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### *The Month of April Showers Fayetteville with Art, Music, and Special Exhibits*



*Mail Call by Janet Eager Krueger gives a perspective of the thousands of women  
that served in Vietnam as nurses*

Midst the natural beauty of wildflowers and the music of songbirds that spring typically brings to the countryside also carry inspiring music and creative arts by incredible professionals for all ages to experience in the small community of Fayetteville in April. And...it is about that experience.

Kicking off this extraordinary experience in upcoming weeks in Fayetteville is the Janet Eager Krueger in the Ross Gallery at Arts For Rural Texas. Running through April 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am – 3 pm, Janet's exhibit brings thought into the art for the viewer. Awarded Texas State Artist in 2008, her work is notable for rootedness in theme and palette to South Texas and includes wild hogs, mesquite, ranchers in pickups and transcends color. She assembles bits and pieces of stories, sketches, and photographs into work greater than the sum of its parts

giving her work a classical perspective. For more information go to [www.ArtsForRuralTexas.org](http://www.ArtsForRuralTexas.org) or call 979-378-2113.

Pickin' folks can welcome back the Texas Pickin' Park Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. There is a free workshop scheduled at 11 am in the Old Firehall and is open to all instruments and levels—great fun for all—even the beginners. Slow Jam commences at 1 pm and jammin' on the square is showcased into the late evening hours. For questions, e-mail [info@texaspickinpark.com](mailto:info@texaspickinpark.com).

April showers more art as local Bernard Mendoza hosts a special workshop designed specifically for high school and college students (16 – 20 years of age) on April 13 from 10 am – 4 pm entitled The Photographer as a Story Teller. Mendoza is a commercial photographer who for the past eight years has worked primarily as a documentary and reportage photographer. A nominal \$50.00 fee entitles the student to a structured, hands-on experience in creating visual stories from the single frame to the complete photo-essay. Students learn about the visual alphabet, reading an image, communicating with a single silent frame, selecting a story, and the importance of that encounter. The exhibit will run from May 4 – 25 and an artist reception will be on May 11 from 5 pm – 7 pm.

If you have never experienced a Paraguayan Harpist (or any kind of harpist), April 26<sup>th</sup> with Juan Cabrera at the Ross Gallery is your opportunity. Originally from Paraguay, Juan began studying harp at the age of 4. His family was relocated to New York City because of this passion. He studied at the Julliard School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. Cabrera has toured venues including: the White House, Kennedy Center, Hollywood Bowl, and many more. He fuses folk sounds with New Age, contemporary Latin, R & B, and tropical rhythms that create an incredible sound. The 7 pm spot on April 26<sup>th</sup> is at a nominal fee of \$10.00. Questions regarding the workshop or concert may be addressed to [www.ArtsForRuralTexas.org](http://www.ArtsForRuralTexas.org) or by calling 979-378-2113.

The Fayetteville Country Music Show continues to “showcase” local talent each month and April is no exception. Be prepared for great toe-tappin' music always the last Monday of the month (this month on 29) at the St. John's Catholic Recreational Building on 209 East Bell Street. Doors open at 6 pm (show starts at 7 pm), food is available for purchase, and admission a nominal \$5.00 per person with kids 10 and under free. “Newbies are always welcome and may call Mark at 979-250-3226 or Greg at 281-684-4082 if they wish to join.” For more information visit [www.tfcms.webs.com](http://www.tfcms.webs.com).

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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