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### *Summer in Fayetteville Embraces Traditions with Art & Historic Church Celebration*



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Fayetteville



Artist Susanne Jackson works

**Celebrating Fayetteville is always a joy and the warm days of August and September continue to embrace the history that has shaped this community through traditional celebrations and art--minus the music in August only.**

**Although it's typically too warm during the day for musical instruments and the "pickers" in the month of August for Texas Pickin' Park fans, visitors are welcome to return and jam in the evening hours (after 6 pm) under the trees at the Historic Square the second Saturday of September, which is Friday, September 12 and Saturday, September 13. Information on Texas Pickin' Park may be found at [www.texaspickinpark.com](http://www.texaspickinpark.com) or by calling 512-415-3177. Workshops will "pick" back up as cooler weather returns.**

**Sunday, August 31 is a great time to visit the historic St. John the Baptist Church (located at 209 East Bell Street) as they celebrate a very special annual feast in mix of the cultures of the community. Catch a glimpse of the "way it was" as this parish honors the Czech and German immigrants that settled the area in the mid-1800's. The celebration kicks off with a 10 am Polka Mass with local musicians. View the incredible paintings by Ignaz Johann Berger, a Moravian painter born July 8, 1822**

and died June 29, 1901. A "not to miss parish feast" will be served up featuring *home pit* barbeque beef, pork, and sausage at the Recreation Center from 11 am until 1:30 pm with plates to go and drive thru line served from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm. And, the locals and parish will carry the "hometown" tradition of celebrating with games for children (including train rides and a moon walk), country store, auction, grocery wheel, kolaches, refreshments, ice cream, and pastries. A free dance will be held until 10 pm with Charles and the Fabulous Four. Sandwiches will be served started at 2:30 pm and bingo will kick off at 2 pm. All ages are welcome. Go to [www.stjohnfayetteville.com](http://www.stjohnfayetteville.com) for questions or call 979-378-2277.

Art never takes a back seat in rural Fayetteville as Arts for Rural Texas welcomes Southwestern Artist Susanne Jackson from September 6 through October 4 with the reception on Saturday, September 6 from 5 pm - 7 pm. Susanne Jackson grew up in New Mexico with a love for the Hispanic/Indian cultures and an admiration for the original Taos Artist Society.

She raised two daughters and went back into the workforce at age forty, focused on the graphic arts. At age fifty she began what became a multi-million dollar graphic art business called Houston Creative Connections (HCC) that has won many awards locally and nationally. While a business owner, her travels nationally allowed her to paint in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Texas, Maine, Alaska and Hawaii. Her international travels that also influenced her painting included Central America, South America, Europe, Japan and China. Even as a busy CEO, Jackson developed a strong style in her oils. Her portraits, like her landscapes, are based on representational style with a creative edge. After decades of operating a successful business, Susanne is now able to design her future around her first love of painting. Any questions may be directed to Arts For Rural Texas at [info@artsforruraltexas.org](mailto:info@artsforruraltexas.org) or 979-378-2113.

“We are extremely proud of our cultures that make up the community of Fayetteville. These active events earmark the traditions that honor those settlers that came before us,” states Mayor Ronnie Pflughaupt. “Our restaurants, lodging, shopping, and businesses extend their hometown hospitality as well 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 users—“Great weekend getaway with dining, shopping, and lodging available for all.”

*Cathy Chaloupka*

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