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### *Historic Buildings, Art & Music Celebrated in Fayetteville as Sensational Summer Begins to Wrap Up*



There's always something "cooking up" in the National Registry town of Fayetteville and the upcoming weeks with art and music prove to be no exception. Designed by cultures and gifted with surprises, the latest unique venue is situated in the Old Bank Building on the square at 123 North Washington--a vault. This is not just a "vault" but now represents the Artists Vault with hours Monday thru Friday from 10 am - 4 pm. And we are not eluding to a replica--this is a true bank vault at the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center that will be showcasing the work of local Fayetteville artists. Running through July will be paintings of scenes from Fayetteville by local artist Mike Clann.

A retrospect of history is "Reflections", a showcased image of Clann's that illustrates artistic decay in window frames with humorous ways to reflect on the cultural evolution ongoing in our society. Mike Clann may be reached at [mclann@aol.com](mailto:mclann@aol.com) and the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages all ages to stroll through the vault and enjoy the artistic atmosphere.

Sometimes even firmly planted traditions need to be "tweeked" as is Texas Pickin' Park. Kicked off in April 2008, this celebration of acoustic music has taken place on the Town Square monthly from April through November the second Saturday of each month for the last several years with acoustic sound celebrated day and night. Tom Duplissey, recent organizer, has just ended his affiliation but not to worry, "pickin'" up that ongoing celebration is now the *Fayetteville Picking Park* with numerous locals including Debora Stepan leading the way. There's already been one change take place--this fun-loving

**"jammin" party will now firmly be planted on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year where visitors of all ages are welcome to bring the lawn chair and their instruments (unplugged of course) or just come and "toe-tap" the day under the trees of hometown Fayetteville. Stephan can be reached by calling 512-914-6640.**

**Thriving in this incredible community is the connection of art. Fueled by a commitment to promote art throughout the area to the youth, volunteers with ARTS (Arts of Rural Texas on the square) continue their firm endeavors during the summer with the Emerging Artist Competition, a free contest to youths in grades 6-12 with over \$3,000 of awards to be handed out. Pictured youth are last year's recipients of the awards. All work must be original, framed, matted and/or mounted on mat board and must be delivered no later than August 8 to the Ross Gallery at ARTS. Categories include color drawing, black and white, painting, mixed media, and photography. Online registration and additional information may be obtained at [www.artsforruraltexas.org/EmergingArtist.html](http://www.artsforruraltexas.org/EmergingArtist.html).**

**“Restaurants, lodging, shopping, and businesses extend their hometown hospitality 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. "Country at its finest".**

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