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*Incredible Exhibits, Art, Classes, and Music Captivates the Spirit
of Rural Fayetteville in Weeks to Come*



Art by Nellie Kress



Sculpture by Jesus Moroles

The gift of creativity never takes a backseat in the community of Fayetteville and the upcoming month proves no exception. From extraordinary exhibits of granite to a painting workshop, art exhibits, and toe tappin' country music, the visitor and locals will clearly have memorable impressions to take home.

Karen Vernon will be hosting a unique two-day painting workshop at Arts for Rural Texas from January 18 – 19 entitled “For the Love of Landscape”. Karen teaches throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe and is offering this workshop in all painting media. Another upcoming exhibit and reception will be that of Texas native Nellie Kress who paints in watercolor and oils and currently resides in Katy. She has taught art in public schools, at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch, and has juried a number of shows in the Houston area. Her reception will be on February 9 at the Ross Gallery from 5-7 pm and exhibits showing from February 2– February 23. For information, contact 979-378-2113 or go to www.ArtsForRuralTexas.org.

Stunning does not begin to describe the “Rings of Granite” exhibition at the Red and White Gallery that will be showing up to February 9. Jesus Moroles, a 2008 recipient of the National Medal of Arts exposes small to large-scale sculptured work with Texas Pink, Dakota, Black, and Fredericksburg granite (yes, granite). Moroles trained in the United States, spent a year in the quarries of Italy, and is recognized internationally as the greatest sculptor working with granite today. Born in Corpus Christi, this incredible artist has his work included in public collections such as the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. His most visible work is a 64 ton, 22 foot sculpture at the CBS Plaza in New York City.

Jesus Moroles employs a tearing process where wedges are inserted into small holes that have been drilled into granite. When pressure is applied, the stone tears into a line or curve exposing the untouched interior. That remaining surface is smoothed and polished. He encourages his audience to experience this by touching and exploring his works of art. The Red & White Gallery is located at 102 West Main on the historic square of Fayetteville and may be reached at www.RedandWhiteGallery.com or by calling 979-378-2706.

That country spirit wouldn’t be complete without capping off the month with some country music, western swing, and gospel entertainment as The Fayetteville Country Music Show showcases local talent on January 28 at the St. John’s Catholic Recreational Building on 209 East Bell Street. Doors open at 6 pm with the 4H/FFA Showfund providing hamburgers, chips, and drinks for \$6.00 and admission a nominal \$5.00 per person with kids 10 and under free. The search is always on for local talent and this month will include not only The Peevler’s, The Riley’s, and the Country Backroad Band but a few special treats with Matt Lewis from Bellville, Erin Fletcher from Kenny, and Troy Arndt (the Trailboss of KTEX radio) from Bellville. For more information visit 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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