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Fayetteville Leaves No Stones Unturned as Art in Different Forms Grace the Weeks to Come



Fayetteville continues to rack up memorable impressions for the young and old alike as art, activities, and access to “healthy” foods merge to blend new and old traditions alike.

Arts for Rural Texas will be showcasing *Artwork* by Kaye Franklin from February 8 through March 8. Kaye, a professional artist and 30 year veteran uses light and color to inspire her work in oil and pastels. She has been awarded numerous national awards and honors, and she continues to pursue her lifelong gift as a teacher to emerging artists. The location is on the square at 114 N. Live Oak.

Since 2010, ACT has raised over \$100,000 that has contributed to arts and cultural events for over 6,000 children and adults—a phenomenal number and credit to the program. The annual ACT Reception and Silent Auction entitled *An Evening with the Masters* will be presented on Saturday, March 8. Showcased will be 100 pieces of artwork by internationally known artists that will captivate you whether you are prolific in the art world or not. ACT (Artist Changing Tomorrow) is a program developed to sustain and maintain the arts, visual, literary, and performing with a

goal to provide art education, school and community art programs and performance, and overall community arts outreach. The program is supported by artists and benefactors who are aware of the contribution that arts make to society and who selflessly seek to support the creative process. For more information, call 979-378-2113 or go to www.artsforruraltexas.org or e-mail info@artsforruraltexas.org.

Yet another special event (on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23) in Fayetteville is *Fotofest*, an international gathering and exhibit of photographers and their work that occurs every other year in Houston. This year, Fayetteville has an honor of being an outlying exhibit location drawing visitors and locals to galleries around the square including: The Red & White Gallery, ARTS Gallery, and the Country Place Gallery.

With a multitude of festivities encompassing the community, it has to be remembered that “hometown, historic Fayetteville” began with farmers and ranchers, history and tradition, and remains in that continuum today. Not to be missed through this culture (for visitors and locals alike) is Yonder Way Farm, a “grass-fed, raising food the right way” establishment that is expanding quickly in customer-friendly pastured products including grass-fed beef, pastured pork, pastured eggs, pastured poultry, and raw milk. The technique of pastured produce simply allows cows to graze on grass, pigs root up in the pastures, and chickens to scratch (forage) and roam freely, all part of the natural habitat and process that animals are accustomed to---no caging. The vision is to raise healthful products in a natural environment without the use of antibiotics, growth hormones, synthetics or chemicals of any kind and to continually develop a nature-sustaining life style. Owners Jason and Lynsey Kramer are seasoned farmers and allow their customers to view the habitat of the animals upon pickup of ordered produce. Since Yonder Way Farm is a working farm, it is requested that appointments only and pre-orders be made by calling 979-530-4444 or e-mail sales@yonderwayfarm.com.

And, while taking a small “glimpse” in the future, upcoming weeks in Fayetteville will spotlight antiques, fundraisers, music, and more art including: Antiques on the Square from March 27 – April 2 (9 am – 9 pm) on the historic Fayetteville Square and the Old Firehouse (Antique Auction March 31 at 6 pm), Market Days on the Square (every Saturday February through November on the Square), Texas Pickin’ Park (2nd Saturday April-November—acoustic instruments only), BP MS 150 Bike Ride on Saturday, April 12 (expect thousands), Fayetteville Fire Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser and Dance on Saturday, May 3, ArtWalk May 3-4 with loads of activities for young and old (bring your walking shoes), and Chamber Music Festival May 4-18 with an array of incredible musicians.

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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