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Fayetteville Kicks off the Year with Incredible Exhibits & Art



Creativity in art takes the wheel as the New Year graces the community of Fayetteville. The upcoming month is a great example of the power in art with this extraordinary rural hometown as Arts for Rural Texas and the Red & White Gallery provide a showcase of art and photography. And artists prepare for the upcoming ACT International Invitation 2014 Exhibition and Auction. It's all about those memorable impressions and there are plenty to go around!

Arts for Rural Texas, located on the square in Fayetteville at 114 N. Live Oak, continue to connect artists and visionaries in the community to locals and visitors alike. The ongoing exhibit with Artwork by Kathleen Durst entitled "Tails from the Ark" will run through February 1 with an opening reception Saturday, January 18. And, looking ahead, March 8th is the ACT International Invitational Exhibition and Auction with limited seating entitled "*An Evening With the Masters*". It will include 100 pieces of artwork by internationally known artists with a silent auction, food, and entertainment. 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.

Arts For Rural Texas continues to provide Art After School (three semesters a year for six weeks each semester) to Fayetteville, Brenham Middle, Junior, High School, La Grange, and Flatonia for two sessions twice a week and in Schulenburg, Weimar, Industry, and Round Top once a week. Additional program provided include Fine Art Assemblies, Summer Arts Camp & Teen Workshops, Ross Gallery Exhibits, Children's Gallery, House Concerts, an Art Library (with over 500 donated art books), Adult Workshops, and Special Events. For more information on Arts For Rural Texas, call 979-378-2113 or go to www.artsforruraltexas.org.

Photography is showcased in upcoming weeks as “Laura Wilson’s West” – a Photography Exhibit is presented at the Red & White Gallery at 102 West Main Street, beginning Saturday, January 25 and running through March 1. Artist will be present at the opening reception and there will be an Artist Talk Sunday, February 23 beginning at 3 pm. Ms. Wilson has completed four books, the latest entitled “Avedon at Work”. She was Richard Avedon’s assistant for six years and her photographs and journal depict the creative process and working methods.

Ms. Wilson has won multiple awards including Royal Photographic Society of England Book of the Year, San Antonio Conservation Society Citation, Southwestern Booksellers Association Best Non-Fiction Book, Rocky Mountain Book Publishers Association Best Art Book, National Cowboy Hall of Fame Western Heritage Wrangler for the Best Art Book, and many other prestigious awards. She currently is working on three projects; one documenting life along the Texas/Mexico border, the second documenting Hollywood directors, screenwriters, cinematographers, and actors behind the scenes, and the third documenting American fighter pilots. More information may be obtained at www.blackbirdfarmtexas.com or by calling 713-818-9766.

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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