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*Fall in Fayetteville Packed with Fun and Magical Moments for All
Thanks to Local Businesses, Events, and Non-profits of the Area*



Sculpture by Robert Morz (upcoming children's class)



Art work by Tim Vanya

The historic community of Fayetteville has had a busy year for all ages of visitors and the upcoming weeks will prove no exception. Besides preparation for the upcoming annual Licksillet celebration (to be held October 19-20), there is a continuum of magical weekly celebrations via art and music that can't be beat and would be a shame to miss.

Texas Pickin' Park returns to the historic square of Fayetteville (in the afternoon/evenings) of Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14. All ages are welcome to step in to pick, play, sing along, or just tap your toes to some incredible

music. This is a free event that has evolved through the years and is very family-oriented. There will be a workshop on Saturday, September 14 at 11 am entitled “Tuning & Timing” by Robert Duke. More information on Texas Pickin’ Park may be found at www.texaspickinpark.com or by calling 512-415-3177.

The Red & White Gallery on 102 West Main continues to run “Recent Paintings” by Mary Quiros through October 20 with an artist’s talk on October 12 at 3 pm. Mary has exhibited throughout Texas and the United States and continues to paint at her studio in her home. She is an award-winning artist that won the Mark Chapman Award for 2D at ArtWalk 2011. Go to www.redandwhitegallery.com for further information.

Arts for Rural Texas (on the square) pull the punches with workshops, classes, exhibits, and talks in the upcoming weeks. Upcoming Workshops: Saturday, September 14, visitors are in for a treat as an incredible local artist, Pat Johnson, takes the spotlight in an adult workshop from 9-4 entitled “Ceramic Tile.” Pat has been a full-time artist for more than 30 years and lives and works in Fayetteville. Ms. Johnson has received numerous awards and her tile work was recently included in the Lark books publication, “500 Tiles”. There is a nominal fee of \$85.00 for her workshop.

Mike Clann graces the group with another adult workshop entitled “Brushes and Brews” on September 27 from 6-9 at a cost of \$50.00, which includes all art supplies. Michael K. Clann is a representational artist who, perhaps by virtue of his profession as a mediator, arbitrator and teacher of negotiation, is fascinated by the psychological motivations behind people’s actions. Because of this interest he is often drawn to capture brief interludes of human interaction. He will have his exhibition “Portals” on display through September 28th at Arts for Rural Texas as well.

And for those into the cowboys, an opening reception “The Living Cowboy” by Tim Vanya will be held Saturday, October 5 from 5-7 pm with exhibition dates from October 5-26 at the Arts for Rural Texas. Tim is a masterful artist, painting in oil and working in graphite. Painting women, the living cowboy, he tells stories in each painting.

A special note for the kiddos, mark your calendars for October 26th as ages K-6th graders are invited to a “Clay Workshop” with Robert Morz from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Inspired by a visit to the Mangrove ecosystem along Black River in southern Jamaica, Morz created a free-form clay sculpture that is kiln fired and hand painted with a tangled web of mangrove tree roots symbolizing the Rastafarian cultural style and beliefs. He hand built a 22” tall clay tree that incorporates the faces of Rastafarian men whose dreadlocks form the long hanging roots grown from the mangrove tree. It is requested that lunches be brought for the workshop. Snacks will be provided and there is a nominal \$10.00 for this great children’s experience.

And an early note--November reigns in a very special treat as local Beth Wiseman conducts an “Adult Fiction Writing Class” on Saturday, November 23rd from 10 am – 3:00 pm for a fee of \$60.00. It is requested that lunch arrangements be made and light refreshments will be provided. Registration for all of these activities may be found at www.artsforruraltexas.org or by calling 979-378-2113.

Lickskillet Days Festival (a celebration of German and Czech heritage) is right around the corner and everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars for the Saturday and Sunday October 19-20 festivities. Parade entries and Family Fun Run/Walk entries are being accepted at this time and now's the time to start working out in preparation! The Family Fun Run/Walk starts on Saturday, October 19 at 8:30 am at City Hall located on 202 W. Main Street. This event is organized by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce with sponsors and volunteers and is designed to promote fitness, health, wellness, and exercise for all ages. It takes place in and around the historic Fayetteville square with the 5K on relatively flat course and a slight hill. There is a water and rest stop at the halfway mark and volunteers on ATV's will be traveling the 5K route in case of need. There is a nominal fee depending on age.

The not-to-miss Lickskillet Parade will begin at 11 am on Sunday, October 20 with check in from 8-9:30 am and judging at 9:30 am. Entry deadline is on October 15. The annual Lickskillet Days Parade has become a central part of the festivities with a tribute to the cultures of the area. Parade and/or Family Fun Run/Walk forms may be obtained by going to www.fayettevilletxchamber.org. All ages are encouraged to attend and enjoy the fun.

“Culture and pride makes up the community of Fayetteville. Restaurants, lodging, shopping, and businesses extend their hometown hospitality as well to welcome all visitors and locals that come to share these experiences”. 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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