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Unforgettable Fayetteville Captures the Hearts of All in History, Culture, Music & Art



No place has arts, music, history, and culture gleaned in the fabric of yesterday for all ages as much as the wonderful National Registry community of Fayetteville, located in the heart of Texas. Visitors have come, stayed longer, even found Fayetteville to be their home because of these traditions, venues, museum, and businesses (including art galleries and great eateries). One of these traditions, the Fayetteville Picking Park kicks off their monthly venue of jams to live acoustic bluegrass music on Saturday July 8 on the square in Fayetteville. This is a free event and participants and visitors are invited to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a slow jam at 1:00 pm at the Old Fire Station led by Lou Lou Barbour. Jams take place throughout the day on the square with all levels of players welcome. Businesses are open for refreshments, dining, and shopping as well. Questions may be addressed to Debbie Stepan at 512-914-6640. This fun-loving and free event is held on the second Saturday of each month, except in December.

During the day on Saturday, July 8, the City Wide Garage Sale will be conducted. Held annually since 1996, expect to find anything from great antiques to bona fide “junk”. Spread around Fayetteville and the square, maps showing locations of the sales will be available for those treasure hunters at most locations and at the Visitors Center in the Old Bank Building on the Square. For more information, e-mail lizcubage@fayettevilletxchamber.org or call 979-378-4021. Mark your calendar and don't miss the fun!

Surprises are all around this incredible hometown originally formed by three settlers that were part of Austin's Colony Old 300. One of the locals' favorites (as well as loads of visitors) is the Fayetteville Area Heritage Museum open most Saturdays from 11:00 am until 2 pm with extended hours by request and Sunday-Friday by appointment. General public and school groups are free with donations appreciated and commercial and tour groups are requested to call to schedule. Located on the historic square at 119 West Washington Street, this museum offers a visit of cultures and history through incredible displays that include: a historic altar from the original St. John's Catholic Church, a pipe organ from St. Mary's, pre-historic bones, fire engine pump, farm equipment, and even Teddy Schultz's Model Trains and Railroad Collection (made to scale at 1/2" per foot). At the age of sixteen, Schultz converted a sewing machine into a jigsaw with a washing machine motor powering his lathe. For more information on the Fayetteville Area Heritage Museum, call 979-877-5290 or fayettevillemuseum@yahoo.com.

As the summer days settle in, don't forget that sign up time for the kiddos continue with Arts for Rural Texas. Exposing art media to the area kiddos is their goal and as a result, Summer Art Camp may be found in Fayetteville through July 28 as well as Carmine, Flatonia, Round Top, St. Rose in Schulenburg, Blinn College in Schulenburg, and the Weimar Civic Center. Some of the art elements exposed include: clay, mosaics, mixed media, recycled, 3-D, photography, cooking, fused glass, alcohol ink, and so much more. Didn't know there were so many forms of art? Now's a great chance to get the young adults involved by contacting 979-378-2113 or go to www.artsforruraltexas.org.

“Restaurants, lodging, shopping, and businesses extend their hometown hospitality to welcome all visitors and locals that come to share these experiences at this wonderful National Registry community.” Fayetteville is located on Highway 159 a short distance from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS.

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