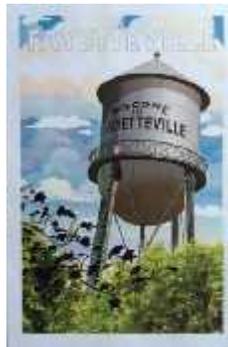


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Simmer Your Sizzling Summer In Historic Fayetteville as Art, Exhibitions, Music, and the Annual City Wide Garage Sale are Celebrated



Fayetteville clearly knows the ingredients to making a visitor happy--traditional events, art (in many forms and shapes), music, fun, shopping, great food, and an extra helping of hospitality. This outstanding National Registry hometown community rarely misses a beat in charming a smile from the visitor showcasing what they have to offer and the upcoming weeks prove to be no exception.

A very special type of art takes center stage Saturday, June 25th as the opening of "Fayetteville Posters by Jerry Herring" kicks off at the Red & White Gallery from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on 102 West Main right off the square. Graphic designer Jerry Herring has created memorable images for international companies and institutions from the Kennedy Center to AT&T. Now, he has turned his works to scenes of historic Fayetteville with a series of illustrated posters spotlighting special places and moments of this unique town.

Summer Classes throughout the community via ARTS (Arts for Rural Texas) continues to keep the kiddos in tune with hands on elements that weave a variety of artistic compositions including tissue paper art and alcohol ink tiles, choir week, art crafts, dimensions of forms, cooking art, faux stained glass, string art, and mixed media. ARTS

commitment is clearly directed for the young adults of the area as they provide an incredible opportunity to understand, engage, and discern the field of art in their own way. Go to www.artsforruraltexas.org for schedules or call 979-378-2113.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary (since 1996 and always the second Saturday of July), Fayetteville residents and businesses showcase "mid-summer" with a traditional "City Wide Garage Sale"-- a mini festival of sales and shopping to be held Saturday July 9 beginning at 8:00 am and continuing late into the day. Bargains and treasures via businesses, local antique dealers, collectors, and junk enthusiasts will be spread across the City of Fayetteville and immersed into the square. Local merchants will have special sales as well, so start early and leave no stone unturned! Bring walking shoes, stay hydrated (restaurants are around the square), and maps are available with the locations of the garage sales for the treasure hunters on the Courthouse front steps beginning at 7:00 am on Friday. For booth information, e-mail lizcubage@fayettevilletxchamber.org, call 979-378-4021 or go to www.fayettevilletxchamber.org.

Also staged for Saturday, July 9, is the Texas Pickin' Park session (pickers and jammers) that normally runs the second weekend of each month from April-November right on the square. If you haven't enjoyed the experience in watching or performing with a delightful bunch of performers/musicians, here's the opportunity. Bring lawn chairs (and your instrument--unplugged of course) so you can relax after a hard day of fun/shopping and listen or "jam in" with the pickers on the square. Free workshops are normally available with the pickers at 11:00 am on Saturdays and jamming goes on all afternoon into the night. Friday evenings provide smaller jams in the Old Fire House and acoustic instruments are requested. In case of warmer days, evening sessions around the square are always welcome. For more information on Texas Pickin' Park, e-mail Tom Duplissey info@texaspickinpark.com or call 512-415-3177.

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