprise with the Houston Grand Opera is a special Italian themed dinner and a “Sing for Your Supper” performance by the cast members of the opera crew on Monday, April 17—a fun and musical “not-to-miss” event. The McCallum Classical Guitar Ensemble take center stage with teens at La Grange ISD and Fayetteville ISD during the day (April 28), then with members and guests that evening with free will donations welcomed in supporting this great Fine Art Assemblies endeavor.

As these wonderful venues take place, a reminder that the Sam Longoria Exhibit will continue through May 27 at the Ross Gallery. Longoria’s contemporary impressionistic style has enjoy widespread audiences depicting his love and appreciation for natural landscapes and seascapes since childhood. For more information, call 979-378-2113 or go to www.artsforruraltexas.org.

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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