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## Beaumont Mural Festival March 1-3

About three years ago, Austin artist J Muzacz traveled to Beaumont to paint murals at a new restaurant/bar called Pour 09. While he and the owner, Min Dai, walked around downtown one night, Muzacz started noticing the bare brick and stucco walls of the surrounding structures. “Such cool old buildings,” he said. “They’d be great for murals.” The seed for the Beaumont Mural Festival was planted.

This spring, visitors can watch in real time as artists transform the blank walls

of downtown buildings in the Gulf Coast town into colorful works of art during the festival. Ten featured artists, including two from outside the United States, will participate in the free event, which was launched three years ago as part of a downtown revitalization effort.

“You’re getting to see artists at work in their studio, which is out on the street,” says Muzacz, who teamed up with Dai and Christina Lokey, tourism director at the Beaumont Visitors Bureau, to create the event. “There’s a kid who’s going to go to the festival with his parents and see a mural going up, then 20 years later say, ‘I remember seeing them paint that.’ That’s the intangible value we add to any space.”

Most of the artists will start painting on Thursday, but the main festival takes place Saturday and Sunday with music, vendors, kids’ activities, live music, and food trucks at the Beaumont Event Cen-

tre. Mural sites are mostly clustered within a few blocks of the event venue and can be located through the city’s online mural guide.

Artists painted 13 murals in the festival’s first year. In 2023, a new slate of artists added 17 more, including a 10,000-square-foot work by Drew Merritt called *Genesis*.

“This year we’re trying to stay solid at 10, because the size of these murals has grown exponentially,” Lokey says. The festival also highlights the work of local artists, who paint smaller wooden cubes that will be on display at the center.

“These murals aren’t just a one-and-done thing,” Muzacz says. “It’s an ongoing collection, and it’s really adding to the community. A lot of times art is a catalyst for positive change: It allows people to see value in otherwise abandoned spaces.”

[beaumontcvb.com/mural-festival](http://beaumontcvb.com/mural-festival)

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## MARCH



### 7th–10th

**SWEETWATER: Sweetwater Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup** Founded in 1958, the annual Sweetwater Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup features a rattlesnake parade, carnival, the Miss Snake Charmer Pageant, a gun and knife show, and the weighing and measuring of snakes. **325-235-3484; rattlesnakeroundup.net**

### 9th

**DEL RIO: Fiesta of Flight and Open House** This event showcases Laughlin Air Force Base's mission and the men and women who serve in the United States Air Force. The event includes aircraft displays and aerial crafts, a car show, food vendors, merchandise booths, and activities for kids. **830-775-3551; laughlin.af.mil/fiesta-of-flight-2024**

### 12th–17th

**NEDERLAND: Heritage Festival** Taking place over six days in March, the Nederland Heritage Festival offers a fun run, treasure hunt, crafts and collectibles market, parade, chili cookoff, crawfish races, and washer tournament. **409-724-2269; nederlandhf.org**

### 14th–16th

**DUBLIN: St. Patrick's Festival** Spend the holiday in the Irish Capital of Texas. Over the years, festivities have included live Celtic music, pageants, the Shamrock Shuffle 5K, the annual festival parade, a classic cars show, food and merchant vendors, an Irish stew cookoff, green beer, and a little leprechaun contest. **254-300-6263; dublintxchamber.com**

### 23rd

**PALESTINE: Dogwood Festival** On the first weekend of the Dogwood Trails Celebration, this festival invites attendees to enjoy craft and novelty vendors, a kids' zone, food vendors, art shows, street entertainment, concerts, and other fun activities in historic downtown and Old Town Palestine. **903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com/dogwood**

### 25th

**FREDERICKSBURG: Texas Hill Country Wineries' Wine and Wildflower Journey** Get tickets online to receive full complimentary tastings and wine discounts at dozens of participating wineries on this self-guided tour that kicks off March 25 and runs through April 19. **texashillcountrywineries.org**

## APRIL



### 8th

**INGRAM: Total Eclipse Festival** The total solar eclipse is passing over Stonehenge II, and the Hill Country Arts Foundation hosts this festival, where attendees can expect food trucks, a beer tent, RV and tent camping, and hygiene stations on the closed campus. **830-367-5121; hcac.com/eclipse-2024**

### 13th

**SEYMOUR: Tom Lea Trail and Heritage Trade Show** Immerse yourself in the world of artist Tom Lea, who depicted landscapes and the bustling streets of historic towns in his paintings. At the Heritage Trade Show, engage with artisans and see their work in trades like blacksmithing, woodworking, and weaving. **915-533-0048; tomlea.com/events/tom-lea-celebration-2023-24**

### 13th–14th

**CHAPPELL HILL: Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas** Chappell Hill is the Bluebonnet Capital of Texas, and this festival honors that heritage with more than 400 vendors, food, live music, and family-friendly fun. **979-836-6033; chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com**

### 20th

**BEE CAVE: Texas Whiskey Festival** Enjoy an opportunity to meet the distillers and master blenders who make Texas whiskey. Over 35 whiskey distilleries from across Texas are on-site, and entertainment, cigars, vendors, and a live concert cap off the night. **940-636-7569; txwhiskeyfest.com**

### 22nd

**SAN ANTONIO: Texas Cavaliers River Parade** This one-of-a-kind parade on the San Antonio River started in 1941 after a group of Texas Cavaliers witnessed boats and barges decorated with flowers in the "floating gardens" of Mexico City. Today, the parade attracts more than 250,000 spectators. **210-227-4837; texascavaliers.org**

### 24th–28th

**CORPUS CHRISTI: The Birdiest Festival in America** The annual festival spotlights peak spring migration in one of the country's busiest flyways. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center hosts field trips, presentations, workshops, bird walks, and education programs by Jonathan and Susan Wood of The Raptor Project. **361-563-5968; birdiestfestival.org**

## FIND EVENTS ONLINE

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MAY



### 3rd-5th

#### EL CAMPO: Crawfish Cookoff and Car Show

Rev up your engine and appetite and come indulge in the best of both worlds at the Crawfish Cookoff and Car Show in El Campo. The event features delicious crawfish dishes, classic cars, and live music by Whiskey Bent and Trey Cruz. **979-275-1600; eclostlagoon.com**

### 4th

#### TAYLOR: Blackland Prairie Day

The first weekend in May brings a lively event celebrating the heritage of Taylor and the Blackland Prairie the city was founded on. Enjoy live music, food, vendors, and children's activities in the middle of downtown Taylor. **512-352-3675; ci.taylor.tx.us**

### 7th-11th

#### FORT DAVIS: Dark Sky Week

Join McDonald Observatory in observing the dark skies of West Texas. Event programming offers stargazers the opportunity to take special tours, learn at science lectures, watch a film screening, see views of the solar system, and enjoy fun star parties. **432-426-3640; mcdonaldobservatory.org/dark-sky-week-2024**

### 10th-12th

#### CONROE: Big As Texas Festival

With aspirations as large as the Lone Star State, this new outdoor celebration features a world-class music lineup, Texas vendors and artisans, custom exhibitions, immersive art installations, live-fire grilling, carnival games, and fun for all ages. **bigastexasfest.com**

### 16th-18th

#### COLUMBUS: Magnolia Days Festival

Held on the courthouse square under the shade of a 100-year-old live oak and magnolia trees, the Magnolia Days Festival is fun for the whole family. See a presentation by the Magnolia Belles, shop at the marketplace, sample tasty food, enjoy a brew in the beer garden, and dance the weekend away with a lineup of concerts. **979-732-8385; magnoliadays.org**

### 26th

#### LEWISVILLE: Fiesta Charra

Enjoy activities that take place at a "charreada," a traditional rodeo practiced in Mexico where competitors show off their talents in roping and other ranching skills while wearing exquisite costumes. **972-219-3401; visitlewistexas.com**

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#### LISTING DEADLINES

##### SPRING

(March, April, May):

**Dec. 1**

##### SUMMER

(June, July, Aug.):

**March 1**

##### FALL

(Sept., Oct., Nov.):

**June 1**

##### WINTER

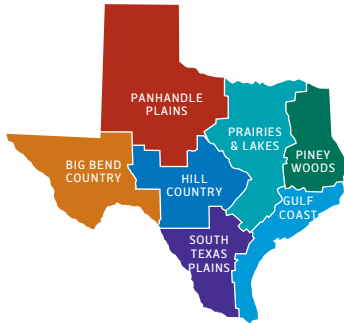
(Dec., Jan., Feb.):

**Sept. 1**

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## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE: Through May 4 Andy Warhol: Cowboys and Indians** Andy Warhol, fascinated by icons of American culture, released the portfolio *Cowboys and Indians* in 1986. The 10 prints in the series portray a fantasy of the American West, mixing together historical figures and mass media interpretations of the past. Portraits in the series include actor John Wayne, sharpshooter Annie Oakley, President Teddy Roosevelt, Apache leader Geronimo, and military general George Custer. *Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University campus, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-8145; museumofthebigbend.com* ♿

**DEL RIO: March 9 Fiesta of Flight and Open House** This event showcases Laughlin Air Force Base's mission and the men and women who serve in the United States Air Force. In addition to aircraft displays and aerial crafts, the event features a car show, food vendors, merchandise booths, and activities for kids. Fiesta of Flight offers a STEAM Expo in conjunction with the

Del Rio High School Career and Technical Education program. *Laughlin Air Force Base, 561 Liberty Drive. 830-775-3551; laughlin.af.mil/fiesta-of-flight-2024* ♿

**EL PASO: March 1 Marc Anthony in Concert** The Grammy Award-winning singer and actor brings his *Viviendo Tour* to El Paso. The singer is best known for hit salsa music and songs like "Pa'lla Voy," "Mala," "Ojala Te Duela," "And There Was Someone," and "Your Love Makes Me Good." *Don Haskins Center, 151 Glory Road. 915-747-5481; utepspecialevents.com/calendar/special\_events* ♿

**FORT DAVIS March 15-17 Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekends** The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve opens for hiking, biking, equestrian activities, picnics, photography, and birding on select weekends throughout the year. *Davis Mountains Preserve, 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on State Highway 118 North. 432-426-2390; nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/events/tx-davis-mountains-open-days*

**FORT STOCKTON: March 21-23 Comanche Springs Rodeo** On the fourth weekend of March, head to the Comanche Springs Rodeo, an annual United Professional Rodeo Association rodeo with a parade, dancing, live music, and traditional rodeo events. Kids ages 12 and under get in for free for Friday's Family Night. *Pecos County Coliseum, 1658 Airport Drive. 432-336-2264; comanchespringsrodeo.com*

## GULF COAST

**BEAUMONT: March 1-3 Mural Festival** Muralists from across the country and around the world come to Beaumont to paint murals in downtown and neighboring areas. Experience a colorful fusion of creativity and culture as Beaumont transforms into a canvas of imagination. *Downtown and Beaumont Event Centre, 700 Crockett St. 409-673-2094; beaumontcvb.com* ♿

**BEAUMONT: March 3 SOAR Family Day** The McFaddin-Ward House presents the second annual SOAR celebration. The monthlong colorful display of butterflies throughout the outdoor campus features several events, with the highlight being SOAR Family Day, which includes live

music, food trucks, garden- and butterfly-related craft activities, Houston Museum of Natural Science bug carts, and local artists' butterfly garden displays. *McFaddin-Ward House, 1906 McFaddin Ave. 409-832-2134; mcfaddin-ward.org* ♿

**CLUTE: March 5, 12, 19, 22, 26 Planetarium Show** Featuring high-tech equipment including a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector, this planetarium show recreates the night sky as it appears to the naked eye and gives viewers a close-up look at comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: March 22 Steve Treviño** He's fluent in wife, loves beer and barbecue, and is "America's Favorite Husband." Comedian Steve Treviño shares hilarious observations on fatherhood, husbandhood, and modern life. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: March 23-24 Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow Party** For the first time ever in Corpus Christi, fans of all ages can experience the thrill of watching their favorite Hot Wheels Monster Trucks in the dark. The lights might be off, but trucks, drivers, motorcycles, and the pit are all lit up with glowing lights. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com* ♿

**EL CAMPO: March 9-16 Spring Break at Lost Lagoon** Dive into fun during spring break with pool activities, a rubber duck race, candy bar bingo, and a family fun hour. As the sun sets, groove to the tunes of Stephanie Ross and Dameon Leve. *El Campo Lost Lagoon, 665 CR 451. 979-275-1600; eclostlagoon.com* ♿

**FULTON: March 28 Taste of Rockport-Fulton** Featuring fine restaurants and caterers from the area, this worthy project of the Rockport Rotary Club raises scholarship funds for Rockport-Fulton High School seniors with a live auction, silent auction, and entertainment. *Fulton Convention Center, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-6445; tasteofrockport-fulton.com* ♿

**GALVESTON: March 2 Drum Tao** Journey to Japan's ancient world of drumming and

martial arts as you enjoy this world sensation showcasing a complete package of music, dance, and theater. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: March 10 Rob Landes in Concert: *Back to Berlin*** Spend a delightful afternoon listening to Irving Berlin tunes as Rob Landes and his trio perform favorites by the composer including “There’s No Business Like Show Business,” “Puttin’ on the Ritz,” and “Cheek to Cheek.” *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: March 16 Brian Stokes Mitchell in Concert** Two-time Tony Award winner Brian Stokes Mitchell is known as “The Last Leading Man.” Stokes takes you on a journey through the likes of Broadway, opera, and film. Hear favorites from shows like “Kiss of the Spider Woman” and “Jelly’s Last Jam.” *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: March 23 *The Simon and Garfunkel Story*** Relive all your favorites (“Bridge Over Troubled Water,” “Mrs. Robinson,” “The Sound of Silence”) as you

enjoy this immersive concert-style theater show chronicling the incredible journey shared by Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through March 10 *Chryssa and New York*** This exhibition presents the innovative art made by the Greek-born artist Chryssa (1933–2013) while she was living in New York City from the late 1950s to the early 1970s. Renowned for her adoption of industrial process, found commercial materials, and early work with neon light, she stands at the forefront of American art in the wake of World War II. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through April 19 *Glass in Flight*** This exhibit by Tucson artist Alex Heveri makes its Texas debut with 21 steel and hand-cut dalle de verre glass sculptures of gigantic, realistic insects including butterflies, dragonflies, and beetles. Sunlight through the colored glass mimics the transparency and iridescence of insect wings, intensifying the illusion of movement and life. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through May 4 *This Side Up*** Houston Center for Contemporary Craft presents this group exhibition that frames art handling and collections-care practices within the field of craft. Featuring the work of mount makers, crate builders, and exhibition fabricators, as well as artwork informed by these practices, the show brings unprecedented attention to the specialized knowledge, skill, apprenticeship, and understanding of materials required to build and support art infrastructure. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; craftthouston.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Aug. 11 *Janet Sobel: All-Over*** This exhibition focuses on the abstract paintings made by Janet Sobel (1893–1968) during the 1940s when her short-lived but meteoric career began. Acclaimed for her skillful use of color and densely layered compositions that spilled to the edges of the support, Sobel pioneered what became known as “all-over” abstraction. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Oct. 20 *Longing, Grief, and Spirituality: Art Since 1980*** Featuring works created over the past 40



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years, many of which are owned by the Menil, this display presents artists' response to the precariousness of life through the expression of longing, grief, and spirituality. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St.* 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: Feb. 22-March 3 Cinderella**

More tomboy than a princess, Stanton Welch's title character is a striking woman of substance, determination, and spunk. Not waiting on a prince to rescue her, Cinderella is in control, fighting the will of her evil stepmother with wit and vigor. And when she finds true love, she grabs it and holds on with both hands. Set to Prokofiev's classic score, Welch's unique spin on the classic brings the work into modern times with a twist to suit the 21st century. *Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave.* 832-236-3849; [houstonballet.org](http://houstonballet.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: March 7-17 Bespoke** This show brings a fresh mixed repertory program with three ballets never seen before on the Wortham Theater stage, including the premiere of Stanton Welch's *Bespoke*, which is set to a series of Johann Sebastian Bach's violin concertos. *Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave.* 832-236-3849; [houstonballet.org](http://houstonballet.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: March 19 Fauré Piano Quartet in Concert** Known for their sterling musicianship, the Fauré Piano Quartet has become world famous for unearthing novel approaches to timeless pieces. The program includes Franz Schubert's Adagio and Rondo Concertante in F major, Antonín Dvorák's Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat major, and George Enescu's Piano Quartet No. 1 in D major. *Stude Concert Hall, Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center, Rice University, 6100 Main St.* 713-348-5400; [chambermusic-houston.org](http://chambermusic-houston.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: March 22-July 21 Ruth Asawa Through Line** This is the first exhibition to focus on the artist's lifelong drawing practice. Surveying Ruth Asawa's impressive range and expansive approach, the exhibition offers an unparalleled window into the artist's resourceful approach to drawing, with her particular attention to materials, line, surface, and space. *The Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St.* 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: March 23-24 Bayou City Art Festival** Celebrating more than 50 years of providing unique art experiences and education to the greater Houston area, this spring outdoor art festival offers attendees the opportunity to meet artists, view original works, and purchase one-of-a-kind art, prints, jewelry, sculptures, and functional

art. Enjoy live entertainment, a food truck park, a craft beer and wine garden, and beverage stations throughout the festival. *Sam Houston Park, 1000 Bagby.* 713-521-0133; [bayoucityartfestival.com](http://bayoucityartfestival.com) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**Alden B. Dow Office Museum Tour** Take a self-guided tour of the restored midcentury architectural beauty of Alden B. Dow's 1943 downtown office. Learn all about the city's beginnings and the indelible mark that Dow left as the principal architect of Lake Jackson. The museum is open every Saturday. *Alden B. Dow Office Museum, 101 S. Parking Place.* 979-297-1570; [ljhistory.org](http://ljhistory.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: March 2 Food Truck Festival**

Along with visiting food trucks and eating delicious food, attendees can participate in a cornhole tournament, chalk-the-lot contest, and other activities. *MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road.* 979-297-4533; [lakejackson-tx.gov](http://lakejackson-tx.gov) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: March 5 Abner Jackson**

**Plantation Site Tour** Visit the historic archeological site formerly owned by Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, Farm-to-Market Road 2004 near State Highway 332.* 979-297-1570; [ljhistory.org](http://ljhistory.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: March 8 Dallas String**

**Quartet in Concert** The Dallas String Quartet's *Bridgerton*-inspired show features songs like "Wildest Dreams" by Taylor Swift, "In My Blood" by Shawn Mendes, and "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen. With beautiful arrangements and costumes, the quartet takes you on a pop-goes-classical journey just like the popular Netflix show that inspired it. *The Clarion, 500 College Drive.* 979-230-3658; [brazosport.edu/clarion](http://brazosport.edu/clarion) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: March 16 Bird Banding**

Once a month, visitors can watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West.* 979-480-0999; [gcbo.org](http://gcbo.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: March 22 John Michael**

**Montgomery in Concert** John Michael Montgomery has turned an uncanny ability to relate to fans into one of country music's most storied careers. His hit songs include "I Swear," "I Love the Way You Love Me,"

"I Can Love You Like That," and "Rope the Moon." *The Clarion*, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3156; [brazosport.edu/clarion](http://brazosport.edu/clarion) 📞

**LAKE JACKSON: March 23 Brew on the Bayou** Sample specialty brews from local breweries as well as wines, listen to live music, grab a bite to eat from local food trucks, and check out the items in the silent auction. The beautiful wooded grounds at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory are lit by torchlight, making it a perfect spot to enjoy music, food, and nature. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory*, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; [gcbo.org](http://gcbo.org) 📞

**NEDERLAND: March 12-17 Heritage Festival** There's something for everyone at the annual Nederland Heritage Festival, taking place over six days in March. Festivities include a fun run, treasure hunt, crafts and collectibles market, parade, chili cookoff, crawfish races, and washer tournament. *Various locations*. 409-724-2269; [nederlandhf.org](http://nederlandhf.org) 📞

**ORANGE: March 14 Come From Away** This critically acclaimed show takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. *Lutcher Theater*, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; [lutcher.org](http://lutcher.org) 📞

**PORT ARANSAS: March 1-31 Margarita Madness** There can only be one "Best Margarita in Port Aransas," and every year during Margarita Madness, Port A is dedicated to finding it. This bracket-style competition pits local restaurants' best margaritas against each other in weekly eliminations until a winner is crowned. The best part? After you try them, you get to vote for your favorites. *Various locations*. 361-749-5919; [visitportaransas.com](http://visitportaransas.com) 📞

**PORT ARANSAS: March 17 St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl** Decorate your golf cart, bike, or any mode of transportation and join the pub crawl hosted by the Moore-McDonald VFW Post 8967. 311 N. Alister St. 361-749-6534; [portaransas.org/listing/moore-mcdonald-v-f-w-post-8967/274](http://portaransas.org/listing/moore-mcdonald-v-f-w-post-8967/274)

**ROCKPORT: March 7-10 Fulton Oysterfest** A salute to the oyster industry, this event includes live entertainment, food, arts and crafts, carnival rides, a parade, and contests including men's and women's oyster eating, oyster shucking, and oyster decorating. Opening night includes a fireworks show. *Fulton Convention Center, Fulton Festival Grounds*, 402 N. Fulton Beach. 361-729-5533; [fultonoysterfest.org](http://fultonoysterfest.org) 📞

**ROCKPORT: March 9 Makers Market** This local outdoor market is open every second Saturday of the month and showcases handmade items from local artists and makers, including art, pottery, photography, and one-of-a-kind home décor. *Downtown*, 302 S. Austin St. 361-729-6445; [rockport-fulton.org](http://rockport-fulton.org) 📞

**ROCKPORT: March 9 Second Saturday in the District** The Rockport Cultural Arts District hosts Second Saturday with live music and special themes to enjoy along with an art walk, farmers market, and makers market. *Downtown Cultural Arts District*. 214-395-7156; [rockportculturalartsdistrict.com](http://rockportculturalartsdistrict.com) 📞

**ROCKPORT: March 15-16 Crawfish Cookoff and Tasting** This annual all-you-can-eat crawfish cookoff features live music with Wade Bowen, cold drinks, and plenty of crawfish. *SR Boil House*, 501 S. Austin St. 361-205-9595; [facebook.com/srboilhouse](https://facebook.com/srboilhouse) 📞

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: March 15-17 Market Days** Every third weekend of the month, hear live music, peruse the merchandise of over 150 vendors, and select eats from food trucks in a pet-friendly environment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor*, 100 Sea Breeze Drive. 361-314-2226; [acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days](http://acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days) 📞

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: March 2-3 Spring Break Jam** Stroll through a car, truck, and motorcycle show with a tattoo expo featuring some of the finest tattoo artists in Texas. *South Padre Island Convention Center*, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; [sopadre.com](http://sopadre.com) 📞

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: March 23 SPI Sprint Triathlon** Seasoned veterans and first-timers can all experience the SPI Sprint Triathlon, which includes Olympic and sprint distance courses. *Jim's Pier*, 211 W. Swordfish St. 956-761-3000; [sopadre.com](http://sopadre.com)

**SURFSIDE BEACH: March 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade** One of the oldest traditions held at Surfside Beach, this annual event features a parade that begins and ends at City Hall and goes down to the beach. There are plenty of free beads and candy thrown from the floats. The event includes a social, fundraisers, and a reenactment of the Battle of Fort Velasco. *Surfside Beach City Hall*, 1304 Monument Drive. 979-233-1531; [beachblarney.com](http://beachblarney.com) 📞

**VICTORIA: Through March 10 Felice House and Dana Younger Art Exhibit** The Nave Museum presents the work of two



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Texas artists. Felice House is a figurative painter who strives to provide a counterpoint to the passive female representations found in traditional art and culture at large. Dana Younger is a contemporary sculptor whose work lives at the intersection of traditional and digital processes. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: March 2 Victoria Ballet Theatre** Victoria Symphony accompanies Victoria Ballet Theatre for *40 Years of Flight*, an evening of dance and a special matinee performance that features *Swan Lake Act II* and the ballet troupe's premiere of Thom Clower's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-778-9335; victoriaballet.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: March 9 Guided Trolley Tour of Historic Victoria** Part of Victoria's 200th birthday celebration, this monthly guided trolley tour begins with an interior look at the 1892 Victoria County Courthouse, travels the oak-lined streets of Old Victoria to offer views of the unique architectural homes and structures, and ends with a prix fixe lunch at the historic PumpHouse Riverside Restaurant and Bar. *Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Bridge St. 361-485-3116; explorevictoriatexas.com/p/victoriatx200*

**VICTORIA: March 29-May 19 Greg Reuter: Admiration** Corpus Christi artist Greg Reuter grew up in California and began his career in Hawaii. The exhibit includes sculptures in various media, including bronze, ceramic, aluminum, and mixed media. His works explore qualities he admires, such as the fidelity of dogs and the resilience of wild birds, and his admiration of the sublime beauty of nature. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: March 29-May 19 Tracy Walldrop: Unfolding** Mixed-media abstract artist Tracey Walldrop's sense of spontaneity informs her process. This exhibit features paintings that offer an air of mystery and a moment of careful contemplation into their depth of layers and texture. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 📍

#### HILL COUNTRY

**AUSTIN: Feb. 24-March 3 ATX Open** See professional tennis action in the heart of Texas. The Women's Tennis Association tournament is one of the first U.S.-based events on the 2024 WTA calendar and is to be broadcast to a worldwide audience. The field includes two-time major champi-

on Victoria Azarenka, 2022 Australian Open finalist Danielle Collins, and 2017 US Open champion Sloane Stephens. *Westwood Country Club, 3808 W. 35th St. 512-580-5330; atxopen.com*

**AUSTIN: March 8-23 Rodeo Austin** Over the years, Rodeo Austin has grown from a show featuring 16 animals into one of Austin's premier annual events featuring pro rodeo competitions; carnival rides and food and a midway with games; daily concerts with major music acts; and a live-stock show. *Travis County Exposition Center, 7311 Decker Lane. 512-919-3000; rodeoaustin.com* 📍

**AUSTIN: March 8-16 SXSW Music, Film, and Interactive Conference and Festival** Every spring, crowds descend on downtown Austin to experience the world-renowned South by Southwest conference and festivals. Consisting of three main components—interactive, music, and film—each track brings top creatives and global professionals together to collaborate during this exciting 10-day event. *Austin Convention Center and Downtown, 500 E. Cesar Chavez St. sxsw.com* 📍

**AUSTIN: March 15, 17 San Antonio Spurs I-35 Series** The San Antonio Spurs hit the road to take on the Denver Nuggets (March 15) and the Brooklyn Nets (March 17) in the capital city. *Moody Center, 2001 Robert Dedman Drive. moodycenteratx.com/events/category/sports* 📍

**AUSTIN: March 23-24 NASCAR at COTA** Circuit of The Americas (COTA) welcomes race fans this March when NASCAR returns to Austin for the second time, courtesy of Speedway Motorsports. Experience another unforgettable race weekend with the running of the NASCAR Cup Series, Xfinity Series, and Camping World Truck Series. *Circuit of The Americas, 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd. circuitoftheamericas.com/event/nascar*

**BANDERA: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters** Every Saturday, see the Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters reenact 1800s gunfights twice a day at Rattlesnake Ridge, located behind the Bandera Visitors Center. *Rattlesnake Ridge, 126 SH 16 South. 830-343-7141; facebook.com/banderagunfighters* 📍

**BANDERA: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Cowboys on Main** On Saturdays, enjoy free cowboy fun in downtown Bandera. Activities can include chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke Longhorn, or taking a horse-drawn wagon tour of Bandera. *500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com* 📍

**BANDERA: March 2 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up their pop-up shops along Main Street. Artists and craftspeople present original works while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked goods. 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; [banderabusiness.com](http://banderabusiness.com) 📍

**BANDERA: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Morning Ride with Cowboy Breakfast** Join Bandera Historical Rides for a Sunday morning cowboy breakfast and horseback ride at Major Hope Corral, a horse rescue center outside of Bandera. Major Hope Corral, 749 Old Medina Highway. 830-328-2203; [banderahistoricalrides.com](http://banderahistoricalrides.com), [facebook.com/banderahistoricalrides](https://facebook.com/banderahistoricalrides)

**BANDERA: March 5 Cowboy Opry** On the first Tuesday of the month, come see Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment at the Silver Sage senior center, with refreshments and door prizes included at the event. Silver Sage, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-4969; [facebook.com/silver.sage.1466](https://facebook.com/silver.sage.1466) 📍

**BANDERA: March 5-10 Texas Wool Week: Bandera Fiber and Arts Week and Festival** Texas Wool Week started as a one-week retreat for friends and has

transformed into a working-farm experience with fiber and arts vendors, musical entertainment, and day-trip adventures during the week. There are also shearing days and educational demonstrations. The Bandera Fiber and Arts Festival, taking place March 8-9, is the capstone of the week, with live music, demonstrations, and vendors. The Sheep Walk Ranch, 5305 SH 173 North. 949-400-4225; [banderafiberandarts.com](http://banderafiberandarts.com) 📍

**BANDERA: March 16 Ham Rodeo** The Bandera Wranglers, an all-volunteer non-profit, hosts this annual rodeo that features vendors, wild hogs, barbecue, a concert, and interactive activities. Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-460-3756; [facebook.com/thebanderawranglers](https://facebook.com/thebanderawranglers) 📍

**BANDERA: March 21 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp with Lew Peterbaugh** Bring your guitar to play along or simply come to listen. Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. Bandera Beverage Barn, 1407 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; [banderacowboycapital.com](http://banderacowboycapital.com) 📍

**BANDERA: March 21-24 Thunder in the Hill Country** This year marks the 22nd annual

Thunder in the Hill Country, an event held at Bandera's Mansfield Park that consists of tent camping, a poker run, vendors, food, field events, music Friday and Saturday at the 11th Street Cowboy Bar, a bike show, tattoo contest, and other activities. Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 North. 409-655-8800; [bikerralliesoftexas.com](http://bikerralliesoftexas.com) 📍

**BANDERA: March 24 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree** The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree that includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; [frontiertimesmuseum.org](http://frontiertimesmuseum.org) 📍

**BLANCO: March 16, April 20, May 18 Market Day** Shop at this market with over 70 vendors offering crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidered and crocheted items, and jewelry. There's also live music and food vendors. Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; [historicblanco.org/market-day](http://historicblanco.org/market-day) 📍

**BOERNE: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 A Day at the Farm and Farmers Market** Herff Farm invites visitors to its open-air farmers market. Come hike the trails, shop in the open air, get gardening inspiration, take classes



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on growing food, help the Cibolo Center for Conservation maintain the land through volunteer service projects, or get new recipe ideas. *Historic Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org/locations/herff-farm*

**BOERNE: March 9, 23 Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural** Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center invites you to bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams* 📍

**BOERNE: March 9-10 Market Days** At this monthly market, shop at hundreds of festive booths displaying everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; boernemarketdays.com* 📍

**BOERNE: March 9, 23; April 13, 27; May 11, 25 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour** The Kuhlmann-King House gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like

“way back when.” Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse*

**BOERNE: March 16 Music in the Cave: Spring Equinox Concert** Enjoy an evening of contemporary acoustic music, soaring vocal harmonies, and a percussive tribal/world-beat vibe performed on an unusual mix of ancient and modern instruments, all focused on the theme of the spring equinox as a time of rebirth and renewed energy. Some of this concert is performed in total darkness, illuminated by periods of flickering candlelight, providing a visually rich, spellbinding setting and mesmerizing listening environment. *Cave Without a Name Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com/event-calendar*

**BRACKETTVILLE: March 1-2 Fort Clark Days** This Texas living history festival celebrates the indigenous, military, and unique history of one of the last horse cavalry posts in the country. The two-day event offers a school field trip day, over 100 living historians, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, more than 60 musicians, a movie

in the historic Post Theater, wagon tours of the district, and a street dance. *Fort Clark Springs, 152 McClernand Road. 979-285-8071; fortclarkdays.org* 📍

**BURNET: March 30 Hill Country Lawn and Garden Show** The annual Hill Country Lawn and Garden Show, sponsored by the Highland Lakes Master Gardeners, offers indoor and outdoor activities and vendors. Open rain or shine, the event is filled with over 30 artisans and garden vendors with all types of plants, along with garden- and outdoor-inspired products and services, food, gardening demonstrations, and a kids' booth. *AgriLife Auditorium, 607 N. Vandevener St. 512-756-3059; burnetcountyhighlandlakesmastergardener.org* 📍

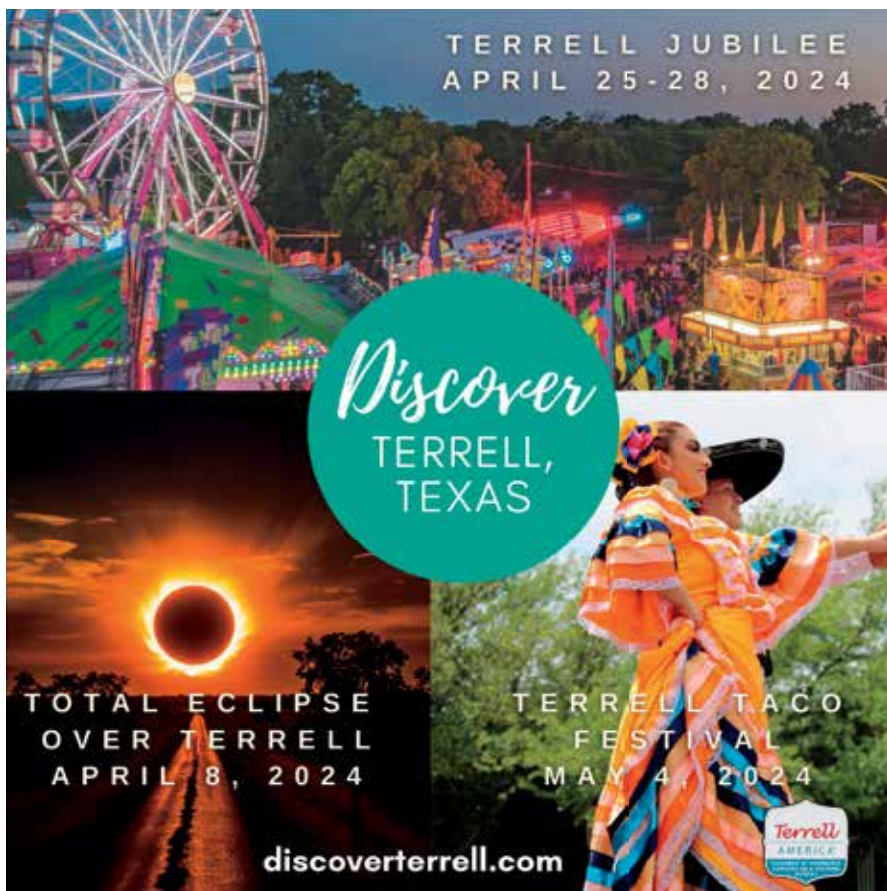
**DRIPPING SPRINGS: March 23 Brewers Fest** The Dripping Springs Brewers Festival is the latest in a lineup of events that celebrates this area's award-winning artisans. The festival features several of the Hill Country region's top craft beer makers and beers. Visitors must purchase a wristband to enter. Additional highlights included live music plus a variety of food options and a keepsake plastic mug. *Stephenson Building, 311 Old Fitzhugh Road. 512-858-4740; destinationdrippingsprings.com/p/events/dripping-springs-brewers-festival*

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 1 First Friday Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month so visitors and visiting artists can have more time to enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and receptions. *Various locations. 830-990-8160; facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 11-16 Spring Break Living History Week** Experience living history activities including music and storytelling, blacksmithing, frontier living, country school, corn shelling, butter churning, corn husk doll making, pioneer laundry, old-fashioned toys and games, tomahawk throwing, and rope making. *Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. 830-990-8441; pioneermuseum.org* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 15-17, April 19-21, May 17-19 Trade Days** Shop more than 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, food, and other items. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgradedays.com* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 15-April 30 Wildflower Celebration** Celebrate spring



and enjoy the many wildflower fields that begin blooming as early as mid-March. Enjoy viewing and snapping photos of the wildflower fields in full bloom along with two butterfly gardens. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. 830-990-1393; wildseedfarms.com* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 16 Mud Dauber Festival and Chili Cookoff** Named in honor of the pesky-yet-harmless wasp, this 13th annual open chili cookoff and live music festival shows why Luckenbach has some of the best mud in the universe. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 23 Hill Country Indian Artifact Show** Featuring a wide variety of some of the finest Native American artifacts from Texas and the United States, the show features arrowheads, pottery, beads, cases, and books. There are also door prizes, and food is available for purchase. *Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, 432 Lady Bird Drive. 830-329-2636; hillcountryindianartifacts.com* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 25–April 19 Texas Hill Country Wineries' Wine and Wildflower Journey** Get tickets online to receive full complimentary tastings and wine discounts at dozens of participating wineries on this self-guided tour. *Various locations. texashillcountrywineries.org* 📍

**GEORGETOWN: March 2 Georgetown Swirl** The 14th annual Georgetown Swirl includes tastings from Texas wineries as well as food from local restaurants. Each attendee receives a commemorative tasting glass and has a choice of 10 wine samples and a tasting at participating restaurants. Retail locations have Swirl shopping specials for guests. Live jazz music by Swing Shift sets a fun and festive mood. This year's theme is The Golden Girls to embrace the gold and ivory elements linked to a traditional 14th anniversary. *The Georgetown Square, 817 S. Main St. 512-930-6534; swirl.georgetown.org* 📍

**INGRAM: March 4–April 12 Fiber and Jewelry Show** This exhibit features fiber art and jewelry by artists from across Texas. The show opens with an evening artist reception. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com* 📍

**INGRAM: March 15–30 Deathtrap** In Ira Levin's classic comedic thriller, a washed-up playwright finds a chance to rise to the top once more—a shot he'd be willing to kill for. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com* 📍



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**KERRVILLE: March 2 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Market Days continues to feature artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items, while Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-895-7524; kerrmarketdays.org* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 4–April 12 Art Exhibits** The Kerr Art and Cultural Center presents three separate art exhibits: *Watercolors* by Kandi Stimson, *Celestial* featuring paintings by Gary Lovelace and Melissa Muse, and *Heaven and Earth*, a KACC membership show. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 7–10 Hill Country Cluster of Dogs Show** Almost 700 dogs and their owners compete in different classes at this family-oriented event that also offers vendors and food trucks. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 210-725-0661; onofrio.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 9 Jaret Ray Reddick in Concert** Many know Jaret Ray Reddick best in his role as front man of the

pop-punk band Bowling for Soup, but before the world of punk rock came calling for him, a lifelong love of country music was instilled in him from a young age. *The Arcadia Live Theater, 717 Water St. 830-315-5483; thearcadialive.org* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 15–21 Border Terrier Club of America's National Specialty Show** Watch handlers and their well-trained dogs compete in skill tests such as agility, scent work, obedience, and conformation at the Border Terrier Club of America's National Specialty Show. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. specialty.btcoa.org* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 15, May 17 Concerts by the River** Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come out to the park to enjoy evening concerts along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 29–31 Easter Bike Tour** Experience the charm and hospitality of the Texas Hill Country and three days of the best riding Texas has to offer. Quiet, well-paved roads, fully stocked rest stops, and panoramic scenery have made this

tour one of the premier cycling events in the state, with routes suitable for all categories of participants—from novices to experienced riders. *Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd. 254-405-2518; easterbiketour.com*

**KERRVILLE: March 30 Easter Eggstravaganza** Bring your Easter basket for a family day of fun. This community event is filled with bounce houses, face painting, a cake walk, pictures with the Easter Bunny, food vendors, games, and two Easter egg hunts with over 25,000 candy-filled Easter eggs and giveaways with prizes. *The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 201 Holdsworth Drive. 830-315-5762; kerrvillekroc.org, kerrvilletexascvb.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 30 Easterfest, Cookoff, and Open Car Show** At this fun-filled event, enjoy a barbecue and chili cookoff, food, games, rides for all ages, vendors, live music, an Easter egg hunt, an open car and bike show, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. *Flat Rock Lake Park, 3840 Riverside Drive. 830-896-1155; kerrvilletexascvb.com*

**LLANO: March 15–16 Llano River Chuckwagon Cookoff** Since 2005, a group of chuckwagon enthusiasts have gathered on the banks of the Llano River and gone back in time to an era when the West was being settled. Each wagon cooks and serves a meal of chicken-fried steak, potatoes, beans, bread, and a dessert. Cooks use traditional cooking methods from that era, wear traditional dress, and demonstrate traditional neighborly fun as they compete for prizes in a number of categories. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanochuckwagoncookoff.com* 📍

**LLANO: March 30–31 Fiddle Fest and Open Fiddle Contest** The annual Fiddle Fest includes youth, senior, open, and accompanist divisions for the fiddle contest. Saturday features an evening concert by Jody Nix, and Sunday offers a church service and cowboy breakfast. *John L. Kuykendall Events Center and Arena, 2200 RR 152 West. 325-247-5354; llanofiddlefest.com*

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

**ABILENE: March 16–17 Texas Gun and Knife Show** The Texas Gun and Knife Association hosts this annual show. Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, ammunition, coins, jewelry, camping gear, accessories, and other hunting and outdoors items. *Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. texasgunandknifeshows.com* 📍



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**ABILENE: March 29-30 Outlaws and Legends Music Fest** The 13th annual Outlaws and Legends Music Fest, benefiting Ben Richey Boys Ranch, returns to the Back Porch of Texas. Artists include the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Kevin Fowler, Jason Boland and the Stragglers, and Bri Bagwell. There are several different ways to enjoy the festival, including general admission tickets to be in the center of the action, tailgate and party packages, and RVing in the park. *Back Porch of Texas*, 3350 N. Clack St. 325-676-2556; [outlawsandlegends.com](http://outlawsandlegends.com) 📍

**ABILENE: March 23 Abilene Philharmonic in Concert** Join the Abilene Philharmonic as they perform the fourth and final Masterworks Series concert of the season, *Faure Requiem*. This concert features guest artists Amanda Guidi (soprano) and Yonghyun Kim (baritone) as well as the Tri-Collegiate Choirs with Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Christian University, and McMurry University. Children ages 5 and under are not allowed in the concert hall. *First Baptist Church*, 1333 N. Third St. 325-677-6710; [abiphil.com/shows/faure-requiem](http://abiphil.com/shows/faure-requiem)

**AMARILLO: March 2 Mania: The ABBA Tribute** This show has been delighting audiences of all ages since its formation in 1999, selling out theaters throughout the United Kingdom. In 2002, it played 18 weeks in the Strand Theatre London, recreating the ABBA phenomenon for audiences from all over the world. *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts*, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com) 📍

**AMARILLO: March 2 The Mozart-Tchaikovsky Connection** Chamber Music Amarillo presents an evening of Mozart concertos and the dazzling Tchaikovsky Serenade in C Major, featuring soloists Evgeny Zvonnikov on violin and Guglielmo Manfredi on horn and West Texas A&M University music director Mark Bartley conducting the Amarillo Virtuosi. *Amtech Career Academy*, 3601 Plains Blvd. 806-378-4297; [amarillosymphony.org](http://amarillosymphony.org)

**AMARILLO: March 8-9 A Spring Symphony** Welcome the spring season with Robert Schumann's glorious Spring Symphony No. 1 and the talent of virtuoso violinist Aubree Oliverson on Dvorak's Violin Concerto. *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts*, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; [amarillosymphony.org](http://amarillosymphony.org) 📍

**AMARILLO: March 8 Josh Turner in Concert** Known for hits like "Long Black Train" and "Your Man," Josh Turner has achieved over 5.8 billion global streams. He released

a greatest hits album in 2023 and supports music and arts education through the Josh Turner Scholarship Fund. *Amarillo Civic Center*, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com) 📍

**AMARILLO: March 8-10 The Peddler Show** The Peddler Show travels to different Texas cities throughout the year with each show different from the last. Every show offers an entirely unique collection of selected designers, boutiques, and other exclusive vendors from all over for that particular weekend and city. *Amarillo Civic Center*, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com) 📍

**AMARILLO: March 9-10 Texas Gun and Knife Show** The Texas Gun and Knife Association hosts annual shows around the state with the goal of helping vendors display their guns, knives, ammo, and other merchandise in a safe, family-friendly environment. All federal and local firearm laws and ordinances must be obeyed. *Amarillo Civic Center*, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com), [texasgunandknifeshows.com](http://texasgunandknifeshows.com) 📍

**AMARILLO: March 20 My Fair Lady** See Lincoln Center Theater's touring pro-

duction of the Lerner and Loewe musical *My Fair Lady*, which *Entertainment Weekly* described as "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time." *Amarillo Civic Center*, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com) 📍

**JACKSBORO: March 24-Oct. 27 Farmers Market and Craft Vendor Show** Various vendors set up around the Jack County Courthouse lawn the last Saturday of the month from March through October. *Jack County Courthouse*, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; [jacksborochamber.com](http://jacksborochamber.com)

**LEVELLAND: March 30 American Businessmen's Clubs Pro Rodeo Kickoff and Barbecue Cookoff** The American Businessmen's Clubs (ABC) Pro Rodeo starts off with a dance and barbecue cookoff. *Mallet Event Center and Arena*, 2320 US 385. 806-777-1510; [abcrodeo.com](http://abcrodeo.com) 📍

**LUBBOCK: March 1-3 Hairspray** Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy is coming to Lubbock. Join 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960s Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world? *The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts*

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**LUBBOCK: March 1 First Friday Art Trail** First Friday Art Trail is a free, self-guided public art happening bringing the community together for an evening of art, music, food, and fun. A variety of art centers, museums, galleries, and businesses take part in the evening. *Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; [ffat.org](http://ffat.org)* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: Through March 31 Microscape: A Studio Art Quilt Associates Global Exhibition** Microscopes, magnifying glasses, and virtual imaging techniques reveal a world of great beauty and complexity. The art quilts in the exhibit explore a corner of the world at high magnification, capturing tiny wonders at the microscopic level, or by zooming in on a larger object to show its smallest details. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; [samfa.org](http://samfa.org)* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: Through March 31 N.C. Wyeth and the Golden Age of American Illustration** A selection of works from the collection of Joel and Suzanne Sugg fea-

tures seldom-seen paintings by N.C. Wyeth (1882-1945), the patriarch of the Wyeth dynasty of painters. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love Street. 325-653-3333; [samfa.org](http://samfa.org)* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: March 1-2 Brews, Ewes, and Barbecue Cookoff** Held annually in downtown San Angelo, the Brews, Ewes, and Barbecue Cookoff revolves around barbecue competitions for beans, brisket, chicken, ribs, and a cut of lamb. Dubbed the World Championship Lamb Cookoff, the competition has cash prizes up to \$1,000. The Kids Q Cooking Competition allows younger and older children to demonstrate their skills with hamburgers and pork chops. There's also all-day entertainment, vendors, food trucks, face painting, bounce houses, and a rock climbing wall. *Bart Dewitt Park, 325 S. Oakes St. 325-655-2345; [facebook.com/brews-ewesbbq](https://facebook.com/brews-ewesbbq)* 📍

**SWEETWATER: March 2 Julie Lawther's Cherished Creatures Art Show** Artist Julie Lawther showcases her work inspired by the love people have for their pets. *Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium, 400 Locust St. 325-518-9407; [sweetwaterauditorium.org](http://sweetwaterauditorium.org)*

**SWEETWATER: March 7-10 Sweetwater Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup** Since 1958, the Sweetwater Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup has been hosted annually, now with a rattlesnake parade, carnival, the Miss Snake Charmer Pageant, a gun and knife show, and snake weighing and measuring. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive. 325-235-3484; [rattlesnakeroundup.net](http://rattlesnakeroundup.net)*

**SWEETWATER: March 8-9 Lions Club Car Show** The Lions Club holds an annual car show in downtown Sweetwater, and there's a flea market to shop as well. *Downtown, Oak Street. 325-242-3149; [sweetwaterlionsclub.com](http://sweetwaterlionsclub.com)*

**SWEETWATER: March 22-24 Rattlesnake Gravel Grind** The Rattlesnake Gravel Grind benefits the volunteer fire department of Nolan County and takes riders on tours of the scenic areas around Lake Sweetwater as well as farm and ranch roads around Bird Nest Canyon, Happy Valley, Mulberry Canyon, and Panther Canyon. Route distances vary, ranging from 111, 66, and 32 miles. After the event, enjoy beer, food, and live music. *Lake Sweetwater, CR 264. 325-235-9355; [rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike](http://rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike)*

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**HUNTSVILLE: March 22-23 Herb Festival at the Wynne Home** The annual Herb Festival at the Wynne Home in Huntsville features a huge selection of locally grown herbs, perennials, native plants, vegetables, and bulbs. Speakers, herbal and garden vendors, music, and children's activities round out the day's events. The historic Wynne Home Arts and Visitors Center and its current art exhibition are also open to visitors. *Wynne Home Arts and Visitors Center, 1428 11th St. 936-891-5024; [texasthymeunit.org](http://texasthymeunit.org)* 📍

**JEFFERSON: March 22-24 Miata Madness** This annual event is open to Mazda Miata owners and held at the 100 block of East Austin Street. On Saturday, the Show 'n' Shine kicks off in the morning. The car show, featuring all kinds of Miata models, is open to spectators at no charge. *Downtown, 100 E. Austin St. 903-665-3733; [visitjeffersontexas.com](http://visitjeffersontexas.com), [facebook.com/thehistoricjeffersonhotel](https://facebook.com/thehistoricjeffersonhotel)* 📍

**LIBERTY: March 22-23 Jubilee** Have fun with the family at this outdoor festival with arts and crafts, food, music, entertainment, a barbecue cookoff, carnival, book sale, and car show. *Downtown, 1829 Sam Houston St. 936-336-3684; [cityofliberty.org](http://cityofliberty.org)* 📍

**NACOGDOCHES: March 20–April 30**

**Azalea Trails** Texas' largest azalea garden is situated in a loblolly pine forest. The 11-acre garden features 6,500 azaleas, 200 camellias, and 180 varieties of Japanese maple. In azalea season (late March to early April), beauty abounds along more than 20 miles of azaleas, dogwoods, and spring flowers at the annual Azalea Trails. *Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, SFA's Johnson Coliseum on University Drive. 936-468-4129; visitnacogdoches.org* 📍

**PALESTINE: Through March 30 Sacred Heart Catholic Church Tours**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palestine was dedicated on June 18, 1893. The 675,000 bricks for the church were molded by hand and baked on-site from mud brought by wagon from the Trinity River. Other interesting elements include stained-glass windows from Italy and France and a mural of "The Transfiguration of Christ" from the 1920s. Tours of the church are offered on Saturdays. *Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 503 N. Queen St. 903-729-2463; shpalestine.org, visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 21–23 Old-Time Music and Dulcimer Festival**

This laid-back festival features some of the top dulcimer and old-time music artists from around the country. The artists serve as headliners for the concerts and lead the workshops. There are afternoon and evening concerts and more jam sessions after the evening concert. Music fills the building from early morning until late at night. *First Baptist Church of Palestine, 5700 Loop 256. 903-723-3014; oldpalmusic.com*

**PALESTINE: March 22–April Dogwood**

**Trails Celebration** For over 80 years, Palestine has celebrated the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park the last two weeks in March and first week in April. Activities are scheduled each weekend to complement the celebration, including a festival the first weekend, a parade, and stained glass tours of historic churches. Stop at Palestine Visitor Center for venues and maps. *Davey Dogwood Park and surrounding forest trails, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

**PALESTINE: March 22–May 31 Fairy Garden Trail**

From dawn till dusk, there is so much more to explore in Davey Dogwood Park this spring. Enjoy great views along 5.5 miles of driving trails, but park the car and step onto the trails to see how many of the fairy gardens you can find. Most trails are motorized-wheelchair and stroller friendly. *Davey Dogwood Park, 4205 N. Link St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 22–May 31 Piney**

**Woods Vintage Train Rides** Enjoy a four-hour, round-trip train adventure from the seat of a vintage 1920s car. The train, pulled by a vintage diesel or steam locomotive, departs from Palestine Depot, has an hour layover at the Rusk depot, and takes passengers on a journey through the impressive Piney Woods and 135 years of history. All seats have views along the Piney Woods route, and narration and music add highlights to the trip. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net, visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 23 Boston Porter Memorial Bull Riding and Boston's Buckaroos Kid Rodeo**

The 20th annual Boston Porter Memorial Rodeo features a kids' rodeo in the afternoon and bull riding in the evening. Tickets can be bought at Caven-der's or at the gate, with proceeds from the event supporting educational scholarships for the youth of Anderson County. *Anderson County Youth Livestock Pavilion, 750 SH 287 North. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

**PALESTINE: March 23 Dogwood Festival**

This event always takes place on the first

weekend of the Dogwood Trails Celebration. The festival offers craft and novelty vendors, a kids' zone, food vendors, art shows, street entertainment, concerts, and other fun activities in historic downtown and Old Town Palestine. *Downtown and Old Town Palestine, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com/dogwood*

**PALESTINE: March 23 Stained Glass**

**Tour** Step into some of Palestine's historic churches and see beautiful windows and glasswork. Participating churches on the tour include Sacred Heart Catholic, St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, First Christian Church, and First Presbyterian. *Various locations. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com, palestinechamber.org* 📍

**THE WOODLANDS: March 2 Marathon**

The Woodlands Marathon is a Boston qualifier, the fastest course in Texas on average, and one of the 25 fastest courses in the country. Runners experience a flat course that goes through Town Center and along The Woodlands Waterway. Register for a full marathon, half marathon, or 10K. *Town Green Park, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

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**THE WOODLANDS: March 3–24 Concerts in the Park** Sit back and enjoy live music on Sundays at Northshore Park, one of The Woodlands' most popular and scenic parks. Picnic baskets, coolers, blankets, and lawn chairs are welcome. *Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: March 16–April 27 Waterway Nights** Unwind with live music and dancing at Waterway Square on Saturday evenings. This season's concert lineup includes an Elvis tribute artist (March 30) and a Shakira tribute act (April 6). Coolers, blankets, picnic baskets, and lawn chairs are permitted. *Waterway Square, 31 Waterway Square Place. visitthewoodlands.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: March 30 Run and Done 3.1** The Run and Done 3.1 occurs the Saturday before Easter. The chip-timed 5K course winds along The Woodlands Waterway, providing a scenic route and a fun, enjoyable atmosphere fostering friendly competition for all skill levels. After the race, registered participants and their guests can enjoy an egg hunt in Town Green Park. *The Woodlands Waterway, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

**TYLER: March 5 Terry Bradshaw** From his achievements in football as a Hall of Fame quarterback and two-time Super Bowl MVP to his celebrity success as television's preeminent football analyst, best-selling author, television and film actor, and gospel singer, Terry Bradshaw is a household name who came from humble beginnings to achieve astounding success. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3240 Old Glory Parkway, FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org* 📞

## PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**ARLINGTON: March 8–9 American Western Weekend** American Western Weekend features action-packed entertainment, world-class talent, and Western sports that culminate with the American Rodeo, an unrivaled celebration of the pioneering spirit of the American West. The national sporting event offers fans a choice: to cheer on Western sports' finest champion athletes, or root for the underdog "Contenders" chasing a \$1 million bonus through every rodeo, roping, and riding effort. A new exhibition called *The American Performance Horseman* brings together the

Western equine sports disciplines of reining, reined cow, and cutting for a \$1 million prize. *Globe Life Field, 734 Stadium Drive. 817-533-1972; americanrodeo.com* 📞

**BASTROP: March 1–17 Grumpy Old Men: The Musical** Based on the movie *Grumpy Old Men*, this story follows the saga of two aging neighbors, Max and John, who have been feuding for most of their lives. Invigorated by their shared affection for their new neighbor across the street, the beautiful, eccentric, and charming Ariel, they face off as romantic rivals until their hilarious shenanigans finally bring about a resolution to their long-standing differences. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org* 📞

**BASTROP: March 7 The Farm Street Opry in Concert** On the first Thursday of each month, the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center presents The Farm Street Opry, a family-friendly musical performance featuring local Texas talent and special guest performers. Children ages 10 and under free. *Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 B Chestnut St. 512-332-8984; farmstreetopry.com* 📞

**BONHAM: March 13 Bunnies and Birds** Join the Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site for a day full of spring break fun at the farm. This year's activities focus on bunnies and birds and let children explore how these animals contribute to the farm's ecosystem with demonstrations, crafts, and games suitable for all ages. *Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site, 890 SH 56 West. 903-583-5558; thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/sam-rayburn-house-state-historic-site* 📞

**BRYAN: Through April 28 A Spirit Can Ne'er Be Told...A Century of Aggie Football Exhibit** This exhibit explores the development of Texas A&M University's football program and its important role in Texas A&M's history. Using original artifacts, as well as historical photographs, documents, and audiovisual materials, the exhibit creates an immersive experience in which visitors get an up-close look at the team's history, from its first official football game in 1894 through the era of Coach Jimbo Fisher. *George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, Ansary Gallery of American History, 1000 George Bush Drive West. 979-691-4000; bush41.org* 📞

**BRYAN: March 17 Cooking with the Chef: Oodles of Noodles at Messina Hof Winery** Join the family at Messina Hof Winery in Bryan and celebrate National Noodle Month with a cooking party that features dishes inspired by Southeast Asian cuisine. *Messina Hof Estate, 4545 Old Reliance*

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**BRYAN: March 29-30 Watercolor Batik and Watercolor Pastel Workshop** Award-winning artist Kathie George teaches a combination watercolor batik and watercolor pastel workshop at DeGallery. George teaches workshops all across the country and conducts international-destination workshops in Italy, France, and Spain. *DeGallery, 930 N. Rosemary Drive. 979-704-3090; [destinationbryan.com](http://destinationbryan.com), [degallery.us](http://degallery.us)* 📍

**BURTON: March 9 Texas Ranger Day** Celebrate Texas history and honor former and current Texas Rangers. The day includes the Annie Maud Avis Memorial Fajita and Bean Cookoff, demonstrations by the Legends of the Texas Rangers and McNelly's Rangers, folklife demonstrations including blacksmithing and chuckwagon cooking, kids' activities, mule-driven buggy rides, and tours of the historic Railroad Depot and Burton Farmers Cotton Gin. *Burton Railroad Depot and Museum, 507 N. Railroad St. 979-803-0393; [burtonheritagesociety.org](http://burtonheritagesociety.org)* 📍

**BURTON: March 22-23 La Bahia Antiques Spring Show** Dealers across the

country provide antiques, collectibles, and repurposed and vintage items in the historic 1902 La Bahia Hall. Outside, dealers offer a variety of vintage goods. There is country cooking all day. The show is part of the famous Round Top Antique Festival weekend. *La Bahia Hall, 550 SH 237. 979-289-2684; [labahiaantiques.com](http://labahiaantiques.com)* 📍

**CAMERON: March 22 Spring Festival** Wine, craft beer, a street dance, and live music are all part of the fun at the Spring Festival. There are also arts and crafts vendors, a youth livestock exhibit, and a Kids' Zone. The event coincides with the Milam County Junior Livestock Show, where heifers, steers, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, and hogs are exhibited. *Downtown, 206 S. Central Ave. 254-697-4979; [cameron-tx.com](http://cameron-tx.com)* 📍

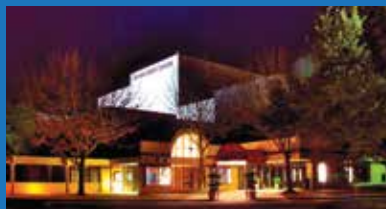
**CARROLLTON: March 2 TEXFest** Bring your boots and your buckles for a Texas-size good time in Carrollton. Honoring Texas Independence Day, this event offers a beer garden with local craft beer vendors, live Texas music, a mouthwatering food village, and photo ops with a live Longhorn. *Downtown. 972-466-3000; [cityofcarrollton.com/about-us/calendar/special-events](http://cityofcarrollton.com/about-us/calendar/special-events)* 📍

**COLLEGE STATION: March 23-24 Living History Weekend** The Museum of the American G.I.'s Living History Weekend is the largest event of its kind in Texas, with visitors from across the nation coming to view living-history displays, shop in the military swap meet, witness the roar of tanks in the World War II battle reenactments, and watch a World War I trench battle. Upon entering the museum property, ride in a World War II 2.5-ton CCKW truck or modern Humvee to the reenactment fields where all of the activities take place. *Museum of the American G.I., 19124 SH 6 South. 979-690-0501; [americangimuseum.org/event/living-history-weekend-2024](http://americangimuseum.org/event/living-history-weekend-2024)* 📍

**CORSICANA: March 1 Food Truck Friday** On the first Friday of the month, head to downtown Corsicana and find it full of food trucks and live music. *Downtown. 903-654-4851; [visitcorsicana.com](http://visitcorsicana.com)*

**CORSICANA: March 1-April 1 Zane Marsh Art Exhibit** Born in Montana but raised in Texas, Zane Marsh has been painting since childhood and has always had a passion for the arts. He has an extensive portfolio that includes large-scale murals, custom portraits, graphic design, videography, animation, and audio production. The exhibit

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**CORSICANA: March 7 Artist and Writer Residency Presentations** Meet the visiting artists and writers from throughout the United States and world who present their work and plans for their residencies at nearby 100 West and Writer's House. The artists specialize in an array of art, including video, paint, oil, acrylic, poetry, and fiction. *Martin Luther King Community Center*, 1114 E. Sixth Ave. 480-677-0928; [corsicanaresidency.org/events](http://corsicanaresidency.org/events) 📍

**CORSICANA: March 8 Amy Grant in Concert** Amy Grant's career spans more than 40 years and stretches from her roots in gospel to becoming a pop star, songwriter, television personality, and philanthropist. With three multiplatinum albums, six platinum albums, and four gold albums, Grant's chart success has been consistent throughout her career, including six No. 1 hits, 10 Top 40 pop singles, 17 Top 40 adult contemporary tracks, and multiple contemporary Christian chart toppers. *The Palace Theatre*, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; [corsicanapalace.com/live-performances](http://corsicanapalace.com/live-performances) 📍

**CORSICANA: March 9 Mimosas at the Market** Sip mimosas while shopping in downtown Corsicana every second Saturday. Complimentary mimosas are poured, and shoppers explore the tree-lined streets, historic buildings, and boutiques. *Downtown*, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4851; [visitcorsicana.com](http://visitcorsicana.com) 📍

**CORSICANA: March 14-17 Silent Sky** In celebration of the total solar eclipse passing over Corsicana in April, The Planetarium at Navarro College presents *Silent Sky*, a performance about 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt and her attempts to measure the light and distance of stars as she takes measure of her life on Earth, trying to balance her dedication to science with family obligations and the possibility of love. *Warehouse Living Arts Center Theatre and Gallery*, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5421; [thewlac.com](http://thewlac.com) 📍

**CORSICANA: March 28 Easter Hop** Hop into the Easter spirit with a festive celebration of prizes, treats, mini carnival rides, and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. *Downtown*, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4851; [visitcorsicana.com](http://visitcorsicana.com)

**DALLAS: Through March 17 Chloe Chiasson: Keep Left at the Fork** Chloe Chiasson's process combines painting and carpentry in defiance of traditional distinctions between fine art and craft. The artist's *Keep Left at the Fork*—her largest body of mixed-media paintings to date and the artist's first museum presentation—revisits Americana imagery from previous work to continue her explorations of nonconforming sexualities and identities in environments like that of her childhood in Texas. *Dallas Contemporary*, 161 Glass St. 214-821-2522; [dallascontemporary.org](http://dallascontemporary.org)

**DALLAS: Through April 15 Japan, Form and Function: The Montgomery Collection** This yearlong landmark exhibition features numerous works never before seen in the United States and marks the first time that the Crow Museum dedicates its entire museum to one exhibition over an extended period. See nearly 250 stunning works of Japanese art presented in major themes and categories. *Japan, Form and Function* covers 5,000 years of Japanese history, with works spanning from the early Jōmon period (5000-3520 BCE) to the mid-20th century. *Crow Museum of Asian Art*, 2010 Flora St. 214-979-6430; [crowmuseum.org](http://crowmuseum.org) 📍

**DALLAS: Through May 30 Deep Ellum 150th Anniversary Exhibitions** In conjunction with Deep Ellum's 150th anniversary and to commemorate the enduring significance of Deep Ellum and Central Track, which once connected the neighborhood, the African American Museum presents two new exhibitions. *Central Track: Crossroads of Deep Ellum* focuses primarily on the 1920s and '30s and features newspaper clippings; archival photographs; posters; and recordings of blues, jazz, and popular music of the period. *Seeing a World Blind Lemon Never Saw* displays a photographic series made by Alan Govenar from 2021 to '23 exploring rural East Texas and little-known places in Dallas, locations Blind Lemon visited or alluded to in his songs. *African American Museum, Dallas*, 3536 Grand Ave. 214-565-9026; [aamdallas.org](http://aamdallas.org)

**DALLAS: Feb. 24-April 8 Dallas Blooms: A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words** Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Dallas Blooms is the largest annual floral festival in the Southwest. Filled with more than 500,000 spring blooming bulbs, the festival is themed "A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words" and includes larger-than-life living selfie walls, 100 varieties of spring bulbs, thousands of azaleas, and hundreds of Japanese cherry trees. *Dallas Arboretum*



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and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. 214-515-6615; [dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org) 📍

**DALLAS: Feb. 29–March 17 The Sum of Us One-Act Festival** Bishop Arts Theatre hosts its third annual banned books festival with The Sum of Us One-Act Festival, featuring six plays inspired by Heather McGhee's book that outlines what racism costs everyone and how human beings can heal together. Six local playwrights have each penned a short play, and performances include talk-backs each night to build community and spur meaningful conversations. *Bishop Arts Theatre, 215 S. Tyler St. 214-948-0716; [bishopartstheatre.org](http://bishopartstheatre.org)* 📍

**DENISON: March 16 St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl** Join Downtown Denison Inc. for its second annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl. This self-guided bar crawl has live music along the way throughout Denison's lively Main Street district. *Various locations, Main Street. 903-357-0791; [facebook.com/downtowndenisoninc](https://facebook.com/downtowndenisoninc)* 📍

**DUBLIN: March 14–16 St. Patrick's Festival** Spend the holiday in the Irish Capital of Texas. Over the years, festivities have included live Celtic music, pageants, the Shamrock Shuffle 5K, the annual festival

parade, a classic cars show, food and merchant vendors, an Irish stew cookoff, green beer, and the little leprechaun contest. *Various locations. 254-300-6263; [dublintxchamber.com](http://dublintxchamber.com)* 📍

**ELGIN: March 14, April 11, May 9 Sip, Shop, and Stroll** Sip a little wine and shop as you take an evening stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, the Elgin Farmers Market, delicious food, and fun, friendly people. *Downtown, 104 Depot St. 512-229-3227; [elgintexas.gov](http://elgintexas.gov)* 📍

**FORT WORTH: March 10–July 28 Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists Since 1940** Inspired by the history of surrealism in the Caribbean with connections to Afro-surrealism in the United States, *Surrealism and Us* is the first intergenerational show dedicated to Caribbean and African diasporic art presented at the Modern. The exhibition includes over 50 works from the 1940s to the present day, in a wide range of media such as painting, sculpture, drawing, video, and installation. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; [themodern.org](http://themodern.org)* 📍

**FRISCO: March 1–3 Frisco College Baseball Classic** The Frisco Classic is a premier early season collegiate baseball tournament. *Riders Field, 7300 RoughRiders Trail. 972-334-1901; [friscoclassic.com](http://friscoclassic.com)* 📍

**FRISCO: March 15–17 Texas Pinball Festival** The largest in the industry, the Texas Pinball Festival features more than 400 vintage and new pinball machines, as well as classic arcade games, with all to be set on free play for the weekend. *Embassy Suites and Frisco Conference Center, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive. 214-937-9350; [texaspinball.com/tpf](http://texaspinball.com/tpf)*

**FRISCO: March 22–24 Monsters Dance Convention** Monsters tours the country with these three-day dance workshops led by world-renowned choreographers, plus auditions for thousands of dollars in scholarships, seminars, performance opportunities, and freestyle battles. As the original all-hip-hop dance event, Monsters offers instruction and networking with the industry's best and provides dancers with opportunities they can't get anywhere else. *Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Frisco Hotel and Convention Center, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive. 888-566-6787; [monstersdance.com](http://monstersdance.com)*

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**GLEN ROSE: March 9 Hootenanny 2**

Somervell County Expo Center hosts the second hootenanny of the year, with performances by Braxton Keith, Blake Burrow, Gary Anderson, and a yet-to-be-announced headlining act. Enjoy a night of music and fun entertainment in Glen Rose. *Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. 254-897-4509; glenroseexpo.org*

**GRANBURY: March 11 Civil War Roundtable**

Authors, professors, lecturers, dramatists, and curators discuss subjects regarding the Civil War to educate and inform participants. *Spring Creek Barbecue, 317 US 377 East. 817-579-7336; visitgranbury.com*

**GRANBURY: March 15-17 Founder's Day**

**Jubilee and Cookoff** With craft food and shopping vendors, fun activities, live music, and free cake and ice cream, Founder's Day is a weekend event for the entire family. Don't miss some of the big Texas artists hitting the stage on the historic Granbury square, and of course, the hilarious outhouse race. Put your taste buds up to the challenge of choosing the best ribs, brisket, or beans. *Spring Creek Barbecue, 201 E. Pearl St. 682-936-4550; granburysquare.com*

**GRANBURY: March 16 St. Paddy's Day**

**Parade** Wear your green and welcome St. Patrick's Day in Granbury. The parade runs from Pearl Street to the Granbury Square to Crockett Street. *Historic Granbury Square, 529 N. Houston St. 817-964-6536; visitgranbury.com* 📍

**GRAND PRAIRIE: March 1 Dancing with the Stars Live**

The hit TV show is back on tour with a dazzling, sexy, high-energy, brand-new live production. This stage show features favorite professional dancers from the hit television series performing glittering new numbers as well as some of the showstoppers featured on TV. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 📍

**GRAND PRAIRIE: March 9-10 Kids Fest**

Bring the whole family out for a day of fun and kid-friendly activities at Traders Village. Enjoy amusement park rides, live music, and shopping. *Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. 972-647-2331; tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: March 9 Whose Live**

**Anyway?** Prepare to laugh when four of the world's most masterful improv artists

take you on the high-wire act of comedic acrobatics with rapid-fire wit and nonstop jokes. Welcome Ryan Stiles and Greg Proops, both seen on ABC's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, as well as Jeff B. Davis and Joel Murray. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 📍

**GRAND PRAIRIE: March 13-17 Prairie**

**Playland** Bring the whole family to Prairie Playland during spring break and enjoy rides, activities, live music, and fun for the whole family. *Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. 972-647-2331; tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: March 15-17, 22-24**

**9 to 5: The Musical** Featuring music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, this lively adaptation of the 1980 film is set in the late 1970s. The plot follows three female coworkers who, fed up with their sexist and tyrannical boss, decide to take matters into their own hands. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. 972-237-8786; uptowntheatergp.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: March 22 Grupo Duelo**

**in Concert** From Roma, Texas, Grupo Duo has been entertaining audiences with its Mexican norteña sounds since the early 2000s. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 📍

**HICO: March 23 Spring Open House**

Participating merchants have special discounts, door prizes, and refreshments to celebrate the arrival of spring. *Downtown, 129 N. Pecan St. 254-434-1249; hicotxchamber.org/events* 📍

**INDEPENDENCE: March 23-30 Independence Historical Society Open Houses**

Over two Saturdays every spring, the Independence Historical Society opens its early Texas homes for free to the public. When the Texas bluebonnets are at their best, visit the 1820s Coles Cabin, the 1830s Dogtrot Log House, and a one-room schoolhouse. Artisans demonstrate early Texas crafts and music. The early Texas homes are located next to Old Baylor Park in historic Independence. *Adjacent to Old Baylor Park, 8488 Old Baylor College Road. 210-724-1514; ihtexas1836.com*

**IRVING: March 7-10 Texas Steel Guitar**

**Jamboree** Hear steel guitarists from around the world play at the annual jamboree. There are also educational seminars plus vendors and manufacturers of steel guitars and musical products. *Sheraton DFW, 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway. 817-558-3481; texassteelguitar.org* 📍

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**IRVING: March 23 Cliburn Passion** The Irving Symphony Orchestra features another world-premiere composition by an Irving Symphony Orchestra/Southern Methodist University composer in residence. Then, a piano performance with the full orchestra includes compositions from Frédéric Chopin and Antonín Dvořák by guest artist Dmytro Choni of Ukraine, a Van Cliburn medalist. *Carpenter Performance Hall, Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-831-8818; irvingsymphony.org* 📞

**LA GRANGE: March 1 Alejandro Escovedo in Concert** As comfortable performing with a string ensemble as he is with an amped-up power trio, and as likely to bare his soul in his lyrics as he is to display some serious rock 'n' roll swagger, Escovedo had already played an important role in punk (with the Nuns), roots rock (the True Believers), and alt-country (Rank and File) before he launched a solo career that's seen him work with everyone from Tony Visconti and John Cale to Bruce Springsteen. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org/tickets* 📞

**LA GRANGE: March 8 Ruthie Foster in Concert** Often compared to Bonnie Raitt

and Aretha Franklin, Ruthie Foster mixes gospel, blues, jazz, folk, and soul for a unique sound that's garnered four Grammy nominees. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org*

**LA GRANGE: March 16 Sara Hickman in Concert** Past state of Texas official musician Sara Hickman performs in the Bugle Boy's listening room—a converted World War II Army barracks. Beer and wine are available. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org*

**LEWISVILLE: March 16 St. Paddy's Texas Style** Make a toast to St. Patrick's Day and Texas Independence Day with Irish and Texas music, dancing, beer, and amusements for kids including life-size games. Food and drinks are sold on site, and well-behaved pets on leashes are welcome. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; visitlewisville.com* 📞

**LULING: March 9 Rajun' Cajun Throw-down** What started out as a cookoff with some music and a few vendors has grown into a full-blown Cajun street festival with live zydeco music all day, arts and crafts vendors, an assortment of food vendors, a beverage garden, crawfish sold by the

pound, activities for kids, wiggle races, bungee jumps, petting zoos, and barrel trains. The crawfish races are a must-see attraction. *Luling Main Street, 421 E. Davis St. 830-875-3214; lulingmainstreet.com/rajuncajun.php* 📞

**LULING: March 16 Artisan Market** On the third Saturday of every month, this market invites shoppers to browse booths featuring artisans selling goods like yard art, handmade soap, jewelry, salsa, and freeze-dried candy. *Main Street. 512-775-3025; lulingartisanmarket.com*

**MCDADE: March 2-April 21 Sherwood Forest Faire** The largest medieval fair in Central Texas features eight weekends of festivities with 150 shows each day and 170 vendors on-site. Nestled in the Lost Pines section of Central Texas, Sherwood Forest Faire features a medieval-style village that includes an artisan market with handcrafted items. Indulge in medieval treats, and enjoy performances by minstrels, bards, storytellers, magicians, and jugglers. Camping is available. *Sherwood Forest Faire, 1883 Old Highway 20. 512-222-6680; sherwoodforestfaire.com*


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Sunray Funday	August 17
Texas Tumbleweed 100 Bike Ride	September 23
Ears & Beers Festival	September 23
Museum Day	September 28
Dumas Noon Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show	October 5-6
Candy Cane Lane	November 16
Sunray Lions Christmas Parade of Lights	December 2

**MCKINNEY: March 2 Heard Museum**

**Scouting: Brownies** Interested in earning a Girl Scout badge or looking for a nature-based activity for your group? The Heard's badge workshops are geared to meet the requirements for the listed organization's badge, but they're open to any interested group. Brownies topics include senses and water. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/scouting*

**MCKINNEY: March 2 Heard Museum**

**Scouting: Juniors** Interested in earning a Boy Scout badge or looking for a nature-based activity for your group? The Heard's badge workshops are geared to meet the requirements for the listed organization's badge, but they're open to any interested group. Juniors topics include animal habitats. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/scouting*

**MCKINNEY: March 8–May 24 Nature**

**Story Time** Story times are held on the second and fourth Friday of every month and are designed primarily for young children. A different nature-themed book is introduced each week. During most of the

story times, a puppet, live animal, or other enrichment item is included to enhance the experience. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: March 9 Second Saturday**

**Bird Walk** Second Saturday Bird Walks in the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary are offered by volunteers from the Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society. These walks are intended to help beginning and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques. There are plenty of opportunities for participants to pose questions to experienced birders. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in the walks. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: March 23–May 11 Heard Museum Scouting: Webelos**

Interested in earning a badge or looking for a nature-based activity for your Boy Scouts group? The Heard's two-hour badge workshops are geared to meet the requirements for Webelos and other Boy Scouts rankings, but they are open to any interested group. Topics cover nature and geology. *Heard*

*Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/scouting*

**MCKINNEY: March 23 Asian Festival**

This inaugural festival showcases the cultural heritage of the Asian community to educate, inspire, and entertain festivalgoers. From traditional dances and music performances to delicious food offerings and fun family activities, there's something for everyone. *Dr. Glenn Mitchell Memorial Park, 300 W. Louisiana St. 214-679-1853; mckinneyasianfestival.org*

**MCKINNEY: March 30 Heard Museum**

**Scouting: Bear Cubs** Interested in earning a Boy Scout badge or looking for a nature-based activity for your group? The Heard's badge workshops are geared to meet the requirements for the listed organization's badge, but they're open to any interested group. Bear Cubs topics include science and plants. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/scouting*

**MESQUITE: March 21 Mesquite Rocks**

**Concerts** The Mesquite Arts Center hosts this monthly family-friendly event featuring tribute bands covering the greatest hits of popular musicians and folk artists. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: March 30 Bunny EGGstravaganza**

Bunny EGGstravaganza is a celebration of the spring season for all ages to enjoy. Children 12 and under are separated into age groups and able to gather colorful, candy-filled eggs in an egg scramble. Other activities include face painting, arts and crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. *Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest St. 972-216-6260; cityofmesquite.com/280/bunny-eggstravaganza* 📍

**PARKER: March 23 Holi Mela: Dallas**

**Festival of Colors** Celebrate 14 years of color at the largest festival of colors, Holi Mela in North Texas. Marking the spring season, this family festival features contests, dance-offs, turban tying, sand art mandalas and henna art, a drum circle, face painting, and live music. *Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Drive. 469-888-9192; dallasfestivalofcolors.com*

**PLANO: March 23 Texas Forever Fest**

Celebrate the food, music, and culture of Texas. Enjoy live music, entertainment, favorite foods and drinks of the Lone Star State, vendors selling Texas-themed merchandise, and fun for all ages. *Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-941-7288; plano.gov/2060/texas-forever-fest* 📍

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**PLANO: March 24 Victorian Eggstravaganza and Spring Festival** Six egg hunts hold more than 7,500 eggs filled with candy and prizes for children ages 10 and under. Guests of all ages delight in the joys of spring on the Blackland Prairie with wagon rides, tours of the historic Farrell Wilson Home, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Class is in session in the one-room schoolhouse, and there are hands-on activities for visitors to enjoy. *Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th St. 214-403-9878; heritagefarmstead.org* 📍

**ROUND TOP: March 9 Pianist James Dick in Concert** James Dick, founder and artistic director of the Round Top Festival Institute, performs on the Festival Concert Hall stage. He is hailed by audiences and connoisseurs as an outstanding artist able to enrapture listeners through the infinite colors he summons from the keyboard. *Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road. 979-249-3129; festivalhill.org* 📍

**ROUND TOP: March 14-31 Spring Antiques Show** More than dusty relics and shabby chic signage, the antiques show has over 65 venues in about a 20-mile radius in the communities of Round Top, Warren-

ton, Carmine, Burton, and Fayetteville. Over two weeks, people from across the United States come to shop for treasures and enjoy a festival of epic proportions, with food and fun in the Texas countryside. *Various locations. roundtop.com*

**ROUND TOP: March 15-16 Plant and Gift Sale** Bring your carts and wagons to Round Top for the Herb Society of America Pioneer Unit's annual plant and gift sale. Replace those plants that didn't make it through the winter with items from the wide selection of bedding plants, herbs, shrubs, and succulents. You'll find new varieties and old favorites in the plant sale as well as lovely garden gifts and food items in the Thyme Well Spent Gift Shop. *Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Road. 713-503-9981; herbsocietypioneer.org/events*

**ROUND TOP: March 23 Chamber Music Trio Concert** Hear Chavdar Parashkevov on violin, Louis-Marie Fardet on cello, and Viktor Valkov on the piano in a chamber concert. *Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road. 979-249-3129; festivalhill.org* 📍

**SALADO: March 23-24 Wildflower Arts and Crafts Festival** Over 80 vendors are present for the 24th annual Wildflower Arts

and Crafts Festival. Find handmade goods including woodworks, pet items, jewelry, painting, and pottery. Various food trucks are set up with local fare, and there's live music under the gazebo. Free parking is available throughout Salado Village and at the Civic Center. *Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St. 254-947-5040; salado.com* 📍

**SEGUIN: March 16 St. Patrick's Day Bash** Celebrate like the Irish at Johnny Pickles Distillery, which hosts its first St. Patrick's Day event with Irish music, food trucks, vendors, and, of course, whiskey. *Johnny Pickles Distillery, 1711 N. Austin St. 512-777-0044; johnnypicklesdistillery.com* 📍

**SHINER: March 8-9 Spring Into Quilting Show** The Shiner Heritage Quilt Guild hosts this show that spotlights the artistry of quilt makers. See displays of large and small quilts (separate divisions for hand- and machine-quilted entries and a special youth division), a block challenge, and demonstrations. The event also offers a donated quilt drawing, vendors, and food and drinks. *Methodist Church Activity Center, 102 W. Church St. 361-594-4180; shinerheritagequilters.org* 📍



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**TEMPLE: Through March 16 Elliot Erwit: Dog Dogs** Elliot Erwit is an acute observer of the canine world, and this photography exhibit shows how he sees furry friends. Erwit shows the dignity of the ankle-high Chihuahua, the anxiety of the homeless hound, the smugness of the adored dachshund, the patience of the pom-pommed poodle, and the oafish joy of a homely but well-loved pug. Each canine image tells a different doggo story. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com* 📍

**TEMPLE: March 1 First Friday: St. Patrick's Day** On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Join in for live music and performances, great drinks, delicious food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com* 📍

**TEMPLE: March 2 Geek Out Family Day** Want to show off your inner geeky side? Come out to the museum for Geek Out Family Day. Dress up as your favorite superhero, cartoon, or video game character. Enjoy the nerdier side of life and geek on at the Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**THE COLONY: March 17 Luck of the Irish Triathlon** Feeling lucky? At the Luck of the Irish Triathlon, contestants swim, bike, and run through The Colony to receive a completion medal. If you're not competing, come out and cheer on family and friends as they make their way through the course. *Lewisville ISD Aquatic Center, 5729 Memorial Drive. 214-370-9010; visitthecolonytx.com* 📍

**THE COLONY: March 23 Mother and Son Adventure Day** Moms and their boys (ages 3-12) can take part in an outdoor expedition throughout Lions Club Park. Test your skills in archery, fishing, and geocaching. *Lions Club Park, 4800 Nash Drive. 972-625-1106; visitthecolonytx.com*

**THE COLONY: March 28 Spring Egg-stravaganza** One of the most egg-citing events in The Colony is back. Kids gather eggs filled with candy and prizes, then stop by the entertainment zone to ride the giant slide and Big Tex Express Train, play giant lawn games, and interact with animals in the petting zoo. Don't forget to get a photo taken with Peter Rabbit and create an Easter-themed craft item. Tickets are only required for the egg hunt portion of the event. *The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive. 972-625-1106; visitthecolonytx.com*

**TOLAR: March 15-16 Ceramic Expo and Handcrafted Items** Bring friends to this ceramic show, where visitors can find ceramic supplies for sale from vendors. The event also features door prizes, a competition with judging ahead of the weekend, and an awards ceremony taking place on Saturday. Come learn a new hobby or stock up on all your ceramic supplies. *J.D. Neely Community Center, 120 Tolar Cemetery Road. 254-716-5227; westceramicshow.com*

**WACO: March 8-9, 15-16 Spring at the Silos** In celebration of the arrival of spring, Magnolia Market hosts this free event, where visitors can enjoy the garden in full bloom, taste new menu flavors, watch live music performances, take guided tours, and see artists and makers create works in real-time throughout the grounds. *The Silos, 601 Webster Ave. 254-235-0603; magnolia.com/visit/events*

**WACO: March 23 Bob Alexander Talk and Reception** The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is the proud owner of three original Tom Lea works, including pieces inspired by Texas Rangers. Join award-winning author Bob Alexander for an illuminating talk about the inspiration for the paintings and a Western-themed reception. *Texas Ranger Research Center, 100 Texas Ranger Trail. 915-533-0048; texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/researching-rangers* 📍

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**GOLIAD: March 15-17 County Fair and PRCA Rodeo** Enjoy pro rodeo action in conjunction with the Goliad County Fair. See brave athletes compete in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, and mutton bustin'. In previous years, the fair has included a parade, carnival, barbecue, and dancing. *Goliad County Fairgrounds, 925 US 183 South. 361-645-8204; facebook.com/goliadprca.rodeo* 📍

**HEBBRONVILLE: March 2 Southwest Experience** In the brush country of South Texas lies the ruins of Rancho Randado, a ranch where Spanish horses were once bred. Artist Tom Lea's visit to the 1767 site with J. Frank Dobie stirred feelings he knew could not be expressed by paint, so he expressed them in words when he wrote his 1941 poem "Randado." The Jim Hogg County Old Jail Museum opens *Tom Lea's Randado*, a site along the Tom Lea Trail, where guests can enjoy speakers, refreshments, and a rare tour of Rancho Randado led by its owner. *Jim Hogg County Old Jail Museum, 105 E. Santa Clara St.*

915-533-0048; [eventbrite.com/e/southwest-experience-tickets-693285053257](https://eventbrite.com/e/southwest-experience-tickets-693285053257) 📍

**LAREDO: Through March 2 Washington's Birthday Celebration** A Texas-size party to say the least, Laredo's annual Washington's Birthday Celebration is the nation's oldest and largest event honoring the first president of the United States. The party spans 38 days and features festivities including the Jalapeño Festival, an air show, pageants depicting the country's early history, carnivals, comedy shows, cultural ceremonies, and one of the country's only true international parades. *Various locations. 956-722-0589; wbcalarredo.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: Through March 17 Return of the Travis Letter** Come see the original "Victory or Death" letter written by William B. Travis on Feb. 24, 1836, as the garrison was being surrounded and the Texan Army at the Alamo was outnumbered. Make plans to see this state treasure, back at the Alamo for the first time since 2013. *The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. 210-225-1391; thealamo.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: Feb. 23-March 24 Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus: The Musical!** Hop on board for an unforgettable ride. In this feather-filled extravaganza based on Mo Willems' bestselling books, the Pigeon is back and he's ready to take the stage. When the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers late, the wily bird sees his chance to take the wheel. With an innovative mix of actors, puppets, and feathers, this production brings the beloved characters to life like never before. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St. 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: March 14-16 Spring Break Roundup: Building the West** The Briscoe Western Art Museum invites families to come and build a Native American home or village like those found in the West. Explore the collection of Native American paintings and sculptures and become inspired to use recyclable and found materials to build a tipi, longhouse, wigwam, or other types of Native American shelters. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: March 22-23 Night of Artists Opening Weekend** One of the premier Western art events in the world, Night of Artists includes the viewing and sale of new works of painting, sculpture, and mixed media by today's leading contemporary Western artists. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 📍

A live band of five members is performing on a stage in a brick building. The stage is lit with vibrant blue and red spotlights that create a dynamic atmosphere. The band members are wearing red t-shirts. In the background, a brick wall and an 'EXIT' sign are visible. The overall scene is energetic and captures a moment of live music performance.

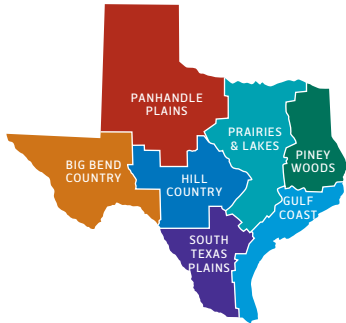
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## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE: Through May 4 Andy Warhol: Cowboys and Indians** Andy Warhol, fascinated by icons of American culture, released the portfolio *Cowboys and Indians* in 1986. The 10 prints in the series portray a fantasy of the American West, mixing together historical figures and mass media interpretations of the past. Portraits in the series include actor John Wayne, sharpshooter Annie Oakley, President Teddy Roosevelt, Apache leader Geronimo, and military general George Custer. *Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University campus, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-8145; museumofthebigbend.com* ♿

**ALPINE: April 19-21 Gem and Mineral Show** Explore an array of special gems and minerals and see demonstrations by experts in their respective fields. Lucky visitors may win door prizes. *Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. 432-729-4526; facebook.com/p/chihuahuan-desert-gem-mineral-club-100064703045076* ♿

**ALPINE: April 19-20 Spirits of the West Wine and Beef Fest** Texas winemakers,

spirit distillers, and brewmasters come together with beef producers and chefs from across Texas at this open-air festival with lots of live music on the grounds of the Brewster County Courthouse. *201 W. Ave. E. 432-294-1071; spiritsfestwtx.com* ♿

**DEL RIO: April 5-8 TX Solar Eclipse Fest** Del Rio sees three minutes and 25 seconds of totality as the total solar eclipse crosses the border. Pick up your certified eclipse solar glasses from the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce plus a schedule of events. Vendors, food trucks, and live music are found all around town. The TX Solar Eclipse Fest Concert Series includes Dustin De La Garza, William Beckmann, Grupo Masore, Aj Castillo, Michael Salgado, Stoney LaRue, Eli Young Band, and John Michael Montgomery. Contact the city of Del Rio for tent and RV camping spaces. *Val Verde Fairgrounds, 2006 N. Main St. 830-775-3551; txsolareclipsefest.com* ♿

## GULF COAST

**ALVIN: April 25-27 Rotary Club Frontier Day** The 50th annual Frontier Day, presented by the Alvin Rotary Club, features the popular Frontier Day Parade through old downtown Alvin. There are children's rides, food concessions, carnival activities, arts and crafts vendors, and an antique car and bike show with vintage tractors on display. Proceeds support scholarships and other charitable activities in the Alvin area. *National Oak Park, 118 S. Magnolia St. 713-828-9477; alvinrotary.org* ♿

**ARANSAS PASS: April 29 Fishing for Wishes Tournament** Support Friends for Wishes, the largest contributor to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in the Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana, at this fishing tournament where anglers can compete in categories that include redfish, trout, most spots on a redfish, blackjack trout, and Texas Slam. Kids can experience pier fishing and Make-A-Wish kids fishing tournaments. There's also a live auction, drop ticket raffle, and giveaways. *Aransas Pass Convention Center, 700 W. Wheeler Ave. 281-451-7769; friendsforwishes.org* ♿

**BRAZORIA: April 27-28 Migration Celebration** At this event, qualified naturalists take visitors on tours of San Bernard

National Wildlife Refuge by marsh buggy or wagon. Children can participate in activities ranging from archery and fishing for catfish to bug sweeping and touch tanks. Adults and children alike can enjoy the "Birds of Prey" show by EarthQuest as well as butterfly encounter tents. Guided walking tours to Bobcat Woods and to the largest Texas live oak are also available. *San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, 2547 CR 306. 844-842-4737; migrationcelebration.com* ♿

**CLUTE: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 26, 30 Planetarium Show** Featuring high-tech equipment including a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector, this show recreates the night sky as it appears to the naked eye and gives viewers a close-up look at comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: April 4-7 Festival de Mariachi en la Isla** At the fourth annual Festival de Mariachi en la Isla, hosted by the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Performing Arts Center, attendees can shop with area vendors, take part in crafts led by local artists, enjoy food trucks, and hear mariachi groups ranging from regional schools to well-known professional groups. *Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Performing Arts Center, 6005 Ocean Drive, Unit 5723. 361-825-2787; pac.tamucc.edu* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: April 6 Big Bloom Plant Sale** Bring your wagon and load up on thousands of plants of all kinds. There's also specialty vendors, butterfly and ladybug releases, food trucks, and Animal Ambassadors presentations. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100; stxbot.org* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: April 20 ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd in Concert** Two titans of American classic rock, ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd, host their first co-headlining tour: "The Sharp Dressed Simple Man Tour." The bands stop in Corpus Christi, where you have the chance to hear classics like "Simple Man," "Free Bird," "La Grange," and "Sharp Dressed Man." *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI: April 24–28 The Birdiest Festival in America** See peak spring migration in one of the country's busiest flyways. Enjoy field trips, presentations, workshops, bird walks, and educational programs by The Raptor Project's Jonathan and Susan Wood. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-563-5968; birdiestfestival.org* 📍

**CORPUS CHRISTI: April 25 Nate Bargatze** The comedian is widely known for his clean and relatable comedy for all age groups and for his Netflix specials "The Tennessee Kid," "Greatest Average American," and "The Stand-ups." His latest special, "Hello, World," can be found on Amazon Prime Video. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com* 📍

**CORPUS CHRISTI: April 27 ZaZu** Participate in Camp Aranzazu's 15th annual ZaZu, a fundraiser to support the camp's mission to cultivate belonging for campers of all ages and abilities by creating accessible, empowering, and intentional camp experiences. Enjoy live music, food, drinks, and fun at the event's new location in Corpus Christi. *Ed Rachal House, 3700 Ocean Drive. 361-727-0800; camparanzazu.org* 📍

**GALVESTON: April 5–7 Steampunk Festival** Steampunk is a subgenre of science fiction that incorporates retrofuturistic technology and aesthetics inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery. This festival honors the era and brings family fun, live music, and entertainment—including fire dancing, ax throwing, teapot racing, and a costume contest—to the island. *Galveston Railroad Museum, 2602 Santa Fe Place. galvestonsteampunk.com*

**GALVESTON: April 6 David Parsons Dance Company** The dance company brings exuberance, joy, and passion to the stage. Look forward to enjoying the dancers' remarkable athleticism and stunning ensemble work as they flawlessly fuse gestures and movements that comprise modern dance with the discipline and precision of a classical dance company. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: April 18–21 FeatherFest and Nature Photo Festival** As one of the nation's top locations for birding, Galveston Island hosts the 22nd annual FeatherFest birding and nature photography festival. FeatherFest is one of the largest birding festivals in Texas, and the only one with a

dedicated nature photography track. *Various locations. galvestonfeatherfest.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: April 20 The Grand Kids Festival** Designed to introduce children and families to the arts, the festival offers three blocks of activities, entertainment areas, and vendor booths. Attendees are able to enjoy live performances, storytellers, arts and crafts, face painting, and other festivities themed around the arts. *Postoffice Street between 23rd and 20th streets. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**GALVESTON: April 28 Chicago** The multi-award-winning musical showcases everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz. Look forward to a performance with one showstopping song after another and Bob Fosse's famous choreography. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through April 19 Glass in Flight** This exhibit by Tucson artist Alex Heveri makes its Texas debut with 21 steel and hand-cut dalle de verre glass sculptures of gigantic, realistic insects including butterflies, dragonflies, and beetles. Sunlight through the colored glass mimics the

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transparency and iridescence of insect wings, intensifying the illusion of movement and life. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through May 4 This Side Up** Houston Center for Contemporary Craft presents this group exhibition that frames art handling and collections-care practices within the field of craft. Featuring the work of mount makers, crate builders, and exhibition fabricators, as well as artwork informed by these practices, the show brings unprecedented attention to the specialized knowledge, skill, apprenticeship, and understanding of materials required to build and support art infrastructure. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; craftthouston.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Aug. 11 Janet Sobel: All-Over** This exhibition focuses on the abstract paintings made by Janet Sobel (1893-1968) during the 1940s when her short-lived but meteoric career began. Acclaimed for her skillful use of color and densely layered compositions that spilled to the edges of the support, Sobel pioneered what became known as “all-over”

abstraction. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Oct. 20 Longing, Grief, and Spirituality: Art Since 1980**

Featuring works created over the past 40 years, many of which are owned by the Menil, this display presents artists' response to the precariousness of life through the expression of longing, grief, and spirituality. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: March 22-July 21 Ruth Asawa Through Line**

This is the first exhibition to focus on the artist's lifelong drawing practice. Surveying Ruth Asawa's range and approach, the exhibition offers an unparalleled window into the artist's resourceful approach to drawing, with her particular attention to materials, line, surface, and space. *The Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 9 Quatuor Ébène in Concert** With their charismatic playing, fresh approach to tradition, and open engagement with new forms, this French ensemble has been successful in reaching a wide audience of young listeners. The program includes pieces from Mozart, Schnittke, and

Grieg. *Stude Concert Hall, Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 11-14 Art Car Parade and Festival**

The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art hosts the annual Art Car Parade and Festival, which showcases personal artistic creativity and provides a forum for a unique type of expression. Festivities include the annual ball, a sneak peek of 100-plus art cars at Discovery Green, the 37th annual Art Car Parade, and an awards ceremony. *Various locations. 713-926-6368; thehoustonartcarparade.com* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 18 Studio Menil Presents**

Held at Richmond Hall, Studio Menil Presents is the Menil Collection's creatively themed annual spring party and includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an artfully presented seated dinner, all accompanied by live music. Proceeds from the event directly support the Menil's operations. *Richmond Hall, 1500 Richmond Ave. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 23-28 Worldfest International Film Festival**

This is North America's third oldest film festival and champions independent filmmakers. Be a part of the 57th year celebration as the festival showcases the visionaries of tomorrow and their exclusive creations. *Cinemark Memorial City, 310 Memorial City Mall. worldfest.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 26-Aug. 25 Abstraction After Modernism: Recent Acquisitions**

Composed of recent acquisitions, this exhibition showcases the breadth of artists' approaches to abstraction since the mid-20th century. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 26-27 Academy Spring Showcase**

Houston Ballet Academy students represent the future of ballet, with over 60% of the company coming through the Academy. This showcase gives students the stage to shine through works from the company repertoire or ballets created specifically for them. *Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave. 832-236-3849; houstonballet.org* 📍

**HOUSTON: April 30 Han-Setzer-Finckel**

**Trio in Concert** Chamber music power couple Wu Han and David Finckel team up with Philip Setzer for a performance of great piano trios including works by Debussy, Smetana, and Mendelssohn. *Stude Concert Hall, Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org* 📍



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**LA PORTE: April 27-28 Sylvan Beach**

**Festival** At the Sylvan Beach Festival, one of the longest-running traditions along the Texas Gulf Coast, enjoy a day of family entertainment beginning with the Sylvan Beach Day Parade. After the parade, make your way to the park for carnival rides, food vendors, live music, inflatables, and arts and crafts vendors. *Sylvan Beach Park, 636 N. Bayshore Drive. 281-471-1123; facebook.com/sylvanbeachfestival* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: April 6 Abner Jackson**

**Plantation Site Tour** Visit the historic archeological site formerly owned by Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, Farm-to-Market Road 2004 near State Highway 332. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: April 6, 13, 20, 27 Alden B.**

**Dow Office Museum Tour** Take a self-guided tour to see the restored mid-century architectural beauty of Alden B.

Dow's 1943 downtown office. Learn all about the city's beginnings and the indelible mark that Dow left as the principal architect of Lake Jackson. The museum is open every Saturday. *Alden B. Dow Office Museum, 101 S. Parking Place. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: April 6 Nature Day and Public Youth Fishing**

Join Sea Center Texas in catch-and-release fishing (no registration required and bring your own bait and equipment). The event is for kids 17 and under. *Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. 979-292-0100; tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: April 19-21, 26-28 The**

**Mountaintop** By American playwright Katori Hall, this fictional depiction of Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth is set entirely in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel on the eve of his assassination in 1968. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7766; brazosportcenter.org* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: April 20 Bird Banding**

Once a month, visitors can watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to see

birds up close and to learn about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: April 20 Kids Reel Big**

**Fish Event** Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair, and fishing gear for a couple of hours of catch-and-release fishing at the marine fish hatchery and visitor education center. This event is available to guests 16 years old and younger accompanied by an adult. Anglers must bring their own gear and bait with barbless hooks. No artificial bait or treble hooks. Volunteers and staff are on hand to assist first-time anglers. *Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov* 📍

**ORANGE: April 4 Annie** Orphan Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org* 📍

**ORANGE: April 20 Scott Mulvahill Candlelight Concert** Scott Mulvahill has left his unique mark on the intersecting worlds of Americana, bluegrass, folk, jazz, rock 'n' roll, and roots music. Acclaimed for his work alongside musicians like Ricky Skaggs



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and Bruce Hornsby, he has racked up a long list of milestones including a tour with multi-Grammy winner Lauren Daigle and a debut at the Grand Ole Opry. Candles illuminate the stage, creating a serene atmosphere. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org* 📍

**PORT ARANSAS: April 18-21 Texas Sand-Fest** The largest native-sand sculpture competition in the country began as a small competition in 1997 and has grown into an internationally recognized three-day event that draws renowned sand sculptors and tens of thousands of visitors from around the world each year. Attendees enjoy amazing sand sculptures, food, live music, kids' activities, arts and crafts, apparel, jewelry, furniture, and souvenirs. *Port Aransas Beach, between mile markers 9 and 13. 361-749-5919; texassandfest.org*

**PORT ARANSAS: April 22 Earth Day Celebration** A huge crowd creates the "Port A for Peace" annual human peace sign to commemorate Earth Day. Hundreds of participants gather on the beach for the photo opportunity. The peace sign is marked with flags to indicate where to stand. *Horace*

*Caldwell Pier, 230 On The Beach Road. 361-749-5919; visitportaransas.com* 📍

**PORT ARTHUR: April 6 Cajun Heritage Festival** Port Arthur is the official Cajun Capital of Texas. Enjoy live Cajun music, spicy food, vendors, and dancing the night away. *Robert A. "Bob" Bowers Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Drive. 409-985-7822; visitportarthurtx.com* 📍

**PORT ISABEL: April 13 Causeway Run and Fitness Walk** Follow a 10K course and choose to run or walk. The race starts at the Port Isabel Community Center and ends on South Padre Island at Louie's Backyard. Lunch and an awards ceremony follow the race. *Port Isabel Community Center, 213 Yturria St. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**PORTLAND: April 4-7 Windfest** The annual family-fun festival held in the coastal town of Portland has a parade, cookoffs, the Dachshund Dash, doggie costume contest, rides, a cornhole tournament, entertainment, food, dinosaur encounters, and shopping. *Daniel P. Moore Community Complex, 2000 Billy G. Webb Drive. 361-777-4650; portlandtx.org/windfest* 📍

**QUINTANA: April 6-May 5 Spring Fling** Spring is peak migration time, so the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory hosts Spring Fling at the Quintana Neotropic Bird Sanctuary. For four weeks, volunteers or staff members are there each day to help identify migrating species, as well as the resident birds, and keep a daily list going. *Quintana Bird Sanctuary, 814 N. Lamar St. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT: April 13 Austin Street Art Walk** Every second Saturday of the month from April through December, over 25 businesses and restaurants participate in this art walk along Austin Street. The experience showcases an ever-changing mix of participants and art mediums such as painting, pottery, jewelry, photography, and textiles, as well as live music, artist demonstrations, and food. *Downtown, South Austin Street. 361-729-6445; facebook.com/austinstreetartwalk* 📍

**ROCKPORT: April 13 Makers Market** This local outdoor market is open every second Saturday of the month and showcases handmade items from local artists and makers, including art, pottery, photography, and one-of-a-kind home décor. *Downtown, 302 S. Austin St. 361-729-6445; rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT: April 13 Second Saturday in the District** The Rockport Cultural Arts District hosts Second Saturday with live music and special themes to enjoy along with an art walk, farmers market, and makers market. *Downtown Cultural Arts District. 214-395-7156; rockportculturalartsdistrict.com* 📍

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: April 19-21 Market Days** Every third weekend of the month, hear live music, peruse the merchandise of over 150 vendors, and select eats from food trucks in a pet-friendly environment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 100 Sea Breeze Drive. 361-314-2226; acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 5-6 Fools' Run 5K/10K** Celebrate April Fools' Day with a 5K/10K run. The course starts on the beach in front of Margaritaville Beach Resort and continues north. Participants in the 5K and 10K have the option to walk and/or run throughout the course and turn around at the halfway point to complete the course. The course ends in front of Margaritaville Beach Resort. *310 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 6-7 Texas State Surfing Championship** See the top surfers in Texas battle the waves for the

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championship title in this surfing competition. *Isla Blanca Park, 33171 State Park Road. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 12-14 Texas Beach Ultimate Festival** Ultimate is an exciting, non-contact team sport played by thousands the world over. It mixes the best of soccer, basketball, American football, and netball into a simple yet action-packed game. *Holiday Inn Resort, 100 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

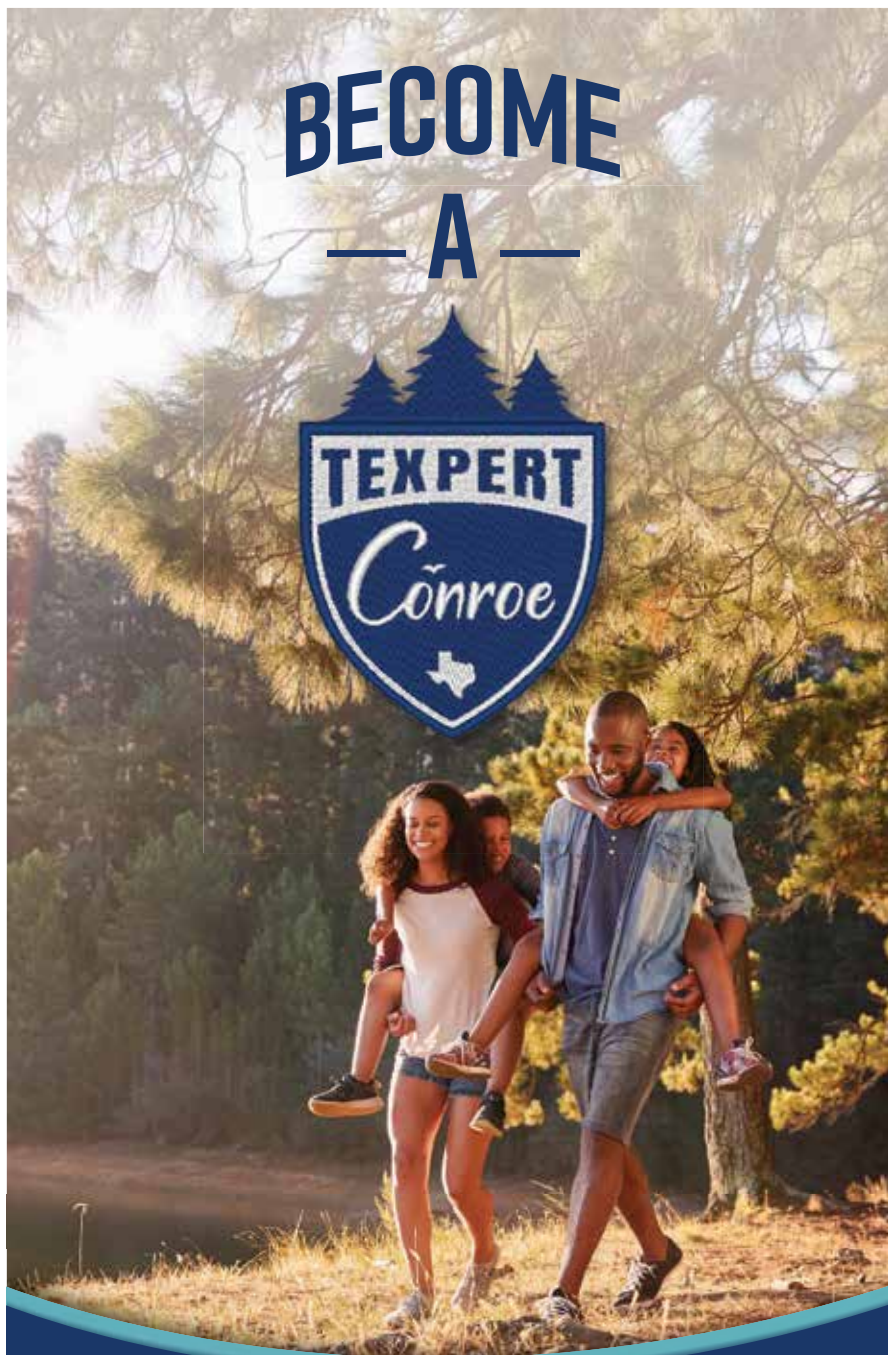
**VICTORIA: March 29-May 19 Greg Reuter: Admiration** Corpus Christi artist Greg Reuter grew up in California and began his career in Hawaii. The exhibit includes sculptures in various media, including bronze, ceramic, aluminum, and mixed media. His works explore qualities he admires, such as the fidelity of dogs, the resilience of wild birds, and his admiration of the sublime beauty of nature. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 

**VICTORIA: March 29-May 19 Tracy Waldroup: Unfolding** Enjoy the art of mixed-media abstract artist Tracey Waldroup, whose sense of spontaneity informs her process. This exhibit features paintings that offer an air of mystery and a moment of careful contemplation into their depth of layers and texture. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 

**VICTORIA: April 12 History Symposium on De León Legacy** A part of Victoria's 200-year celebration, this educational event features fascinating speakers touching on the legacy of Martín De León, who founded Victoria and helped settle the area. *University of Houston Victoria, 3007 N. Ben Wilson St. 361-485-3116; explore victoriatexas.com/events/bicentennial*

**VICTORIA: April 20 Guided Trolley Tour of Historic Victoria** Part of Victoria's 200th birthday celebration, this monthly guided trolley tour begins with an interior look at the 1892 Victoria County Courthouse, travels the oak-lined streets of Old Victoria to offer views of the unique architectural homes and structures, and ends with a prix fixe lunch at the historic PumpHouse Riverside Restaurant and Bar. *Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Bridge St. 361-485-3116; explore victoriatexas.com/p/victoriatx200*

**VICTORIA: April 20-21 Historic Homes Tour** Explore some of the historic buildings and homes and celebrate Victoria's unique cultural and architectural heritage. *Downtown, 205 W. Goodwin Ave. 361-573-1878; victoriapreservation.com*



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**VICTORIA: April 25-28 *Clue*** The hilarious farce meets murder mystery begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that leaves fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out who did it, where, and with what weapon. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-570-8587; theatrevictoria.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: April 25 Victoria Symphony in Concert** The Victoria Symphony presents *Downtown Rhythms*, an outdoor family-oriented performance interspersed with student and college musical groups. Children can play symphony instruments at the instrument petting zoo. *De Leon Plaza, 101 N. Main St. 361-576-4500; victoria-symphony.com* 📍

**VICTORIA: April 27 Victoria Symphony in Concert** The Victoria Symphony presents Cliburn International gold medalist Yekwon Sunwoo performing Beethoven's joyful Piano Concerto No. 4 in G minor paired with Strauss' epic *Alpine Symphony*. *Victoria Fine*

*Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 📍

## HILL COUNTRY

**AUSTIN: April 7 Capitol 10K** Established in 1978, the *Statesman* Capitol 10K has grown to become the largest 10K in Texas and sixth largest in the country. *Downtown, 305 S. Congress Ave. cap10k.com* 📍

**AUSTIN: April 7 CMT Music Awards** Country music's biggest stars converge on Austin for the 58th annual CMT Music Awards. The show has included all of country music's favorite stars, including Carrie Underwood, Jelly Roll, Lainey Wilson, and Kane Brown. *Moody Center, 2001 Robert Dedman Drive. cmt.com/cmt-music-awards* 📍

**AUSTIN: April 8-14 Fusebox Festival** Hundreds of local, national, and international artists across all disciplines converge for one of the most unique cultural events in the country. Fusebox is a hybrid arts festival that champions adventurous works of art in theater, dance, film, music, literature, and visual and culinary arts. *Various locations. fuseboxlive.com* 📍

**AUSTIN: April 10-21 Moontower Just For Laughs Comedy Festival** The festival de-

livers huge stars, fan favorites, comics to watch, and beloved local talent. It spans a two-week period and features more than 20 headliners and dozens more comics. *Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org/moontower-comedy*

**AUSTIN: April 12-14 MotoGP Red Bull Grand Prix** The only North American stop of the world's premier motorcycle racing series, the MotoGP Red Bull Grand Prix revs up Austin for three days of bar-banging motorcycle racing action with the greatest riders in the world. *Circuit of The Americas, 9201 Circuit of The Americas Blvd. circuitoftheamericas.com/event/motogp*

**AUSTIN: April 19-21 Reggae Fest** A fundraiser for the Capital Area Food Bank, Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, world and dub talent, and more than 50 vendors selling food and arts and crafts. *Auditorium Shores, 900 W. Riverside Drive. austinreggaefest.com*

**AUSTIN: April 20 Field Guide Festival** Field Guide Festival is a food systems festival that brings the farmers to you. Find fresh ingredients, grown and harvested by local farmers, prepared by chefs from around the city. Experience a weekend of innovative conversation, connection, and cookouts with those who make the Austin food economy special. *Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St. fieldguidefest.com*

**AUSTIN: April 21 The Glenn Miller Orchestra in Concert** The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra continues to bring timeless classics like "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," and "Tuxedo Junction" back to the stage 80 years after the band's founding. *Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-1122; texasperformingarts.org* 📍

**AUSTIN: April 26-28 Psych Fest** This festival features a lineup of psych rock, dream pop, and indie bands with visual artists and a Mad Alchemy Light Show. *The Far Out Lounge and Stage, 8504 S. Congress Ave. levitation.fm/pages/austin-psych-fest*

**BANDERA: April 5-9 Ground Zero Music Fest** Celebrate the total solar eclipse at a five-day, four-night music festival. The family-friendly event features camping and over 20 bands, including national, regional, and local acts in a variety of music genres, from country and Southern rock to Tejano and local picking circles. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 North. 409-655-8800; groundzeromusicfest.com* 📍

**BANDERA: April. 6, 13, 20, 27 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters** Every Satur-



day, see the Bandera Cattle Company Gun-fighters reenact 1800s gunfights twice a day at Rattlesnake Ridge, located behind the Bandera Visitors Center. *Rattlesnake Ridge, 126 SH 16 South. 830-343-7141; facebook.com/banderagunfighters* 📱

**BANDERA: April 6, 13, 20, 27 Cowboys on Main** Enjoy free cowboy fun in downtown Bandera. Activities can include chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke Longhorn, or taking a horse-drawn wagon tour of Bandera. *500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com* 📱

**BANDERA: April 6 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up their pop-up shops along Main Street. Artists and craftspeople present original works while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked goods. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com* 📱

**BANDERA: April 7, 14, 21, 28 Morning Ride with Cowboy Breakfast** Join Bandera Historical Rides for a Sunday morning cowboy breakfast and horseback ride at Major Hope Corral, a horse rescue center outside of Bandera. *Major Hope Corral, 749 Old Medina Highway. 830-328-2203; banderahistoricalrides.com, facebook.com/banderahistoricalrides*

**BANDERA: April 8 Total Solar Eclipse 2024** Bandera is the place to be during the total solar eclipse with over four minutes of totality. *Various locations. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com, facebook.com/banderacowboycapital* 📱

**BANDERA: April 13 5K Bunny Run/Walk** Arthur Nagel Community Clinic hosts this 5K race along Main Street. Medals are awarded in seven categories, and T-shirts and goody bags are handed out to all participants. Kids 10 and under get to participate for free. Dogs on leashes and bunny ears and costumes are also welcome. *Village of Hope Events Center, 1116 12th St. 830-796-3448; banderacowboycapital.com/events/2024/bandera-bunny-runwalk* 📱

**BANDERA: April 18 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp with Lew Peterbaugh** Bring your guitar to play along or simply come to listen. Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. *Bandera Beverage Barn, 1407 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com* 📱

**BANDERA: April 19 Frontier Times Texas Heroes Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony** In keeping with the pioneering spirit of the museum's founder, J. Marvin Hunter Sr., the Frontier Times Museum established the Texas Heroes Hall of Honor to recognize

the contributions of people who, through their leadership, creativity, example, and hard work, keep the pioneer spirit alive and help keep Texas Texan. Join the museum in honoring the 2024 inductees. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📱

**BANDERA: April 28 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree** The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree that includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📱

**BEE CAVE: April 20 Texas Whiskey Festival** Enjoy an opportunity to meet the distillers and master blenders who make Texas whiskey. Over 35 whiskey distilleries from across Texas are on-site, and entertainment, cigars, vendors, and a live concert cap off the night. *Star Hill Ranch, 15000 Hamilton Pool Road. 940-636-7569; txwhiskeyfest.com* 📱

**BLANCO: March 16, April 20, May 18 Market Day** Shop at this market with over 70 vendors offering crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidered and crocheted items, and jewelry.

There's also live music and food vendors. *Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org/market-day* 📱

**BLANCO: April 7 Marcia Ball in Concert** In celebration of the total solar eclipse, Marcia Ball and her band entertain Blanco's visitors with a special concert at Yett Memorial Park. All ages are welcome. Concessions are available. *Yett Memorial Park, 1813 US 281. 830-833-5101; blancochamber.com/yett-memorial-park* 📱

**BOERNE: April 13, 27 Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural** Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center invites you to bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams* 📱

**BOERNE: April 13-14 Market Days** At this monthly market, shop at hundreds of festive booths displaying everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; boernemarketdays.com* 📱



**BOERNE: March 9, 23; April 13, 27; May 11, 25 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour** The Kuhlmann-King House gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like “way back when.” Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse*

**BOERNE: April 6 Spring Antique Tractor Pull** The Boerne AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center hosts its annual antique tractor pull event. Come out and watch antique tractors from around Texas as they compete to pull the heaviest weight the farthest distance. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org*

**BOERNE: April 6-9 Total Eclipse Experience** View the total solar eclipse taking place April 8 on the grounds of Cave Without a Name. The three-day family-friendly event includes camping, hiking the trails, and live music performances. The Rahim Quazi Duo presents “Sounds of the Sun,” which features a simulation of light to darkness and darkness to full light. *Cave Without a Name Throne Room,*

*325 Kreutzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com*

**BOERNE: April 20 Texas Corvette Association Open Car Show** Hundreds of colorful Corvettes line the historic Hill Country Mile and Main Plaza, attracting car enthusiasts and guests. Enjoy all that downtown Boerne has to offer while admiring beautiful vehicles. *Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main St. 210-287-4246; texas-corvette-association.com*

**BOERNE: April 22 The Ukulele Orchestra in Concert** Boerne Performing Arts presents The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. Ranging between sincerity and insanity, punk rock sensibilities and restrained British humor, the group’s nearly four-decade career has taken them around the globe, garnering hordes of fans and imitators along the way. *Boerne Champion Auditorium, 201 Charger Blvd. 830-331-9079; boerneperformingarts.com*

**BOERNE: April 27 Joseph Kuipers in Concert** Celloist Joseph Kuipers, the executive-artistic director of Texas Cello School, performs a new program. *Cave Without a Name Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com*

**BRACKETTVILLE: April 6-8 Fort Clark Springs Solar Eclipse Festival** This gated community offers a secluded location with plenty of unobstructed views for the four-plus minutes of eclipse totality. Fort Clark Springs is the third largest spring-fed pool in Texas, and festivities include food vendors, a Saturday night street dance, astronomy talk, a *Little Shop of Horrors* movie showing, a float party in the pool during the eclipse, and a DJ party. *Fort Clark Springs, 23 McClernand Road. 830-563-2493; fortclark.com*

**BUDA: April 6 Buda’s Birthday Celebration** Buda celebrates its 143rd birthday this month with live music and local food and craft vendors, plus a carnival, parade, market, and other festivities. *Buda Amphitheater and City Park, 204 San Antonio St. 512-523-1081; budaamphitheater.com*

**BURNET: April 5-9 Texas Eclipse** This is the last chance to catch a total solar eclipse in the United States for more than 20 years. At over four minutes and 20 seconds, this is one of the longest totality events you can attend. Music, art, science talks, tech activations, a space travel expo, and interactive art are all part of the festivities. *Reveille Peak Ranch, 105 CR 114. seetexasclipse.com*

**DRIPPING SPRINGS: April 26-28 Founders Day** Visit Dripping Springs for a festive celebration of heritage and pioneer spirit. The celebration has a parade plus free music and entertainment, the Mighty Thomas Carnival, food, beer, street dances, cookoff competitions, and over 150 arts and crafts booths and business vendors. *Downtown, Mercer Street. 512-858-4740; cityofdrippingsprings.com/founders-day*

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 15-17, April 19-21, May 17-19 Trade Days** Shop more than 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, food, and other items. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgradedays.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 15-April 30 Wildflower Celebration** Celebrate spring and enjoy the many wildflower fields that begin blooming as early as mid-March. Enjoy viewing and snapping photos of the wildflower fields in full bloom along with two butterfly gardens. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. 830-990-1393; wildseedfarms.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: March 25-April 19 Texas Hill Country Wineries’ Wine and**



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**FREDERICKSBURG: April 5 Enchanted Rock Star Party** Spend an evening stargazing at Enchanted Rock. Telescopes are set up and information is provided on what makes the park unique as a Gold-Tier Certified Dark Sky Park. No registration is needed, but a day pass or overnight camping permit is required to attend this come-and-go event. *Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, 18 miles north on Ranch Road 965. 830-685-3636; [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/enchanted-rock/park\\_events](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/enchanted-rock/park_events)*

**FREDERICKSBURG: April 5 First Friday Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, so visitors and visiting artists can have more time to enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and receptions. *Various locations. 830-990-8160; [facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898](https://facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898)* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: April 6 Die Künstler von Fredericksburg Spring Fling Art Show** Die Künstler von Fredericksburg (the artists of Fredericksburg), or DK for short, is an all-volunteer member artist group founded in 1993, its name honoring the city's German heritage. More than 300 framed paintings along with many more unframed artworks are on display at this annual exhibition and sale of original fine art by member artists. *Marktplatz, 100 W. Main St. [dkfredericksburg.org](http://dkfredericksburg.org)* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: April 8 Eclipse of the Flowers** Wildseed Farms hosts an all-day eclipse viewing party, where admission includes entry to the farm, eclipse viewing glasses, two drink tickets, one meal ticket, and access to the famous field of poppies. Come relax and enjoy the total eclipse and a full day of bands featuring The Ray Colao Band, Dan West, and The Frumpkins. Space is limited to ensure ample space for viewing. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. 830-990-1393; [wildseedfarms.com](http://wildseedfarms.com)* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: April 12-14 Texas Fandango** Known as the "best little vintage bike event in Texas," the Texas Fandango is a vintage swap meet and motorcycle bike show with vintage races all rolled into one weekend. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. [thetexasfandango.com](http://thetexasfandango.com)* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: April 20 Fredericksburg VFD Annual Spring Fish Fry** This

annual fundraiser for the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department features a freshly fried catfish dinner with all the trimmings, raffle, silent auction, and music. *Marktplatz, 100 W. Main St. [fbgtx.org](http://fbgtx.org)* 📍

**GEORGETOWN: April 26-28 Red Poppy Festival** The Red Poppy Capital of Texas celebrates this annual event in honor of red poppy season. The three-day celebration includes food vendors, live music, a parade and car show, an artisan market, and an area for kids. *Georgetown Square, 103 W. Seventh St. 512-930-6534; [poppy.georgetown.org](http://poppy.georgetown.org)* 📍

**INGRAM: April 8 Total Eclipse Festival** The total solar eclipse is passing over Stonehenge II and the Hill Country Arts Foundation hosts this festival, where attendees can expect food trucks, a beer tent, RV and tent camping, and hygiene stations on the closed campus. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; [hcaf.com/eclipse-2024](http://hcaf.com/eclipse-2024)* 📍

**INGRAM: March 4-April 12 Fiber and Jewelry Show** This exhibit features fiber art and jewelry by artists from across Texas. The show opens with an evening art-

ist reception. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; [hcaf.com](http://hcaf.com)* 📍

**INGRAM: April 26-May 12 The Explorers' Club** Set in 19th-century London, this farce depicts the chaos that ensues when a woman tries to gain entry to the fictional titular club of explorers. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; [hcaf.com](http://hcaf.com)* 📍

**INGRAM: April 27-28 Stonehenge II Celtic Festival and Highland Games** Learn about Celtic culture and enjoy festivities like vendors, clans, music, food, the Highland Games, and dancing. The event takes place on the grounds of the Hill Country Arts Foundation, which include a replica of Stonehenge that was created by the late Al Shepperd and Doug Hill more than 20 years ago. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; [hcaf.com](http://hcaf.com)* 📍

**JUNCTION: April 6-8 Texclipse Music Festival** Celebrate the total solar eclipse over Texas in Junction with three days of cultural programming, music, art installations, and camping. *Hill Country Fair Association, FM 2169. 325-215-6063; [texclipsemusicfestival.com](http://texclipsemusicfestival.com)* 📍



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### March

- Azaleas
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- Daffodils
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- Snowflakes
- Tulips

### April

- Azaleas
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### May

- Crape Myrtles
- Guara
- Lilies
- Oakleaf Hydrangea
- Salvia
- Strawberries
- Wildflowers



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## FEBRUARY

3- Antique Tractor Show

10-11 - Monster Truck Wars

## MARCH

9 - Hootenany Concert

26-31 - RC Car Derby

## APRIL

5-6 - Gypsy Hearts Market

26-27 - Somervell County Rodeo

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**KERRVILLE: March 4-April 12 Art Exhibits** The Kerr Art and Cultural Center presents these three separate art exhibits: *Watercolors* by Kandi Stimson, *Celestial* featuring paintings by Gary Lovelace and Melissa Muse, and *Heaven and Earth*, a KACC membership show. Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 15, May 17 Concerts by the River** Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come out to the park to enjoy free evening concerts along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvillex.gov 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 4 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Market Days continues to feature artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items, while Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-895-7524; kerrmarketdays.org 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 4-8 Totality Eclipse at Schreiner University** Schreiner University offers an exclusive front-row seat to the breathtaking total solar eclipse. To make this unforgettable experience even more thrilling, Schreiner has prepared an exciting schedule packed with stargazing activities, esteemed guest speakers from the scientific community, live music, and wine tastings. Registration is required. Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd. 830-613-8128; schreiner.edu/solar-eclipses 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 5-21 Brigadoon** This timeless romantic classic and family-friendly musical is inspired by the mystery and magic of the Scottish Highlands. Enhance your theater experience by attending the opening-night dinner on April 5. Enjoy a sumptuous meal in the Cailloux Theater lobby. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com

**KERRVILLE: April 5 Camerata San Antonio String Quartet in Concert** The quartet performs *Bold Brilliance*, with string trios by two uncontainable mavericks, Ludwig van Beethoven and Dame Ethel Smyth. First Presbyterian Church, 800 Jefferson St. 210-492-9519; cameratasa.org

**KERRVILLE: April 5-8 KerrClipse** Witness the total solar eclipse at Quiet Valley Ranch. Over four minutes of totality are accompanied by a full weekend of family-friendly music, camping, and science presentations. Quiet Valley Ranch, 3876 Medina Highway. 830-257-3600; kerrvillefolkfestival.org

**KERRVILLE: April 5-7 Texas Lions Camp Eclipse Celebration** Texas Lions Camp celebrates 75 years of its mission with a 2024 eclipse concert weekend. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-896-8500; lionscamp.com

**KERRVILLE: April 7 Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular** Paramount's *Laser Spectacular* is the smash hit multimedia laser and light show featuring the music of Pink Floyd. The show promises a night of great music, fantastic visuals, and audience participation. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 7 Star Party at The Ridge Marketplace** Led by astronomer Chap Percival, the star party gives attendees the opportunity to see Jupiter, a selection of stars, nebulas, and clusters through a large telescope. Identify constellations and possibly satellites, depending on what comes overhead. Bring your chairs and blankets. The Ridge Marketplace, 13439 RR 783 South. 830-896-0420; shopsattheridge.com 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 8 Eclipse 2024 at The Ridge Marketplace** Guest astronomer Chap Percival is on-site during the eclipse to answer questions and lead you through the event so you can view it safely. There is also live music, food, and drinks. The Ridge Marketplace, 13439 RR 783 South. 830-896-0420; shopsattheridge.com

**KERRVILLE: April 8 Kerrville Eclipse Festival: Dark in the Park** This free event includes scientific speakers, live music, children's programming, and four minutes and 25 seconds of totality. Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvillex.gov 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 9-May 11 Art Exhibits** The Kerr Art and Cultural Center presents three separate art exhibits with artwork by Carlos Mosely and Gerald Tobola, Schreiner Senior graphic arts projects, and the Guadalupe Watercolor Group. An artists reception takes place April 20. Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 13 Blooms and Barrels Plant Sale** Hill Country Texas Master Gardeners host this annual plant sale. Shop for native and adapted ornamental plants, herbs, vegetables, 55-gallon rain barrels, and items at "The Garden Shed" resale shop. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-257-6568; hillcountrymastergardeners.org 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 14 Texas Woodcarvers Guild Spring Roundup** Come see the Texas State Woodcarving Competition, plus

browse the show and sale. There are one- and two-day carving and non-carving seminars and a whittling contest. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 713-503-2412; texaswoodcarversguild.com*

**KERRVILLE: April 20 Spring Native Plant Sale** The native plant sale features water-wise perennials and annuals to enhance pollinator and native landscapes. *Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. 830-257-4837; riversidenaturecenter.org*

**KERRVILLE: April 25 Symphony of the Hills in Concert** Symphony of the Hills presents *Larger Than Life*, a concert “dedicated to those who lift up others.” The list of compositions includes Sir Edward Elgar’s “Enigma Variations,” Pachelbel’s Canon in D, and Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1, performed by Donald Crandall. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org* 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 26–May 12 Roundup Exhibition and Sale** The 41st annual roundup and sale is an exciting weekend full of art, food, drinks, music, and dancing. More than 150 works are for sale from local, regional, and national artists. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 27–28 Texas Gun and Knife Show** The Texas Gun and Knife Association hosts this annual show. Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, ammunition, coins, jewelry, camping gear, accessories, and other hunting and outdoors items. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com* 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 27 The Kings of Queen Concert** Delivering the sounds of legendary rock ‘n’ roll band Queen, front man and lead singer Emo Alaeddin puts together a live and accurate tribute to the band’s late singer, Freddie Mercury. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com* 📍

**LAMPASAS: April 25–27 Riata Roundup Rodeo and LTX Barbecue Fest** The Diamond Cross Rodeo Company produces this rodeo. Thursday night kicks off with a jackpot open barrel race. Then on Friday and Saturday the gates open with mutton bustin’ and rodeo events immediately following, plus concerts, food trucks, and vendors. On Saturday before the rodeo, the LTX Barbecue Fest kicks off. *580 Sports Complex, 2351 FM 580. 512-556-5172; lampasaschamber.org* 📍

**LLANO: April 19–20 Crawfish Open** It’s crawfish season and the Llano Crawfish

Open celebrates with food, arts and crafts, the Crawfish Crawler 5K Walk and Run, a golf tournament, live music, and a motorcycle fun run. More than 22,500 pounds of crawfish are served, so come hungry. *Robinson Park, 123 Robinson Park Drive. 325-247-2270; llanocrawfishopen.com* 📍

**UTOPIA: April 7–8 Utopiafest Down in the Oaks** What began as a gathering of music lovers on a ranch has evolved into a weekend of camping and live music featuring 35-plus bands. Festivalgoers enjoy a curated culinary experience, a wine grove, a Texas craft beer garden, workshops, art installations, and a kid zone. *Four Sisters Ranch, 1555 Lemond Road. utopiafest.com*

**UVALDE: April 12–13 Honey Festival** As the Honey Capital of the World, Uvalde promotes bee conservation and celebrates its honey history with Breakfast with the Bees, the 5K Honey Fun Run, the Bee in Your Bonnet competition, vendors, food trucks, the Uvalde Honey Queen and Princess pageants, a cornhole tournament, shopping, and live music. The Festival begins on 4-Square Friday, when businesses stay open late, and continues to Saturday. *Downtown Plaza, South and North Getty streets. 830-333-9980; facebook.com/uvaldehoneyfestival* 📍

**WIMBERLEY: April 12–13 Wimberley Home Tour** Meander through some of the most beautiful and architecturally interesting homes in the Hill Country. *Wimberley Community Center, 14068 RR 12. 512-648-9559; wimberleyccc.org/home-tour*

**WIMBERLEY: April 20 Butterfly Festival** This annual butterfly festival celebrates spring with music, kids’ activities, and thousands of butterflies. *Emily Ann Theater, 1101 FM 2325. 512-847-6969; emilyann.org/butterfly.html*

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

**AMARILLO: April 8 Mean Girls** The hilarious hit Broadway musical is based on the movie by Tina Fey (*30 Rock*) and about a new girl in school who falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; amarillociviccenter.com* 📍

**AMARILLO: April 11–21 Sense and Sensibility** Amarillo Little Theatre presents this playful new adaptation of Jane Austen’s beloved novel that follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) of the Dashwood sisters, who must learn to mix sense with sensibility to find happiness in a society where love is ruled by money. *Amarillo Theatre Adventure Space, 2752 Civic Circle. 806-355-9991; amarillolittletheatre.org*

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**AMARILLO: April 12, 13 A Midsummer Night's Dream Ballet** Watch Shake-speare's magical story about feuding fairies, mixed-up lovers, and a mischievous fairy named Puck come to life at Lone Star Ballet's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St.* 806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com), [lonestarballet.org](http://lonestarballet.org)

**AMARILLO: April 13 Diego Caetano and Carpe Diem String Quartet in Concert** Chamber Music Amarillo presents its season finale, a concert featuring pianist Diego Caetano, the Carpe Diem String Quartet, and music by Fujiwara and Schumann. *Amtech Career Academy, 3601 Plains Blvd.* 806-326-1950; [cdsq.org](http://cdsq.org)

**AMARILLO: April 19-20 Amarillo Symphony and Harrington String Quartet in Concert** The 100th-anniversary season finale includes Beethoven's Ninth Symphony featuring Amarillo Master Chorale with special guest solo vocalists, plus new music written for the Harrington String Quartet by Grammy Award-winning composer Christopher Theofanidis. *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St.*

806-378-4297; [amarillociviccenter.com](http://amarillociviccenter.com), [amarillosymphony.org](http://amarillosymphony.org) 📞

**AMARILLO: April 20 420 Fest** Amarillo's annual 420 fest offers music, food trucks, vendors, and fun for the whole family. See local musicians perform and check out artist installations. *Exchange Food Park, 2801 Duniven Circle.* [visitamarillo.com](http://visitamarillo.com)

**ANDREWS: April 19-21 Wild, Wild West Fest** Relive the days of the Wild West with gunslinger reenactments, a gun and knife show, garden tractor pulls, a car show, antique tractors, and a petting zoo. Live music from Texas Rain, Radio La Chusma, the Bellamy Brothers, A.J. Castillo, and Bidi, Bidi Banda fills the air, and a monster truck show provides further entertainment. There's also the Heart of America Carnival, over 100 vendors, the Texas ShootOut Cookoff, and an area for kids to learn how to become a real cowboy. *ACE Arena, 1441 SH 176 East.* 432-523-2695; [wildwildwestfest.com](http://wildwildwestfest.com) 📞

**EASTLAND: April 13 Rip's Wine, Jazz, and Art Festival with Rip's Ribs Cookoff** The annual Rip's Wine, Jazz, and Art Festival includes tastings from area wineries, plus jazz tunes by the Eastland High School

Band and other college jazz bands from across Texas. In conjunction with this event is Rip's Ribs Cookoff, where contestants show off their skills cooking ribs. There are also food and craft vendors. *Downtown, 100 W. Main St.* 254-629-2332; [eastlandchamber.com/rips-ribs-cookoff](http://eastlandchamber.com/rips-ribs-cookoff) 📞

**JACKSBORO: March 24-Oct. 27 Farmers Market and Craft Vendor Show** Various vendors set up around the Jack County Courthouse lawn the last Saturday of the month from March through October. *Jack County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St.* 940-567-2602; [jacksborochamber.com](http://jacksborochamber.com)

**LEVELLAND: April 3-6 Little Dribblers' National Tournament** Little Dribblers' is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community youth basketball leagues. The organization helps kids learn to play basketball while also teaching sportsmanship. The National Tournament is held in Level-land, where kids from across the country play for the big win. *Levelland ISD Schools.* 806-894-3157; [littledribblers.org](http://littledribblers.org)

**LEVELLAND: April 4-7 ABC Pro Rodeo** Whether it's your first rodeo or not, you'll love watching these rodeo feats including saddle bronc, bareback, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, mutton bustin', and freestyle bull fighting. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385 South.* 806-777-1510; [abcrodeo.com](http://abcrodeo.com)

**LUBBOCK: April 5 First Friday Art Trail** First Friday Art Trail is a free, self-guided public art happening bringing the community together for an evening of art, music, food, and fun. A variety of art centers, museums, galleries, and businesses take part in the evening. *Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Ave. K.* 806-762-8606; [ffat.org](http://ffat.org) 📞

**LUBBOCK: April 6 Lubbock Uncorked** Showcasing more than 20 Texas wineries, Lubbock Uncorked invites guests to taste, purchase bottles, ask winemakers questions, and enjoy live music, local food trucks, restaurants, and a beer garden. *American Windmill Museum, 1701 Canyon Lake Drive.* 806-747-8734; [lubbockchamber.com/lbkuncorked](http://lubbockchamber.com/lbkuncorked)

**LUBBOCK: April 13 Lauren Daigle in Concert** Two-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Lauren Daigle is bringing her "Kaleidoscope" tour to Lubbock for a night of Christian music. Hear Daigle's hits like "You Say" and "Thank God I Do." A performance from special guest Victory Boyd also takes place. *United Supermarkets Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave.* 806-742-7362; [depts.ttu.edu/unitedsupermarketsarena](http://depts.ttu.edu/unitedsupermarketsarena) 📞

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To learn more, go to [VisitShenandoahTX.com](http://VisitShenandoahTX.com)



**LUBBOCK: April 20 Ranch Day** Saddle up for a day of activities centered on ranching history, ranch skills, and ranch science. Enjoy “The Snake Oil Magic Show,” build a log cabin, learn to churn butter, and watch as children have the opportunity to become a ranch hand for the day. *National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 Fourth St. 806-742-0498; ranchingheritage.org/nrhc-events/ranch-day*

**LUBBOCK: April 26 Kane Brown in Concert** With special guests Tyler Hubbard and Parmalee, Kane Brown takes the stage for his new, highly anticipated tour. A multi-platinum, five-time American Music Award-winning entertainer, Brown is a country music artist at the top of his game. *United Supermarkets Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave. 806-742-7362; depts.ttu.edu/unitedsupermarketsarena* 📍

**NEWCASTLE: April 13 Crawfish and Cannons** Historic Fort Belknap hosts its seventh annual Crawfish and Cannons event featuring a crawfish boil, live cannon fire, children’s activities, vendors, armadillo races, and live music. The Goodnight Loving 5K, 10K, and half marathon takes place in the morning. *Historic Fort Belknap, 114 Fort Circle. 940-549-0401; crawfishandcannons.com* 📍

**NEWCASTLE: April 13 Goodnight-Loving 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon Run** The Goodnight-Loving 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon is an out-and-back run from the entrance gate of Fort Belknap, the historic birthplace of the Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail. *Historic Fort Belknap, 114 Fort Circle. 940-549-0401; goodnightlovingrun.com*

**SAN ANGELO: April 19-June 23 National Ceramic Competition** The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts hosts a juried ceramic competition every two years. The 25th competition is open to all artists who are residents of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. All work completed within the last two years, both functional and sculptural, is eligible. The exhibition opening is held in conjunction with San Angelo Ceramic Week and includes gallery exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops at the Concho Clay Studio and Chicken Farm Art Center, and a symposium at Angelo State University. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org* 📍

**SEYMOUR: April 13 Tom Lea Trail and Heritage Trade Show** Immerse yourself in the world of artist Tom Lea, who depicted landscapes and the bustling streets of historic towns in his paintings. At the Heritage Trade Show, engage with artisans and see their work in trades like blacksmithing,

woodworking, and weaving. Janice Thornhill, director of the Baylor County Museum, tells the story of the Red River Revolt, which is represented in Lea’s mural *Comanches*, painted for the Seymour Post Office in 1941. *Seymour Post Office, 210 N. Washington St. 915-533-0048; tomlea.com/events/tom-lea-celebration-2023-24*

**SWEETWATER: April 19-21 Sweetwater Jaycees Roosters Motorcycle Rally Cookoff and Swap Meet** The 23rd annual rally and cookoff includes a bike show, bike games, raffles, vendors, a swap meet, a poker run, and a cookoff for brisket, pork ribs, beans, chicken, and chili. *Lake Sweetwater, County Road 264. 325-235-3484; rattlesnakeroundup.net/spring-rally.html*

### PINEY WOODS

**CARTHAGE: April 19-20 Piney Woods Quilt Festival** See over 150 quilts at this juried show that includes prizes in most categories as well as hourly demonstrations, vendors of all kinds, door prizes, a country store, and a featured-artist section. At the end of the day on Saturday, awards are presented along with the drawing for the donation quilt. *Carthage Civic Center, 1701 S.*

*Adams St. and Loop 149. 903-754-1948; carthagetexas.com/community/piney\_woods\_quilt\_festival.php* 📍

**GRAPELAND: May 23-25 Memorial Day Gospel Bluegrass Festival** Musicians and singers from around the state converge in Grapeland for the 27th annual festival, with music starting after noon and going well into the night. *Salmon Lake Park, 247 Salmon Lake Road. 936-687-2594; salmonlakepark.com/gospelbluegrassfestival*

**HUGHES SPRINGS: April 24-27 Plant Sale** Hughes Springs hosts this annual Wildflower Trails event in April. The month is filled with citywide garage sales, trail rides, art contests, carnival rides, vendors, and the Chamber of Commerce annual Plant Sale with an array of plants for your garden, porch, and window. *Spring Park, 603 E. First St. 903-639-2351; hschamber.org* 📍

**JEFFERSON: April 5-7 Citywide Rummage Sale** All around town, homeowners go through their closets and storerooms and bring out treasures to sell, with items that you might not find anywhere else. Many local businesses participate as well. *Various locations. 903-665-2672; visitjeffersontexas.com*

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**JEFFERSON: April 6 Spring History, Haunts, and Legends** This fun spring event is for the history buff, avid ghost hunter, and anyone with an interest in the unexplained and things that go bump in the night. There are special guest speakers, authors, vendors, book signings, nighttime investigations, and an all-day conference. *Jefferson Convention and Tourism Center, 305 E. Austin St. 903-601-3375; visitjeffersontexas.com* 📍

**JEFFERSON: April 12-13 Outlaw Nationals Car Show** If it runs, bring it to the Outlaw Nationals Car Show, Jefferson's most popular and longest-running car show. The event includes an antique rod show, an open car show, and a variety of entertainment (karaoke, a live auction, and live music) for all attendees. *Various downtown locations. 903-665-7121; outlawnationals.com* 📍

**LONGVIEW: April 4 ArtWalk** Founded in the fall of 2007, ArtWalk was initially created with the goal of attracting more people to downtown Longview. Today, ArtWalk is the signature event of the arts in the city's cultural district. Enjoy taking a self-guided tour of downtown venues exhibiting and selling art. *Various locations. 903-738-1865; artwalklongview.com* 📍

**LONGVIEW: April 6 Dalton Days and Wild West Show** Join the Gregg County Historical Museum as it takes visitors back in time to the 1894 Dalton Gang bank robbery in Longview. There are four reenactments of the infamous robbery plus live music, food vendors, a petting zoo, craft and artisan booths, an antique fire truck and car show, and a kids' game area. *Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia St. 903-753-5840; gregghistorical.org/dalton-days-2* 📍

**LONGVIEW: April 16-Aug. 25 Conquering the Skies: The Evolution of Flight** The Gregg County Historical Museum celebrates the evolution of aviation with an innovative and hands-on exhibit featuring all things flight from the Wright Brothers to World War II planes to unmanned drones. *Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia St. 903-753-5840; gregghistorical.org/traveling-exhibits*

**NACOGDOCHES: March 20-April 30 Azalea Trails** Texas' largest azalea garden is situated in a loblolly pine forest. The 11-acre garden features 6,500 azaleas, 200 camellias, and 180 varieties of Japanese maple. During azalea season (late March to early April), beauty abounds along more than 20 miles of azaleas, dogwoods, and spring flowers at the annual Azalea Trails. *Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, SFA's Johnson*

*Coliseum on University Drive. 936-468-4129; visitnacogdoches.org* 📍

**NACOGDOCHES: April 13 Wine Swirl** Sip wine from wineries across Texas along the beautiful brick streets of Nacogdoches. *Downtown, 200 E. Main St. 936-559-2562; visitnacogdoches.org* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 22-April Dogwood Trails Celebration** For over 80 years, Palestine has celebrated the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park the last two weeks in March and first week in April. Activities are scheduled each weekend to complement the celebration, including a festival the first weekend, a parade, and stained glass tours of historic churches. Stop at Palestine Visitor Center for venues and maps. *Davey Dogwood Park and surrounding forest trails, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

**PALESTINE: March 22-May 31 Fairy Garden Trail** From dawn till dusk, there is so much more to explore in Davey Dogwood Park this spring. Enjoy great views along 5.5 miles of driving trails, but park the car and step onto the trails to see how many of the fairy gardens you can find. Most trails are motorized-wheelchair and stroller friendly. *Davey Dogwood Park, 4205 N. Link St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 22-May 31 Piney Woods Vintage Train Rides** Enjoy a four-hour, round-trip train adventure from the seat of a vintage 1920s car. The train, pulled by a vintage diesel or steam locomotive, departs from Palestine Depot, has an hour layover at the Rusk depot, and takes passengers on a journey through the impressive Piney Woods and 135 years of history. All seats have views along the Piney Woods route, and narration and music add highlights to the trip. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net, visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: April 5-14 Sister Act** Based on the hit film, *Sister Act* is the feel-good musical comedy that tells the story of what happens when disco singer Deloris Van Cartier is placed in protective custody in a convent and her lifestyle comes face-to-face with the traditions of the church. *The Historic Texas Theatre, 213 E. Crawford St. 903-724-4385; thetexasstheater.com*

**PALESTINE: April 20 Wiggy Thump Festival** Over the past five years, the Whiskey Myers band has grown the Wiggy Thump Festival into a must-see event for all fans of the Southern rockers. The 2024 lineup features Whiskey Myers as the headliners once again, along with Jason Boland and

the Stragglers, Brent Cobb, and Joey Greer. *Anderson County Youth Livestock Pavilion, 750 US 287. 903-723-3014; roadhouse tickets.com/ticket/detail/1106*

**THE WOODLANDS: March 16–April 27**

**Waterway Nights** Unwind with live music and dancing at Waterway Square on Saturday evenings. This season's concert lineup includes an Elvis tribute artist (March 30) and a Shakira tribute act (April 6). Coolers, blankets, picnic baskets, and lawn chairs are permitted. *Waterway Square, 31 Waterway Square Place. visitthewoodlands.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: April 12–14 The**

**Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival** Celebrating 19 years, this jewel of the Texas Fine Arts tour has been voted the best event in The Woodlands. The long-standing springtime tradition for families and locals is set along the scenic banks of The Woodlands Waterway and in Town Green Park. Guests can enjoy an outdoor gallery with authors, music, food, and kids' activities, and shop for art created by fine artists from all over the world. Jury-selected artists display original artwork across various mediums. *Town Green Park, The Woodlands Waterway, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. 832-304-9863; thewoodlandsartscouncil.org/p/festival* 

**THE WOODLANDS: April 18–21 The Chevron Championship** See the very best of the PGA Tour as pro golfers play the first major of the year. Held on the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course at The Club at Carlton Woods, the Chevron Championship promises to be an unparalleled event. *The Club at Carlton Woods, 1 Carlton Woods Creekside Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: April 27 Memorial Hermann Ironman Texas** Spend a day cheering on athletes at the Memorial Hermann Ironman Texas, designated the North America Championship. The race starts with a 2.4-mile swim in Lake Woodlands, followed by a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run along The Woodlands Waterway. *Town Center, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

**TYLER: April 2 iLuminate** From the moment the lights fade to darkness, you're transported into another dimension where the music moves you and the visuals are otherworldly. Welcome to *iLuminate*, a fantastic fusion of cutting-edge technology and dance that has been wowing the world for more than a decade. *iLuminate* features a cast of the country's top dancers performing to energetic music including pop and rock hits from the 1970s, '80s, and '90s, plus jazz and hip-hop. *UT Tyler Cowan*



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Center, 3240 Old Glory Parkway, FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; [cowancenter.org](http://cowancenter.org) 📍

**TYLER: April 5-8 Totality Tyler** Leading up to the total solar eclipse on April 8, the city of Tyler invites visitors to immerse themselves in the cosmic wonders of nature with a weekend of special events, including live music from the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, TJC Earth & Space Science Center planetarium shows, and a Lunar Lunch on the lawn at the Goodman Museum. *Various locations.* 903-530-6546; [totalitytyler.com](http://totalitytyler.com) 📍

**TYLER: April 8 Total Solar Eclipse on the Square** Head to beautiful downtown Tyler for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Downtown Tyler Total Eclipse Viewing Event. Festivities include live music, tasty food, and fun eclipse-themed activities. *Downtown, 110 N. College Ave.* 903-595-7227; [visittyler.com/solar-eclipse](http://visittyler.com/solar-eclipse)

**TYLER: April 18 Voctave in Concert** An 11-member vocal ensemble, Voctave brings new harmonies to favorite songs from the Disney screen to the Broadway stage. The a cappella group has had over 150 million social media views of their videos and has appeared on countless recordings. Their popular show *The Corner of Broadway and Main Street* spawned a chart-topping album as well. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3240 Old Glory Parkway, FAC 1120.* 903-566-7424; [cowancenter.org](http://cowancenter.org) 📍

## PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**BASTROP: April 4 The Farm Street Opry in Concert** On the first Thursday of each month, the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center presents The Farm Street Opry, a family-friendly musical performance featuring local Texas talent and special guest performers. *Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 B Chestnut St.* 512-332-8984; [farmstreetopry.com](http://farmstreetopry.com) 📍

**BASTROP: April 5-14 Prelude to a Kiss** Craig Lucas' play starts at Peter and Rita's wedding, when a mysterious old man insists on kissing the bride. While honeymooning, Peter gradually realizes that the woman by his side is not his wife. The wedding kiss caused Rita's soul and the old man's to change places, and Peter must track down the old man to free his young love's spirit trapped in an aging body. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St.* 512-200-3826; [bastropoperahouse.org](http://bastropoperahouse.org)

**BELLVILLE: April 6-7 Texas Select Custom Cutlery Event** The largest all-custom knife show in Texas features over 150 bladesmiths and knife makers. The History

Channel's *Forged in Fire* competitors are there to meet fans and demonstrate their own forging techniques, and you can see live demonstrations, get pictures and autographs, and try your hand at forging. The Bellville Lions Club serves hot food and cold beer. *Austin County Fair Convention and Expo Center, 1076 SH 159 East.* 713-724-6813; [texasselectevent.com](http://texasselectevent.com) 📍

**BONHAM: April 13 Steaks on Main** The second annual Steaks on Main celebrates the agricultural industry in Fannin County and surrounding areas through friendly competition and entertainment. A rib-eye cookoff is followed by a ticketed rib-eye dinner prepared by all team entrants. Live music follows. *Downtown Bonham Square, 101 E. Sam Rayburn Drive.* 903-583-7453

**BRYAN: Through April 28 A Spirit Can Ne'er Be Told...A Century of Aggie Football Exhibit** This exhibit explores the development of Texas A&M University's football program and its important role in Texas A&M's history. Using original artifacts, as well as historical photographs, documents, and audiovisual materials, the exhibit creates an immersive experience in which visitors get an up-close look at the team's history, from its first official football game in 1894 through the era of Coach Jimbo Fisher. *George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, Ansary Gallery of American History, 1000 George Bush Drive West.* 979-691-4000; [bush41.org](http://bush41.org) 📍

**BRYAN: April 3 Impressionistic Flowers Workshop** The Impressionistic Flowers Workshop is taught by award-winning artist Natalia Andreeva, who demonstrates techniques in oil, but other mediums are welcome for participants. *DeGallery, 930 N. Rosemary Drive.* 979-704-3090; [destinationbryan.com](http://destinationbryan.com), [degallery.us](http://degallery.us) 📍

**BRYAN: April 13 Street and Art Fair** Downtown Bryan Street and Art Fair invites artists from around the globe as well as local museums and Texas A&M University groups to put their work on display for locals and visitors alike to see. The event also offers live music, family-friendly activities, hands-on art demonstrations, shopping, and educational opportunities. *Downtown, 110 S. Main St.* 979-721-9506; [destinationbryan.com/art-fair](http://destinationbryan.com/art-fair) 📍

**BURTON: April 20 Cotton Gin Festival** In almost every corner of Texas, cotton has influenced the state's history. In Burton, the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin is the oldest operating cotton gin in America. Burton preserves that history with the annual Cotton Gin Festival. A parade, music, contests, games, arts and crafts, food and drink, an

antique tractor pull and engine show, and a classic car display are part of the day. You can also take a tour of the cotton gin. *Texas Cotton Gin Museum*, 307 N. Main St. 979-289-3378; [texascottonginmuseum.org](http://texascottonginmuseum.org) 📍

**CHAPPELL HILL: April 13-14 Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas** Chappell Hill is the Bluebonnet Capital of Texas, and this festival honors that heritage with more than 400 vendors, food, live music, and family-friendly fun. *Downtown*. 979-836-6033; [chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com](http://chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com) 📍

**COMANCHE: April 6 Sippin' in the Sunshine** Kick off the spring season at the Sippin' in the Sunshine festival, taking place on Comanche Square. Expect to find a mix of different wineries and breweries paired with bites curated by Comanche and surrounding-area chefs. The event also features live music and vendors. *Historic Comanche Square*, 101 W. Central Ave. 325-356-3233; [comanchechamber.org](http://comanchechamber.org) 📍

**COPPERAS COVE: April 5-8 Solar Eclipse Festival** Copperas Cove is in the path of totality for the solar eclipse. The city celebrates with multiday events including stages for live music and guest presentations from astronomers and eclipse chasers. RV

and tent-camping sites are available. Book your space now to secure your spot. *Various locations, East Avenue East and South Second Street*. 254-547-7571; [copperascove.com/2024-solar-eclipse](http://copperascove.com/2024-solar-eclipse) 📍

**CORSICANA: March 1-April 1 Zane Marsh Art Exhibit** Born in Montana but raised in Texas, Zane Marsh has been painting since childhood and has always had a passion for the arts. He has an extensive portfolio that includes large-scale murals, custom portraits, graphic design, videography, animation, and audio production. The exhibit features new, exciting works. *The Warehouse Gallery*, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5411; [navarrocouncilofthearts.com](http://navarrocouncilofthearts.com)

**CORSICANA: April 1-30 Youth Art Show** The annual Youth Art Show celebrates the budding artists of the community. This year's theme celebrates the eclipse. More than 100 works fill the gallery space. *The Warehouse*, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5411; [navarrocouncilofthearts.com](http://navarrocouncilofthearts.com)

**CORSICANA: April 2-4 Janet's Planet** Janet Ivey, creator of *Janet's Planet*, is committed to enriching the lives of children via education and live performances; TV; and online programming that focuses on sci-

ence, space, history, and health. Her show joins the weeklong eclipse celebration. Students second through sixth grade participate with Ivey, and the community has a chance to watch. *The Warehouse*, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5411; [navarrocouncilofthearts.com/events.html](http://navarrocouncilofthearts.com/events.html)

**CORSICANA: April 3 Mimosas at the Market** Sip mimosas while shopping in downtown Corsicana every second Saturday. Complimentary mimosas are poured, and shoppers explore the tree-lined streets, historic buildings, and boutiques. *Downtown Corsicana*, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4851; [visitcorsicana.com](http://visitcorsicana.com) 📍

**CORSICANA: April 5 Food Truck Friday** On the first Friday of the month, head to downtown Corsicana and find it full of food trucks and live music. *Downtown*. 903-654-4851; [visitcorsicana.com](http://visitcorsicana.com)

**CORSICANA: April 11 Ann: The Ann Richards Story** Ann is an intimate, no-holds-barred portrait of Ann Richards, the legendary late governor of Texas. This inspiring and hilarious play brings audiences face-to-face with a complex, colorful, and captivating character bigger than the state from which she hailed. The play was written and

A promotional poster for the "Sky's the Limit! Festival of Flight" held on April 27th from 3-7pm. The poster features a vibrant image of a grassy field under a blue sky with scattered clouds. Several colorful kites are flying, including a large rainbow kite on the left and a purple and yellow kite on the right. In the foreground, two young girls are sitting on the grass, looking towards the kites. In the background, other people are visible, some standing and some sitting, all enjoying the festival. The text "Sky's the Limit!" is written in a large, stylized, dark blue font. Below it, "Up, Up & Away! Festival of Flight" and "April 27th - 3-7pm" are written in a smaller, sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a white, torn-paper-like graphic with the text "Take to the skies with kites, crafts, rides and more at one of The Colony's most unique events." Below this, the "Visit THE COLONY" logo is displayed, featuring a stylized sailboat icon. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

originally performed by Emmy Award winner Holland Taylor. *The Palace Theatre*, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; [corsicanapalace.com/live-performances](http://corsicanapalace.com/live-performances) 📍

**CORSICANA: April 13 Gordan Mote in Concert** Blind since birth, with 15 solo recordings, 21 Academy of Country Music Award nominations, two Grammy nominations, a Gospel Music Association Dove Award, and 30 years of touring, Gordon Mote has far surpassed any expectations he ever imagined while growing up in rural Alabama. His progressive keyboard artistry and smooth, rich vocal ability have made him a favorite among peers and music fans worldwide. *The Palace Theatre*, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; [corsicanapalace.com/live-performances](http://corsicanapalace.com/live-performances) 📍

**CORSICANA: April 20 7 Bridges in Concert** Eagles tribute band 7 Bridges performs hit Eagles tunes. Corsicana's own Jason Manning opens the show. *The Palace Theatre*, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; [corsicanapalace.com/live-performances](http://corsicanapalace.com/live-performances) 📍

**CORSICANA: April 23-28 Alice In Wonderland** Lewis Carroll's young heroine, Alice, takes a tumble down a rabbit hole to

an off-kilter world of mock turtles, dancing flora, punctual rabbits, and mad tea parties. *Warehouse Living Arts Center Theatre and Gallery*, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5412; [thewlac.com](http://thewlac.com) 📍

**CORSICANA: April 26-27 Derrick Days** Derrick Days, held the last weekend in April, is the largest annual festival in Corsicana. Celebrate the city's oil history with food trucks, specially curated craft vendors, a vintage car show, and a block party with live music. *Downtown*, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4851; [derrickdays.com](http://derrickdays.com)

**CORSICANA: April 27 Artist and Writer Residency Open Studios** Meet visiting artists in residence showcasing new and in-progress work in Corsicana Artist and Writer Residency's downtown building. *100 West*, 100 W. Third Ave. 480-677-0928; [corsicanaresidency.org/events](http://corsicanaresidency.org/events)

**DALLAS: Through April 15 Japan, Form and Function: The Montgomery Collection** This yearlong landmark exhibition features works never before seen in the United States and marks the first time that the Crow Museum dedicates its entire museum to one exhibition over an extended period.

See nearly 250 stunning works of Japanese art presented in major themes and categories. *Japan, Form and Function* covers 5,000 years of Japanese history, with works spanning from the early Jōmon period (5000-3520 BCE) to the mid-20th century. *Crow Museum of Asian Art*, 2010 Flora St. 214-979-6430; [crowmuseum.org](http://crowmuseum.org) 📍

**DALLAS: Through May 30 Deep Ellum 150th Anniversary Exhibitions** In conjunction with Deep Ellum's 150th anniversary and to commemorate the enduring significance of Deep Ellum and Central Track, which once connected the neighborhood, the African American Museum presents two new exhibitions. *Central Track: Crossroads of Deep Ellum* focuses primarily on the 1920s and '30s and features newspaper clippings; archival photographs; posters; and recordings of blues, jazz, and popular music of the period. *Seeing a World Blind Lemon Never Saw* displays a photographic series made by Alan Govenar from 2021 to '23 exploring rural East Texas and little-known places in Dallas, locations Blind Lemon visited or alluded to in his songs. *African American Museum, Dallas*, 3536 Grand Ave. 214-565-9026; [aamdallas.org](http://aamdallas.org)

**DALLAS: Feb. 24-April 8 Dallas Blooms: A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words**

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Dallas Blooms is the largest annual floral festival in the Southwest. Filled with more than 500,000 spring blooming bulbs, the festival is themed "A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words" and includes larger-than-life living selfie walls, 100 varieties of spring bulbs, thousands of azaleas, and hundreds of Japanese cherry trees. *Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden*, 8525 Garland Road. 214-515-6615; [dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org) 📍

**DALLAS: April 26-May 2 Dallas International Film Festival** The Dallas International Film Festival connects filmmakers and film lovers for a week of screenings, eye-opening documentaries, short films, international experiences, nightly red carpets, filmmaker panels and Q&As, special events, and musical performances. *Violet Crown Cinema Dallas*, 3699 McKinney Ave. 214-720-0555; [dallasfilm.org](http://dallasfilm.org) 📍

**DALLAS: April 27-28 Artscape** In its 17th year, Artscape is a juried fine art and fine craft show and sale with nearly 100 artists who display their one-of-a-kind creations throughout the garden. Artscape features some new artists and a variety of mediums including metal, 2D and 3D mixed media, painting, ceramics, fiber, glass, drawing/pastel, photography, sculpture, wood, and

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jewelry. Entry is included with admission to the garden. *Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. 214-515-6615; dallasarboretum.org*

**DENISON: April 26-27 Bandits, Bluegrass, and Barbecue/Doc Holliday Saints and Sinners Festival** Bandits, Bluegrass, and Barbecue and the Doc Holliday Saints and Sinners Festival is an annual event celebrating the history of Denison. Starting on Friday night, Bandits, Bluegrass, and Barbecue gets you into the Wild West spirit, featuring barbecue, live bluegrass music, and Old West reenactors. The Doc Holliday Festival follows on Saturday along Main Street with reenactors and gunfights, bluegrass bands, costume contests, art demonstrations, wagon rides, and a Wild West parade. *101 E. Main St. 903-464-4452; facebook.com/docindenison* 📍

**ELGIN: April 5-May 31 Music in the Park** Every Friday evening in April and May, the Friends of Elgin Parks hosts a different band in historic downtown Elgin's Veterans Memorial Park. Bring your friends and family, beverages, snacks, and a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy music in the park.

Elgin Parks and Recreation also provides games for children to play. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**ELGIN: March 14, April 11, May 9 Sip, Shop, and Stroll** Sip a little wine and shop as you take an evening stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, the Elgin Farmers Market, delicious food, and fun, friendly people. *Downtown, 104 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**FORT WORTH: March 10-July 28 Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists Since 1940** Inspired by the history of surrealism in the Caribbean with connections to Afro-surrealism in the United States, *Surrealism and Us* is the first intergenerational show dedicated to Caribbean and African diasporic art presented at the Modern. The exhibition includes over 50 works from the 1940s to the present day, in a wide range of media such as painting, sculpture, drawing, video, and installation. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org* 📍

**FORT WORTH: April 18-21 Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival** One of the top fine arts events in the country, the Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival caters to the whole family, showcasing 215 jury-selected visual artists, live music on two stages, local cuisine, the TCC Makers Zone, craft beer, and wine tastings across 18 square blocks throughout downtown. *Downtown, 777 Taylor St. 817-336-2787; mainstreetartsfest.org* 📍

**FRISCO: April 27 Frisco Uncorked** The fifth annual Frisco Uncorked is a can't-miss food and wine experience featuring award-winning wineries, local restaurants, shopping with a large variety of boutiques and artisans, grape-stomping competitions, culinary demonstrations led by local chefs, and fun activations. *Frisco Square, 8843 Coleman Blvd. 318-562-7775; friscouncorked.com*

**GARLAND: April 6 Big Art Day** The creative community in Garland unites with the Texas Art Education Association's state initiative to raise awareness of art education. Garland's free art education event features visual and performing artists, the Art Mar-



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ket, make-and-take art, and exhibits at Granville Arts Center. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com*


**GONZALES: April 12-14 Cattle Country Music Festival** The festival herds up top-notch country stars and favorites like Eric Church, Whiskey Myers, Koe Wetzel, Tanya Tucker, Tracy Lawrence, and many more. Foodies can enjoy an exclusive lounge offering wine tastings, craft beer, unique cocktails, and an assortment of gourmet eats from Texas chefs. *The Boot Ranch, 10 CR 348. cattlecountryfesttx.com* 

**GRANBURY: April 8 Total Eclipse of the Pub** Witness the total solar eclipse at Pub McDonough with eclipse-themed cocktails, shots, live music, appetizers, and free solar eclipse glasses for the first 100 patrons watching at the pub. *The Pub McDonough, 529 N. Houston St. 817-964-6536; visitgranbury.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: April 18-July 14 Live Thoroughbred Racing** Live racing in Grand Prairie is back for another thoroughbred season. Don't miss the excitement of horses racing past you at Lone Star Park, a facility that 700,000 horse-racing fans visit annually. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com* 

**GRAND PRAIRIE: April 26 Dallas Blues Festival** Don't miss the 19th annual Dallas Blues Festival with King George, Lebrado, Pokey Bear, Lenny Williams, J'Wonn, and West Love. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 


**GRAND PRAIRIE: April 26-28 Main Street Fest** The 11th annual Main Street Fest offers carnival rides, a kids' zone, two stages with live music, arts and crafts vendors and activity area, food and beverage vendors, and a business expo. *Downtown, 200 block of West Main Street. 972-237-8100; mainstreetfest.com* 

**GRAND PRAIRIE: April 27 We Them One's Comedy Tour** Mike Epps hosts the We Them One's Comedy Tour with special guests Deray Davis, Lil Duval, DC Young Fly, Chico Bean, Mojo Brookzz, and Dede in the Morning. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 


**GRAND SALINE: April 8 Viewing of Solar Eclipse** Grand Saline celebrates being on the total solar eclipse's path of totality with food, fun, and speakers discussing the effects of the solar eclipse. *Main Street and Gazebo Park on Frank Street. 903-904-7297; grandsalinemainstreet.com/events* 

**GRANDVIEW: April 19-21 Antique Alley Texas 25th Anniversary Celebration**

Since 1999, Antique Alley Texas has occurred on the third weekends of April and September. Vendors set up in pastures along Farm-to-Market Road 4 between Grandview and Cleburne. Expect food trucks, arts, crafts, antiques, garden items, clothing, home décor, and junker's delights. *Antique Alley Texas, 300 E. Criner St. 817-666-5024; facebook.com/antiquealleytexas* 

**HILLSBORO: April 6 Eclipseboro Wine and Art Walk** The Eclipseboro Wine and Art Walk includes a number of Texas wineries and local artists featured in businesses around the historic town square. Tickets are available for purchase online starting in February 2024. *Downtown, 54A W. Elm St. 682-847-6126; facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089085022912* 

**HILLSBORO: April 13 Hill County Master Gardeners Plant Sale** Choose from a large variety of Central Texas perennial flowers. *Hill County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 205 Stadium Drive. 254-582-4022; facebook.com/hillcountymastergardeners* 

**IRVING: April 13 Michael Cavanaugh in Concert** Actor and musician Michael Cavanaugh brings you the award-winning music from Broadway's *Movin' Out*. Relive Billy Joel's greatest hits from the 1970s and '80s, which are timeless reflections of the past. *Carpenter Performance Hall, Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-831-8818; irvingsymphony.org* 

**LEWISVILLE: April 27 ColorPalooza** Ring in spring at ColorPalooza, designed to showcase the rich cultural, artistic, and eco-friendly spirit of Lewisville. See sidewalk chalk art demonstrations, a tie-dye station, live music and cultural performances, and interactive art activities for kids. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; lewisvillecolorpalooza.com*

**LULING: April 5-6 Roughneck Chili and Barbecue Cookoff** In conjunction with the Oil City Vintage Car and Tractor Show, this barbecue cookoff is an International Barbecue Cookers Association-sanctioned event, while the chili cookoff is Tolbert-sanctioned. There is live music all day, and cookoffs benefit the Central Texas Oil Patch Museum. *Downtown, 421 E. Davis St. 830-875-1922; lulingoilmuseum.org*

**LULING: April 20 Artisan Market** On the third Saturday of the month, shop from artisans selling goods like yard art, handmade soap, jewelry, salsa, and freeze-dried candy. *Main Street. 512-775-3025; lulingartisanmarket.com*

**MCDADE: March 2–April 21 Sherwood Forest Faire** The largest medieval fair in Central Texas features eight weekends of festivities with 150 shows each day and 170 vendors on-site. Nestled in the Lost Pines section of Central Texas, the medieval-style village features an artisan market with handcrafted items. Indulge in medieval treats, and enjoy performances by minstrels, bards, storytellers, magicians, and jugglers. Camping is available. *Sherwood Forest Faire, 1883 Old Highway 20. 512-222-6680; sherwoodforestfaire.com*

**MCKINNEY: March 8–May 24 Nature Story Time** Story times are held on the second and fourth Friday of every month and are designed primarily for young children. A different nature-themed book is introduced each week. During most of the story times, a puppet, live animal, or other enrichment item is included to enhance the experience. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: March 23–May 11 Heard Museum Scouting: Webelos** Interested in earning a badge or looking for a nature-

based activity for your Boy Scouts group? The Heard's badge workshops are geared to meet the requirements for Webelos and other Boy Scouts rankings, but they are open to any interested group. Topics cover nature and geology. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/scouting*

**MCKINNEY: April 12–14 Arts in Bloom Art and Wine Festival** The streets of downtown McKinney come alive with the sights, sounds, and flavors of fine artists, performance artists, musicians, Texas wineries, and food vendors. *Downtown, 111 N. Tennessee St. 972-547-2660; mckinneytexas.org/687/arts-in-bloom* 📍

**MCKINNEY: April 13 Second Saturday Bird Walks** Second Saturday Bird Walks in the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary are offered by volunteers from the Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society. These bird walks are intended to help beginning and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques. There are also plenty of opportunities for participants to pose questions to experienced birders. *Prairie, woodland,*

and wetland habitats are included in these walks. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-547-2061; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: April 25 Empty Bowls McKinney** A showcase of one-of-a-kind bowls handcrafted by professional and student artists helps fight community hunger. Guests can sample gourmet soups prepared by chefs from local restaurants. Each participant takes home a handcrafted bowl. *McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St. 972-547-2660; emptybowls.mckinney.com*

**MESQUITE: April 4, May 9 Courtyard Concert Series** This spring concert series, presented by the Mesquite Arts Center, showcases local indie artists and takes place in the evening inside the center's courtyard area. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 4 Exhibition and Artist Reception** The Mesquite Arts Center presents two Dallas-based artists: photographer Shawn Saumell, whose work features found objects that can be human-made or



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natural, and Alec DeJesus, a self-taught muralist and fine-art painter. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 5-8 Solar Rodeo 2024** Mesquite celebrates the eclipse, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, with a full week-end of festivities and community events including the annual Rodeo Parade, a planetarium experience, family games, art, a farmers market, and live music. *Various locations. 972-204-4925; visitmesquitetx.com/events/2023/solarrodeo* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 6 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The symphony presents *Fantasy Unleashed*, featuring songs from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, *Game of Thrones*, video games like the Legend of Zelda and Fortnite, and Katakah Copley's composition *Equinox*. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquitesymphony.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 6 Rodeo Parade** The city of Mesquite is the official Rodeo Capital of Texas and hosts its 66th annual Rodeo Parade, a traditional celebration of Western heritage. As the parade winds through the streets of Mesquite, participants and spectators alike are treated to a display of community spirit. *Downtown, Beltline and Newson streets to Galloway Avenue at New Market. 972-216-6260; cityofmesquite.com/279/rodeo-parade* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 8 Historic Eclipse Viewing Party** Opal Lawrence Historical Park is hosting a party to celebrate the once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse. Activities and a variety of unique viewing areas are available across the 13-plus-acre historic park's wide open spaces. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; cityofmesquite.com* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 8 Solar Eclipse in the Park** Pack a lunch for a picnic, play games, and watch the total solar eclipse at Paschall Park. *1001 New Market Road. 972-216-6260; cityofmesquite.com/3807/solar-eclipse-in-the-park* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 13 Mesquite Community Band** The Mesquite Community Band performs its annual spring concert. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 15-19 American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Show** The American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club hosts its 30th anniversary national specialty show in Mesquite. Along with the dog show, the event provides educational seminars, health check-ups, fundraising

dinners, agility and obedience competitions, and other activities for lovers of the spaniel breed. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. 972-329-3100; ackcsc.org/2023national* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 18 Mesquite Rocks Concerts** The Mesquite Arts Center hosts this monthly family-friendly event featuring tribute bands covering the greatest hits of popular musicians and folk artists. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 20 Doggy Derby Day** Bring your pups to the park for a day of fun and frolicking with vendors, dog-obedience and other training demonstrations, and the opportunity to adopt a pooch. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; cityofmesquite.com* 📍



## BEFORE YOU GO

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**MESQUITE: April 20 Family Fish** Family Fish is an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with the people you love. Come with family and friends and arrive early to receive a free fishing rod while supplies last. Participate in the smallest or largest fish tournament for a chance to win a prize. *City Lake Park, 200 Parkview St. 972-216-6260; cityofmesquite.com/3806/family-fish* 📍

**MUENSTER: April 26-28 Germanfest** The last weekend in April, have fun at one of the biggest German parties in Texas. Thousands come for German sausage, apple strudel, hearty cheeses and homemade bread, cakes, and pies. Events include a Germanfest Fun Run, a bicycle rally, and a sausage and rib cookoff. Puppets, balloon artists, face painting, the Karneval and Kinder Theater for children, bounce houses, carnival rides, dancing, music, arts and crafts, and a rock climbing wall round out the fun. *Heritage Park, 301 N. Ash St. 940-759-2227; muensterchamber.com* 📍

**NECHES: April 19-21 1836 Chuckwagon Races** The 1836 Chuckwagon Races take place during the celebration of Texas' independence every year at the Diamond B Ranch in Neches. There are multiple divisions of wagon races as well as trail rides, Dutch oven cooking classes, herd dog demonstrations, hoof care clinics, a horse auction, barn dances, karaoke, and live music. *Diamond B Ranch, 11589 FM 321. 903-721-9111; the1836.com*

**PARIS: April 5-6 Steak Wars** At this spicy event with all-you-can-eat steak, attendees enter the steak arena to try the competing dishes from every cookoff team. Enjoy live music, the on-site beer garden, food tastings, and vendors. *Love Civic Center, 2025 S. Collegiate Drive. 903-423-2108; parissteakwars.com* 📍

**PARIS: April 7 903 Sun Sets: Kevin Fowler in Concert** Enjoy this free concert featuring Kevin Fowler the evening before the total solar eclipse on April 8. The event includes food trucks, vendors, an on-site beer garden, and a family-oriented environment. *Love Civic Center, 2025 S. Collegiate Drive. 903-423-2108; 903sunssets.com* 📍

**PARIS: April 8 Total Solar Eclipse Watch Party** Enjoy four minutes and three seconds of totality at this watch party that takes place in the heart of the Paris community and next to the famous replica of the Eiffel Tower. *Love Civic Center, 2025 S. Collegiate Drive. 903-423-2108; parissolareclipse.com* 📍

**PARIS: April 13 Wine Fest** Grab a ticket and a glass to enjoy sipping wine from every participating shop while tasting appetizers from local vendors. *Downtown. pariswinefest.com*

**PLANO: April 8 Eclipse Watch Parties** Plano is on the path of totality for the total solar eclipse on April 8. Make it a weekend getaway or come for the day; either way, Plano is total-ly the place to watch with two official viewing locations. *Windhaven Meadows Park, 5400 Windhaven Parkway; Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve, 5901 Los Rios Blvd. 972-941-5891; visitplano.com/plano-2024-solar-eclipse*

**PLANO: April 8 Total Solar Eclipse at the Library** Join fellow astronomy fans to experience the awe-inspiring celestial event known as a total solar eclipse. Limited supply of viewing glasses available at all five Plano libraries. *Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road. 972-769-4250; visitplano.com/event/total-solar-eclipse-at-the-library*

**SALADO: April 4-7 Texas Packard Meet** The 45th annual Texas Packard Meet fea-

tures a display of vintage Packard cars on Friday night on the banks of Salado Creek next to the Barrow Brewery, and another display on Saturday morning at the Holiday Inn Express. *Holiday Inn Express, 1991 N. Stagecoach Road. 832-905-3904; texaspackardmeet.org* 📍

**SHERMAN: April 20 Texoma Earth Day Festival** The Texoma Earth Day Festival is a community-wide event where people learn practical ways to reduce their environmental footprint and impact on our planet. *Kidd-Key Park, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-821-8198; earthdaytexoma.org* 📍

**TEMPLE: April 5 First Friday: Springtime** On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Join in for live music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com* 📍

**TEMPLE: April 6 Family Day: Forgotten Figures** Did you know that a woman invented wireless internet, like Bluetooth and GPS? Explore some of the awesome women in history who did incredible things—from inventors like Hollywood star Hedy Lamarr to scientists like Madam Curie. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5378; templeparks.com*

**THE COLONY: April 8 Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Event** The Colony is in a prime location to catch the total solar eclipse. Stewart Creek Park hosts a watch party where families can experience totality for nearly three minutes. Enjoy themed crafts and activities, giveaways, food trucks, and expert insight at multiple viewing stations. *Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road. 972-624-5252; visitthecolonytx.com* 📍

**THE COLONY: April 20 Coach Cox Kids Race by the Lake** Children ages 9 and under compete in a half-mile race, while kids ages 10-12 run the full 1-mile course. All participants receive a ribbon and a goody bag. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 100 registered participants. *Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road. 972-625-1106; visitthecolonytx.com*

**THE COLONY: April 27 Up, Up, and Away! Festival of Flight** The Up, Up, and Away! Festival of Flight lifts off for another year of entertainment in the sky. Bring the family out for activities such as kite flying and demonstrations, music, birding demonstrations, and paper airplane making. There's also giveaways, rides, and food trucks. *Prestwick Elementary School, 3101 Stonefield. 972-625-1106; visitthecolonytx.com*

**WAXAHACHIE: April 6-May 26 Scarborough Renaissance Festival** Every weekend in April and May, the Scarborough Renaissance Festival invites visitors to step back in time to the days of King Henry VIII. Enjoy live performances including the *Birds of Prey* show, medieval music, aerial acrobatics, country and court dances, and a sword swallower. Feast on giant roasted turkey legs, Scottish eggs, shepherd's pie, and other medieval fare. Step into the artisan marketplace to find everything from face painting for kids to shopping for headdresses and masks. *2511 FM 66. 972-938-3247; srfestival.com* 📍

**WAXAHACHIE: April 6-8 Solar Eclipse 2024** This three-day weekend centering around the rare solar eclipse taking place April 8 is filled with science, live music, activities for the family, and food trucks. *Rail-yard Park, 455 S. College St. 469-309-4040; waxahachieeclipse.com* 📍

#### SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**POTEET: April 12-14 Strawberry Festival** Held annually in April for 77 years, the festival features concerts with nationally known Western and Tejano music stars and regional bands, gunslingers, a carnival, various contests, and rodeo performances. Located in the heart of the Artesian Belt, Poteet is recognized as the Strawberry Capital of Texas. *9199 SH 16 North. 888-742-8144; strawberryfestival.com*

**SAN ANTONIO: April 18-28 Fiesta San Antonio** Fiesta started in 1891 as a one-parade event to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. That historic commemoration still takes place, but for more than a century the event has grown into a celebration of San Antonio's rich and diverse cultures. Today, Fiesta is one of this nation's premier festivals, with more than 100 local nonprofit organizations orchestrating festivities. There's something for everyone: street fairs, parades, carnivals, charity runs, music, arts, culture, and pageants. *Various locations. 210-227-5191; fiestasanantonio.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: April 22 Texas Cavaliers River Parade** The San Antonio River comes alive with music, festivities, and vibrant floats for the 79th annual Texas Cavaliers River Parade. This one-of-a-kind parade started in 1941 after a group of Texas Cavaliers witnessed boats and barges decorated with flowers in the "floating gardens" of Mexico City. Today, the parade attracts more than 250,000 spectators, and all the proceeds go to local children's charities. *San Antonio River, 909 NE Loop 410, Suite 903. 210-227-4837; texascavaliers.org* 📍

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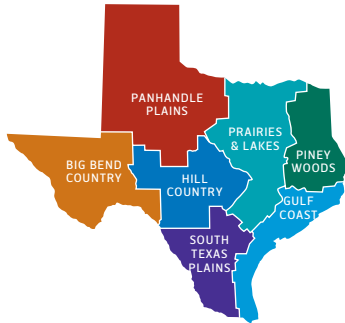
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## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE:** Through May 4 **Andy Warhol: Cowboys and Indians** Andy Warhol, fascinated by icons of American culture, released the portfolio *Cowboys and Indians* in 1986. The 10 prints in the series portray a fantasy of the American West, mixing together historical figures and mass media interpretations of the past. Portraits in the series include actor John Wayne, sharpshooter Annie Oakley, President Teddy Roosevelt, Apache leader Geronimo, and military general George Custer. *Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University campus, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-8145; museumofthebigbend.com* ♿

**ALPINE:** May 4 **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** Alpine's Cinco de Mayo Celebration is a local tradition featuring a themed downtown parade, music, dancing, a car show, and the popular "Gran Mercado" (Great Market) on historic Murphy Street. *Downtown Alpine, 103 E. Murphy St. 432-294-2370; visitalpinetx.com*

**EL PASO:** May 1-2 **Luis Miguel in Concert**

Latin superstar Luis Miguel has been exciting audiences with his Spanish pop-rock songs, romantic ballads, and dynamic stage shows since he was a teenager. This is the Mexican singer's first tour since his 2018-19 tour broke records for highest-grossing Latin tour of all time. *Don Haskins Center, 151 Glory Road. 915-747-5481; utepspecialevents.com/calendar/special\_events* ♿

**FORT DAVIS:** May 7-11 **Dark Sky Week** Join McDonald Observatory in celebrating the dark skies of West Texas with special tours, science lectures, a film screening, solar viewing, and star parties. *McDonald Observatory, 3640 Dark Sky Drive. 432-426-3640; mcdonaldobservatory.org/dark-sky-week-2024* ♿

**FORT STOCKTON:** May 16, 30 **Summer Off the Patio** Kick back and enjoy this free summer concert series with shows taking place around dusk twice a month during May, June, and July. *Annie Riggs Memorial Museum, 301 S Main St. 432-336-2167; annieriggsmuseum.org/summer-off-the-patio*

## GULF COAST

**CLUTE:** May 7, 14, 21, 24, 28 **Planetarium Show** Featuring high-tech equipment including a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector, this planetarium show recreates the night sky as it appears to the naked eye and gives viewers a close-up look at comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** May 2-12 **Buc Days Festival** Commencing with the mayor of Corpus Christi walking the plank, this pirate-themed festival has a variety of family activities like the Stripes Carnival, an indoor shopping event coined Treasure Island, multiple parades, the Barbecue on the Bay competition, and the Robotics Rodeo. Families can also attend the Professional Bull Riding Velocity Tour Finals and watch some of the world's best bull riders compete for the championship title. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-882-3242; bucdays.com*

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** May 10-12 **Festival De Cine Latino Americano** In cooperation with the Corpus Christi Film Commission and Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Festival De Cine Latino Americano-Corpus Christi is a new event to showcase the finest international Latino and Latin American content and promote talented Latino filmmakers. It provides a platform for innovative, original, and thought-provoking works that are by, about, and for the Latino community. *Performing Arts Center, 6300 Ocean Drive. 214-929-3447; filmfreeway.com/fdcla-corpuschristi* ♿

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** May 18 **Beach to Bay Relay** Runners across the nation gear up to conquer one of the largest relay marathons in the country, which boasts annual participation of more than 2,000 teams. Participants begin the six-leg race on the sands of North Padre Island, make their way through Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, and end along scenic Shoreline Drive at McCaughan Park. *J.P. Luby Beach. 361-980-1182; beachtobayrelay.com*

**EL CAMPO:** May 3-5 **Crawfish Cookoff and Car Show** Rev up your engine and appetite and indulge in the best of both worlds at the Crawfish Cookoff and Car Show. The event features delicious crawfish dishes, classic cars, and live music by Whiskey Bent and Trey Cruz. *El Campo Lost Lagoon, 665 CR 451. 979-275-1600; eclostlagoon.com* ♿

**EL CAMPO:** May 10-12 **Lost Lagoon Anniversary and Mother's Day Celebration** Lost Lagoon RV Resort celebrates its anniversary and Mother's Day with the lively tunes of Rewind Texas, pickleball and cornhole tournaments, and a vendor fair—promising a great blend of music, games, and festivities to mark this special occasion and honor moms. *El Campo Lost Lagoon, 665 CR 451. 979-275-1600; eclostlagoon.com* ♿

**EL CAMPO:** May 17-18 **Hospice Barbecue Cookoff** Savor barbecue flavors and support a great cause at the Coletto Creek Barbecue Association Barbecue Cookoff, where the delicious competition benefits Hospice of South Texas. Enjoy live music from Jeremiah James as you indulge in a day of fantastic barbecue and community

spirit. *El Campo Lost Lagoon*, 665 CR 451. 979-275-1600; [eclostlagoon.com](http://eclostlagoon.com) 📍

**EL CAMPO: May 24-26 Memorial Day Weekend** Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend at Lost Lagoon with a musical lineup including the sounds of Dameon Leve, the Bar Ditch Hippies, and the country vibes of Steel Country. Join in for a weekend of music, fun, and patriotic festivities. *El Campo Lost Lagoon*, 665 CR 451. 979-275-1600; [eclostlagoon.com](http://eclostlagoon.com) 📍

**FREEPORT: May 4 Cinco de Mayo Celebration** Celebrate the holiday in historic downtown Freeport with food trucks, live entertainment, and cultural activities. *Freeport Historical Museum*, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; [freeport.tx.us/page/historical\\_museum](http://freeport.tx.us/page/historical_museum) 📍

**FULTON: May 17-18 Babes on the Bay** This is the largest one-day female angler fishing tournament in the country. Women from all over Texas and across the country come together for a fun-filled weekend with live bands, vendor booths, and educational outreach. *Fulton Convention Center*, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-6445; [babesonthebay.com](http://babesonthebay.com) 📍

**FULTON: May 26-28 Fishing Expo** At this annual expo, visitors can find some of the finest tackle used by industry pros and recreational anglers, along with guides, apparel, art, and other merchandise for all their fishing needs. The family-oriented event, which has indoor and outdoor vendor booths, includes the annual Texas Rattler Kids Fishing Tourney and goody bags for children. *Fulton Convention Center*, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-6445; [rockportfishingexpo.com](http://rockportfishingexpo.com) 📍

**GALVESTON: May 4-5, 11-12 Historic Homes Tour** During the first two weekends of May, visitors can view numerous historical and architecturally significant homes located throughout the island's old neighborhoods. Organized by the Galveston Historical Foundation, this is the 50th anniversary of the event that gives the public a chance to tour the inside of private residences and homes that are not open to the public during the year. *Various locations*. 409-765-7834; [galvestonhistory.org](http://galvestonhistory.org)

**GALVESTON: May 11 Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock 'n' Roll IV** With a cast of stars from Broadway's greatest rock musicals and amazing rock 'n' roll singers, composer Neil

Berg tells the exciting 50-year history of the music that changed the world forever. *The Grand 1894 Opera House*, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; [thegrand.com](http://thegrand.com) 📍

**GALVESTON: May 18 Mariachi Herencia de Mexico in Concert** The Latin Grammy Award-nominated Mariachi Herencia de Mexico gives an energetic performance at The Grand with songs from the group's new album *Herederos*. *The Grand 1894 Opera House*, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; [thegrand.com](http://thegrand.com) 📍

**HOUSTON: Through May 4 This Side Up** Houston Center for Contemporary Craft presents this group exhibition that frames art handling and collections-care practices within the field of craft. Featuring the work of mount makers, crate builders, and exhibition fabricators, as well as artwork informed by these practices, the show brings unprecedented attention to the specialized knowledge, skill, apprenticeship, and understanding of materials required to build and support art infrastructure. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft*, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; [craftthouston.org](http://craftthouston.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Aug. 11 Janet Sobel: All-Over** This exhibition focuses on the



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abstract paintings made by Janet Sobel (1893-1968) during the 1940s when her short-lived but meteoric career began. Acclaimed for her skillful use of color and densely layered compositions that spilled to the edges of the support, Sobel pioneered what became known as “all-over” abstraction. *The Menil Collection*, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: Through Oct. 20 *Longing, Grief, and Spirituality: Art Since 1980***

Featuring works created over the past 40 years, many of which are owned by the Menil, this display presents artists' response to the precariousness of life through the expression of longing, grief, and spirituality. *The Menil Collection*, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: March 22-July 21 *Ruth Asawa Through Line***

This is the first exhibition to focus on the artist's lifelong drawing practice. Surveying Ruth Asawa's impressive range and expansive approach, the exhibition offers an unparalleled window into the artist's resourceful approach to drawing, with her particular attention to materials, line, surface, and space. *The Menil Drawing Institute*, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: April 26-Aug. 25 *Abstraction After Modernism: Recent Acquisitions***

Composed of recent acquisitions, this exhibition showcases the breadth of artists' approaches to abstraction since the mid-20th century. *The Menil Collection*, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; [menil.org](http://menil.org) 📍

**HOUSTON: May 23-June 2 *Mayerling*** Sir Kenneth MacMillan's psychologically thrilling *Mayerling* is an epic triumph in classic storytelling. The three-act ballet tells the dark tale of Crown Prince Rudolf, the sole heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the 1880s. The work weaves a story of scandal and political intrigue through an unhappy marriage, sensuous dalliances, and morbid obsessions all leading to the tragic murder-suicide of the prince and his young mistress, Baroness Mary Vetsera. *Wortham Theater Center*, 501 Texas Ave. 832-236-3849; [houstonballet.org](http://houstonballet.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: May 4 *Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour***

Visit the historic archeological site formerly owned by Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site*, Farm-to-

Market Road 2004 near State Highway 332. 979-297-1570; [ljhistory.org](http://ljhistory.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: May 4, 11, 18, 25 *Alden B. Dow Office Museum Tour***

Take a self-guided tour to see the restored midcentury architectural beauty of Alden B. Dow's 1943 downtown office. Learn all about the city's beginnings and the indelible mark that Dow left as the principal architect of Lake Jackson. The museum is open every Saturday. *Alden B. Dow Office Museum*, 101 S. Parking Place. 979-297-1570; [ljhistory.org](http://ljhistory.org) 📍

**LAKE JACKSON: May 18 *Bird Banding***

Once a month, visitors can watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory*, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; [gcbo.org](http://gcbo.org) 📍

**ORANGE: May 9 *Chicago*** The multi-award-winning musical showcases everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz. Look forward to a performance with one showstopping song after another and Bob Fosse's famous choreography. Set in Chicago during the 1920s, *Chicago* chronicles the actual crimes reported on by journalist Maurine Dallas Watkins. *Lutcher Theater*, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; [lutcher.org](http://lutcher.org) 📍

**QUINTANA: April 6-May 5 *Spring Fling***

Spring is peak migration time, so the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory hosts Spring Fling at the Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary. For four weeks, volunteers or staff members are there each day to help identify migrating species as well as the resident birds and keep a daily list going. *Quintana Bird Sanctuary*, 814 N. Lamar St. 979-480-0999; [gcbo.org](http://gcbo.org) 📍

**ROCKPORT: May 4-5 *Nautical Flea Market***

Hosted by the Rockport Yacht Club, this flea market offers various items for fishing, sailing, powerboating, windsurfing, surfing, and scuba diving. Find new and used parts, tools, motors, rods, reels, sails, nautical art, new and used boats, dinghies, and kayaks to buy, sell, or trade. *Rockport Yacht Club*, 722 Navigation Circle. 361-729-1244; [rockportyachtclub.org](http://rockportyachtclub.org) 📍

**ROCKPORT: May 11 *Austin Street Art Walk***

Every second Saturday of the month from April through December, over 25 businesses and restaurants participate in this art walk along Austin Street. The experience showcases an ever-changing mix of participants and art mediums such as painting, pottery, jewelry, photography,

and textiles, as well as live music, artist demonstrations, and food. *Downtown, South Austin Street. 361-729-6445; facebook.com/austinstreetartwalk* 📍

**ROCKPORT: May 11 Makers Market** This local outdoor market is open every second Saturday of the month and showcases handmade items from local artists and makers, including art, pottery, photography, and one-of-a-kind home décor. *Downtown, 302 S. Austin St. 361-729-6445; rockport-fulton.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT: May 11 Second Saturday in the District** The Rockport Cultural Arts District hosts Second Saturday with live music and special themes to enjoy along with an art walk, farmers market, and makers market. *Downtown Cultural Arts District. 214-395-7156; rockportculturalartsdistrict.com* 📍

**ROCKPORT: May 25 Wine Festival** Enjoy a wide variety of wines, food demonstrations, and specialty food concessions, plus live bands and fun entertainment. *Texas Maritime Museum, 1202 Navigation Circle. 361-729-1271; texasmaritimemuseum.org* 📍

**ROCKPORT-FULTON: May 17-19 Market Days** Every third weekend of the month, hear live music, peruse the merchandise of over 150 vendors, and select eats from food trucks in a pet-friendly environment. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 100 Sea Breeze Drive. 361-314-2226; acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days* 📍

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 4 5K Kemp's Krawl** Runners, walkers, and everyone in between are invited to traverse the beach to raise money, with all proceeds going directly to the conservation and care of the Texas coast's precious sea turtles. Starting at the Holiday Inn Resort, this unique community event enables participants to experience the coastal beauty of South Padre Island up close and personal. Finishers receive a T-shirt and medal. *Holiday Inn Resort, 100 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 9-11 Shallow Sport Fishing Tournament** Anglers compete to nab the largest red drum, trout, and flounder at one of the biggest and best boat owners' fishing tournaments on the Gulf Coast. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 18-19 Run the Jailbreak Beach Escape** The Jailbreak Beach Escape has become a South Padre Island tradition. Each May, thousands of

runners conquer the 5K course, covering 20 challenging obstacles on the sun-drenched beaches of South Padre before heading to Clayton's Beach Bar for a Texas-size beach party. *Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 26 Memorial Day Fireworks** Celebrate Memorial Day weekend on South Padre Island with a fireworks display over the bay. For the best viewing spots, check out the restaurants and bars in the Entertainment District. *211 W. Whiting St. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**VICTORIA: March 29-May 19 Greg Reuter: Admiration** Corpus Christi artist Greg Reuter grew up in California and began his career in Hawaii. The exhibit includes sculptures in various media, including bronze, ceramic, aluminum, and mixed media. His works explore qualities he admires, such as the fidelity of dogs, the resilience of wild birds, and his admiration of the sublime beauty of nature. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: March 29-May 19 Tracy Waldroup: Unfolding** Enjoy the art of mixed-media abstract artist Tracey Waldroup, whose sense of spontaneity informs her process. This exhibit features paintings that offer an air of mystery and a moment of careful contemplation into their depth of layers and texture. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org* 📍

**VICTORIA: May 11 Guided Trolley Tour of Historic Victoria** Part of Victoria's 200th birthday celebration, this monthly guided trolley tour begins with an interior look at the 1892 Victoria County Courthouse, travels the oak-lined streets of Old Victoria to offer views of the unique architectural homes and structures, and ends with a prix fixe lunch at the historic PumpHouse Riverside Restaurant and Bar. *Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Bridge St. 361-485-3116; explorevictoriatexas.com/p/victoriatx200*

## HILL COUNTRY

**AUSTIN: May 4-5 Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival** A family event, the Pecan Street Festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food vendors, artists, and craftspeople turn Sixth Street—historically called Pecan Street—into a lively street fair. *East Sixth Street, Sixth Street from Brazos Street to Interstate 35. pecanstreetfestival.org*

**AUSTIN: May 11 O. Henry Pun-Off World Championships** The O. Henry Museum

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Pun-Off World Championships is an internationally renowned spoken-word competition focused on the art of the pun. There are two competitions, PunSlingers and Punniest of Show, voted upon by the public. *Brush Square Park, 409 E. Fifth St. [punoffatx.brushsquaremuseums.org](http://punoffatx.brushsquaremuseums.org)*

**AUSTIN: May 23–26 Hot Luck Festival** Honor the soul, sweat, and DIY diversity of the food and music world. Hot Luck is an eat-with-your-fingers picnic and party experience that highlights open-pit feats of culinary know-how and music in your ears that is as thoughtfully created as the food on your plate. Come hungry, thirsty, and wearing your dancin' boots. *Downtown. [hotluckfest.com](http://hotluckfest.com)*

**AUSTIN: May 27 CapTex Triathlon** All levels of athletes—from top-ranked professionals to first-time triathletes—compete in this triathlon, which includes the USA Paratriathlon National Championship. The race begins with a swim in Lady Bird Lake with beautiful views of the downtown Austin skyline. The bike course takes athletes right to the heart of downtown Austin and directly into the Texas Capitol. The race concludes with a run through Butler Park and the Palmer Events Center before the

rousing finish and post-race party at Vic Mathias Shores. *Lady Bird Lake, Downtown, 1200 W. Cesar Chavez St. [captextri.com](http://captextri.com)* 📍

**AUSTIN: May 30–June 3 ATX Television Festival** As the first festival devoted to television's history and future, the ATX Television Festival functions like a traditional film festival with showings of new series, current hits, and cult favorites. The festival also offers access to the industry's leading professionals with cast and creator Q&As and panels focusing on innovation in both production and content delivery. *Downtown. [atxfestival.com](http://atxfestival.com)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 4, 11, 18, 25 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters** Every Saturday, see the Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters reenact 1800s gunfights twice a day at Rattlesnake Ridge, located behind the Bandera Visitors Center. *Rattlesnake Ridge, 126 SH 16 South. 830-343-7141; [facebook.com/banderagunfighters](http://facebook.com/banderagunfighters)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 4, 11, 18, 25 Cowboys on Main** Enjoy free cowboy fun in downtown Bandera. Activities can include chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke Longhorn, or taking a horse-drawn wagon tour of Bandera. *500 Main St. 210-632-4535; [banderabusiness.com](http://banderabusiness.com)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 4 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up their pop-up shops along Main Street. Artists and craftspeople present original works while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked goods. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; [banderabusiness.com](http://banderabusiness.com)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 5, 12, 19, 26 Morning Ride with Cowboy Breakfast** Join Bandera Historical Rides for a Sunday morning cowboy breakfast and horseback ride at Major Hope Corral, a horse rescue center outside of Bandera. *Major Hope Corral, 749 Old Medina Highway. 830-328-2203; [banderahistoricalrides.com](http://banderahistoricalrides.com), [facebook.com/banderahistoricalrides](http://facebook.com/banderahistoricalrides)*

**BANDERA: May 16 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp with Lew Peterbaugh** Bring your guitar to play along or simply come to listen. Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. *Bandera Beverage Barn, 1407 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; [banderacowboycapital.com](http://banderacowboycapital.com)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 24–26 Memorial Day Weekend Stampede Rodeo and Parade** Bandera Pro Rodeo presents a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo with bull riding, team roping, bareback riding, and other competitions. The Memorial Day Parade down Main Street gets underway Saturday at 11 a.m. *Mansfield Park and Main Street, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; [banderaprrodeo.org](http://banderaprrodeo.org)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 26 Chuckwagon Dinner and Show** Fill up on a barbecue dinner with all the fixings. The event includes live country music and dancing, Western entertainment, and other festivities. *Flying L Ranch and Resort, 675 Flying L Drive. 830-796-7745; [flyingl.com](http://flyingl.com)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 26 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree** The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree that includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages on the fourth Sunday of the month. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; [frontiertimesmuseum.org](http://frontiertimesmuseum.org)* 📍

**BANDERA: May 26–27 Memorial Day Arts and Craft Show** As part of the Memorial Day Weekend Stampede, Bandera hosts this arts and crafts show with vendors set up on the courthouse lawn. *Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-796-3280; [banderatex.com](http://banderatex.com)* 📍

**BLANCO: March 16, April 20, May 18 Market Day** Shop at this market with over 70 vendors offering crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidered and crocheted items, and jewelry.



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**BOERNE: May 3-4 Handmade Market**

The Boerne Handmade Market is the largest market of its kind in South Texas. The two-day event features more than 75 vendors selling handmade-only items including jewelry, apparel, leather goods, toys, home décor, art, candles, and food. *1910 Church, 130 Sisterdale Road. 512-757-5101; [boernehandmademarket.com](http://boernehandmademarket.com)*

**BOERNE: May 11, 25 Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural**

Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center invites you to bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; [theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams](http://theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams)* 📍

**BOERNE: May 11-12 Market Days** At this monthly market, shop at hundreds of festive booths displaying everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; [boernemarketdays.com](http://boernemarketdays.com)* 📍

**BOERNE: May 11, 25 Kuhlmann-King**

**Museum Tour** The Kuhlmann-King House gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like "way back when." Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; [facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse](http://facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse)*

**BOERNE: May 11 Mother's Day Tribute:**

**Trio Los Reyes and Nayelli Peña in Concert** Mariachi group Trio Los Reyes performs songs to honor mothers, including "Gema," "Canto a la Madre," "Hermoso Cariño," and "Las Mañanitas." Vocalist Nayelli Peña sings hits from Linda Ronstadt's first Spanish language album, *CanCIONES de Mi Padre*, and Vikki Carr recordings. *Cave Without a Name Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. 830-537-4212; [cavewithoutaname.com](http://cavewithoutaname.com)*

**BOERNE: May 25 Art Waddle** The 12th annual Boerne Art Waddle takes place along the Cibolo Creek Trail, providing a relaxed atmosphere with the attributes of a major fine art festival. A self-guided route map shows artist locations, and waddlers have the opportunity to interact with the artists through demonstrations and booth chats in their assigned areas. *Hill Country Mile, Main Street. 210-844-8193; [eventsoffmain.com/art-waddle](http://eventsoffmain.com/art-waddle)*

**BOERNE: May 25 Memorial Day Tribute:**

**The Woodwind Winds in Concert** Five talented musicians comprise this woodwind quintet based in The Woodlands. The group collaborates to create a uniquely vibrant woodwind soundscape with an expanded repertoire beyond the standard quartet pieces, including popular and seasonal music. *Cave Without a Name Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. 830-537-4212; [cavewithoutaname.com](http://cavewithoutaname.com)*

**BRADY: May 4 Cinco de Mayo Celebration**

After the Mexican Revolution in 1910, Mexican refugees fled to Texas and many settled in Brady, where they raised their families and established the Mexican Colony neighborhood. Cinco de Mayo soon became a major celebration in Brady, and today it's still commemorated with a market and dancing *Mexican Colony Park, 600 Junio St. 325-456-0416; [facebook.com/mexicancolony](http://facebook.com/mexicancolony)* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: May 3 First Friday**

**Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, so visitors and visiting artists can have more time to enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and receptions. *Various locations. 830-990-8160; [facebook.com/](http://facebook.com/)*

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**FREDERICKSBURG: May 17-19 Trade**

**Days** Shop more than 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, food, and other items. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; [fbgtradedays.com](http://fbgtradedays.com)* 📍

**FREDERICKSBURG: May 24-26 Crawfish**

**Festival** At this festival on Memorial Day Weekend, indulge in great Cajun food, live music, shopping, and a kids' carnival. This event is sponsored by the Fredericksburg Jaycees. *Marktplatz, 100 W. Main St. [fbgcrawfishfestival.com](http://fbgcrawfishfestival.com)* 📍

**HUNT: May 25 Crider's Rodeo and Dance-**

**hall** Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, an entertainment spot along the banks of the Guadalupe River, opens its season of rodeos, live music, and dancing on Saturday nights. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39. 830-238-4441; [cridersrandd.com](http://cridersrandd.com)*

**INGRAM: April 26-May 12 The Explorers'**

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**INGRAM: May 3–June 29 Texas Watercolor Society Show** The 75th annual Texas Watercolor Society Show continues the organization's tradition of exhibiting and promoting some of the best artists working in the unique and vibrant medium of watercolor. *Hill Country Arts Foundation*, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; [hcaf.com](http://hcaf.com) or [texaswatercolor.society.org](http://texaswatercolor.society.org) 📍

**KERRVILLE: March 15, May 17 Concerts by the River** Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come out to the park to enjoy free evening concerts along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. *Louise Hays Park*, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; [kerrvilletx.gov](http://kerrvilletx.gov) 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 9–May 11 Art Exhibits** The Kerr Art and Cultural Center presents three separate art exhibits with artwork by Carlos Mosely and Gerald Tobola, Schreiner Senior graphic arts projects, and the Guadalupe Watercolor Group. An artists reception takes place April 20. *Kerr Arts and Cul-*

*tural Center*, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; [kackkerrville.com](http://kackkerrville.com) 📍

**KERRVILLE: April 26–May 12 Roundup Exhibition and Sale** The 41st annual roundup and sale is an exciting weekend full of art, food, drinks, music, and dancing. More than 150 works are for sale from local, regional, and national artists. *Museum of Western Art*, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; [museumofwesternart.com](http://museumofwesternart.com) 📍

**KERRVILLE: May 4 Shatter the Stigma 5K Run/Walk** This fun run/walk aims to raise awareness about mental health and to “shatter the stigma” associated with mental illness. Following the race, awards and prizes are handed out. *Schreiner University, Trailhead Beer Garden*, 2100 Memorial Blvd., Building 11. 830-896-2211; [kerrvillevsc.org](http://kerrvillevsc.org)

**KERRVILLE: May 5 Hill Country Youth Orchestra's Spring Concert** Come see the outstanding students of the Hill Country Youth Orchestra as they share the sounds of the season along with classical masterpieces. *Cailloux Theater*, 910 Main St. 830-285-9781; [hcyo.org](http://hcyo.org) 📍

**KERRVILLE: May 7 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Market

Days features artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items, while Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center*, 3785 SH 27. 830-895-7524; [kerrmarketdays.org](http://kerrmarketdays.org) 📍

**KERRVILLE: May 16–June 29 Southwest Gourd and Fiber Fine Art Show** Open Tuesday through Saturday, this exhibit showcases gourd and fiber art by artists from all over the country. Meet the makers at the artists reception on May 25. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center*, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; [kackkerrville.com](http://kackkerrville.com) 📍

**KERRVILLE: May 23–June 9 Folk Festival** This annual festival features several days and nights of music from songwriters of national and international acclaim. Founded in 1972, the festival offers activities for all ages with a focus on nurturing and developing artistic expression, especially the art of songwriting, in a loving family-friendly environment. *Quiet Valley Ranch*, 3876 Medina Highway. 830-257-3600; [kerrvillefolkfestival.org](http://kerrvillefolkfestival.org)

**KERRVILLE: May 24–26 Texas Masters of Fine Art and Craft** This exhibition features works by some of the finest professional artists and craftspeople from Texas and has established a reputation as a prestigious sale in a beautiful venue, produced and managed by the artists themselves. *Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center*, 2033 Sidney Baker St. 469-223-4162; [texasmasters.com](http://texasmasters.com) 📍

**KERRVILLE: May 31–June 1 Shakespeare in the Park** Come see Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*, about the farcical misadventures of two sets of identical twins, with all the moments of slapstick comedy and mistaken identities you'd expect from a Shakespearean adventure. *Louise Hays Park*, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-896-9393; [caillouxperformingarts.com](http://caillouxperformingarts.com)

**SAN MARCOS: May 4–5 Heritage Home Tour** Step inside some of San Marcos' most historic homes at the Heritage Home Tour. Featuring self-guided tours of historic homes and culturally significant sites, the event includes docents who are stationed around the homes and ready to let you in on the history, secrets, and architectural delights found in each home. *Various locations, Belvin Street*. 512-757-0730; [heritagesanmarcos.org](http://heritagesanmarcos.org)

**TAYLOR: May 4 Blackland Prairie Day** The first weekend in May brings a lively event celebrating the heritage of Taylor and the Blackland Prairie it was founded on. Enjoy live music, food, vendors, and children's activities in the middle of downtown

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## PANHANDLE PLAINS

**ABILENE: May 4 Total Eclipse of the Chart** From award-winning performer, producer, director, and arranger Scott Coulter, this show features a full range of chart-topping artists to help you relive the '80s. *Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. 325-677-6710; abiphil.com/shows/total-eclipse-of-the-chart* 📍

**AMARILLO: May 2-19 Monty Python's Spamalot** Lovingly ripped from the classic comedy *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Spamalot* retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table and features a bevy of showgirls, cows, killer rabbits, and French people. The 2005 Broadway production won three Tony Awards, including Best Musical. *Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage, 2019 Civic Circle. 806-378-4297; amarillolittletheatre.org*

**AMARILLO: May 9 Zach Williams in Concert** With opening act Riley Clemmons, Zach Williams takes the stage on the "Hundred Highways" tour. The Christian music singer's powerful vocals and raw talent are known from chart-topping hits like "Chain Breaker" and "Rescue Story." *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; visitamarillo.com* 📍

**AMARILLO: May 28 Summer Concert Series** Starlight Theater presents free music, local food trucks, vendors, and family-friendly fun on Tuesday evenings at Sam Houston Park from the end of May to the beginning of August. *Sam Houston Park, 4101 Line Ave. amarilloparks.org*

**JACKSBORO: March 24-Oct. 27 Farmers Market and Craft Vendor Show** Various vendors set up around the Jack County Courthouse lawn the last Saturday of the month from March through October. *Jack County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksborochamber.com*

**JACKSBORO: May 25 Main Street Classic Car Show** Join the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce at the annual Main Street Classic Car Show, which includes a farmers market, craft vendors, music, and car show participants from across Texas and southern Oklahoma. *Jacksboro Square, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksboro chamber.com* 📍

**LEVELLAND: May 17-18 Clovis Horse Sales and Vendor Show** Clovis Horse Sales strives to provide quality horses for all types of riders. Each sale has different events featuring different types of horses,

including team ropings, cow horse futures, and ranch horse competitions. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385 South. 806-894-4161; clovishorsesales.com*

**LUBBOCK: May 3 First Friday Art Trail** First Friday Art Trail is a self-guided public art happening bringing the community together for an evening of art, music, food, and fun. A variety of art centers, museums, galleries, and businesses take part in the evening. *Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Ave. K. 806-762-8606; ffat.org* 📍

**SAN ANGELO: April 19-June 23 National Ceramic Competition** The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts hosts a juried ceramic competition every two years. The 25th competition is open to all artists who are residents of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. All work completed within the last two years, both functional and sculptural, is eligible. The exhibition opening is held in conjunction with San Angelo Ceramic Week and includes gallery exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops at the Concho Clay Studio and Chicken Farm Art Center, and a symposium at Angelo State University. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org* 📍

**SNYDER: May 4 Scurry County Senior Center May Day** Volunteers from the Scurry County Senior Center work all year sewing, quilting, crafting, and planning for the annual May Day celebration. Booths are open with baked goods and homemade crafts. There's a silent auction, cake and pie auction, quilt auction, and entertainment from the Deep Creek Cloggers and a local band. Brisket plates are available as well. *The Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive. 325-573-4035; facebook.com/scurrycountyseniorcenter* 📍

**SWEETWATER: May 4 Musica Latina** Hear live music from Los Matadores, the Texas Tech University Mariachi Band, and the St. Vincent Ballet Folklórico. *Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium, 400 Locust St. 325-518-9407; sweetwaterauditorium.org*

## PINEY WOODS

**CONROE: May 10-12 Big As Texas Festival** With aspirations as large as the Lone Star State, this new outdoor celebration features a world-class music lineup, Texas vendors and artisans, custom exhibitions, immersive art installations, live-fire grilling, carnival games, and fun for all ages. The lineup of performers includes Thomas Rhett, Dierks Bentley, Dwight Yoakam,



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Midland, Morgan Wade, and Breland. *Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 9333 Airport Road. bigastexasfest.com*

**JEFFERSON: May 2-5 Historical Pilgrimage: Home Tours of Jefferson** Four of Jefferson's finest historic homes and featured gardens are open for tours. Docents dressed in period attire provide information about the houses and the homeowners who once lived in them. *Various locations. 903-452-3836; jeffersoncandlelight.com, facebook.com/jeffersonpilgrimage*

**JEFFERSON: May 2-5 The Diamond Besie Murder Trial** This unique theatrical experience recreates the nationally famous trial that took place in Jefferson in the late 1800s. The adaptation, produced every spring for more than a half of century, has become a tradition in itself. *Jefferson Playhouse, corner of Market and Henderson streets. 903-665-0737; visitjeffersontexas.com, theexcelsiorhouse.com* 📍

**JEFFERSON: May 3-5 Battle for Jefferson: Civil War Reenactments** More than 700 Civil War enthusiasts descend on Jefferson to reenact the Battle of Big Cypress Bayou at Total Farm. Infantry, cavalry, and artillery all play a part in the battle. Coupled with the Jessie Allen Wise Garden

Club's annual Pilgrimage, the "battle" portion of the weekend has succeeded in turning Jefferson's downtown historic district and surrounding neighborhoods into a three-day living-history encampment that includes a parade and skirmish on Saturday morning. *Various locations. 903-733-1035; battleforjefferson.com*

**JEFFERSON: May 3-5 Historical Pilgrimage: 19th Century Social Events** Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club hosts the annual Pilgrimage, where visitors can immerse themselves in the 19th century—period attire is optional but fun. The event includes the Friday night Illumination at Oakwood Cemetery, a ladies tea and Grand Ball on Saturday, and then the Presentation of Colors on Sunday morning. *Various locations. 903-733-1035; battleforjefferson.com* 📍

**LONGVIEW: April 16-Aug. 25 Conquering the Skies: The Evolution of Flight** The Gregg County Historical Museum celebrates the evolution of aviation with an innovative and hands-on exhibit featuring all things flight from the Wright Brothers to World War II planes to unmanned drones. *Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia St. 903-753-5840; gregghistorical.org/traveling-exhibits*

**NACOGDOCHES: May 3-4 Red Brick Bluegrass Festival** Formerly known as the Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park, this family-friendly festival features a lineup that includes The Purple Hulls, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band, and Riley Gilbreath and Lone Star Blue. Food trucks and vendors offer delicious food, cold lemonade, and snow cones. Bring blankets and lawn chairs; pets on a leash are welcome. *Festival Park, 507 S. Pecan St. 936-552-6234; redbrickbluegrass.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 22-May 31 Fairy Garden Trail** From dawn till dusk, there is so much more to explore in Davey Dogwood Park this spring. Enjoy great views along 5.5 miles of driving trails, but park the car and step onto the trails to see how many of the fairy gardens you can find. Most trails are motorized-wheelchair and stroller friendly. *Davey Dogwood Park, 4205 N. Link St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: March 22-May 31 Piney Woods Vintage Train Rides** Enjoy a four-hour, round-trip train adventure from the seat of a vintage 1920s car. The train, pulled by a vintage diesel or steam locomotive, departs from Palestine, has an hour layover at the Rusk depot, and takes passengers on a journey through the Piney Woods and 135 years of history. All seats have views along the route, and narration and music add highlights to the trip. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net, visitpalestine.com* 📍

**PALESTINE: May 23-26 Gospel Bluegrass Festival** The 27th annual Memorial Day Gospel Bluegrass Festival at Salmon Lake Park in Grapeland includes performances by The Gospel Plowboys, The Cox Family, The Marksmen, High Fidelity, and several others. RVs are welcome. *Salmon Lake Park Texas, 247 Salmon Lake Road. 936-687-2594; salmonlakepark.com, visitpalestine.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: April 29-May 5 Insperity Invitational** Head to The Woodlands Country Club tournament course to watch 78 of the best PGA Tour Champions players compete. Spectators are welcome May 1-5, with free admission May 3-5. *The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course, 1730 S Millbend Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: May 2 Hozier in Concert** Enjoy the spring weather at an outdoor concert at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. This is one of Hozier's three Texas stops during his "Unreal Unearth" tour. The other stops are in Dallas (April 28) and

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Austin (April 30). *The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

**THE WOODLANDS: May 11 Woodforest Bank TRI** As one of the premier multisport events in the region, the Woodforest Bank TRI offers a beginner-friendly atmosphere, first-rate race management, and scenic courses. The race features a 500-meter open swim, 12.8-mile bike race, and 5K run. *Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive. visitthewoodlands.com*

## PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**BASTROP: May 2 The Farm Street Opry in Concert** On the first Thursday of each month, the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center presents The Farm Street Opry, a family-friendly musical performance featuring Texas talent and special guest performers. Children ages 10 and under free. *Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 B Chestnut St. 512-332-8984; farmstreetopry.com* 📍

**BASTROP: May 3-19 The Drowsy Chaperone: the Musical** When the houselights go down, a man appears onstage and puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical, and *The Drowsy Chaperone* begins. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theater producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan, and an intoxicated chaperone, and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org* 📍

**BRENHAM: May 3-4 Maifest** Bring the entire family and enjoy the 134th Maifest. Experience the authentic tastes and sounds of Texas' German heritage through a colorful parade, spectacular evening performances, live entertainment, and tasty food. *Fireman's Park, 901 N. Park St. 979-203-3973; brenhammaifest.com* 📍

**BRYAN: May 3-4 Big Barn Dance Music Festival** Set against the backdrop of the picturesque Travis Bryan Midtown Park, this festival promises an unforgettable extension of the legendary Big Barn Dance hosted annually in Taos, New Mexico. Immerse yourself in the magic of live music, dance, and camaraderie as Bryan is transformed into a haven for music enthusiasts. *Travis Bryan Midtown Park, 206 W. Villa Maria Road. bigbarndance.com/home-bryan* 📍

**CHAPPELL HILL: May 25 Art Walk** Spend the day in Chappell Hill meeting artists and learning about how they create their artwork. *Downtown. 979-337-9910; chappellhilltx.com* 📍

**COLUMBUS: May 16-18 Magnolia Days Festival** Held on the courthouse square under the shade of 100-year-old live oak and magnolia trees, the Magnolia Days Festival is fun for the whole family. See a presentation by the Magnolia Belles, shop at the marketplace, sample tasty food, enjoy a brew in the beer garden, and dance the weekend away with a lineup of concerts. *Courthouse Square, 400 Spring St. 979-732-8385; magnoliadays.org* 📍

**CORSICANA: May 2-4 Mrs. Texas Pageant** This Texas tradition continues as the Palace hosts the Mrs. Texas Pageant. Events include a fitness competition, private interview, and an evening gown contest. This pageant is the only official state final to Mrs. America and Mrs. World, and the only Texas pageant dedicated solely to married women. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com/live-performances* 📍

**CORSICANA: May 3 Food Truck Friday—Cinco de Mayo Celebration** Celebrate Cinco de Mayo early at Food Truck Friday with a fiesta of flavors, special performances, and an art display featuring the talented students of Corsicana ISD. *Downtown. 903-654-4851; visitcorsicana.com*

**CORSICANA: May 9 Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock 'n' Roll IV** With a cast of stars from Broadway's greatest rock musicals along with talented rock 'n' roll singers, composer Neil Berg tells the exciting 50-year history of the music that changed the world forever. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com/live-performances* 📍

**CORSICANA: May 11 Mimosas at the Market** Sip mimosas while shopping in downtown Corsicana every second Saturday. Complimentary mimosas are poured, and shoppers explore the tree-lined streets, historic buildings, and boutiques. *Downtown, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4851; visitcorsicana.com* 📍

**CORSICANA: May 18 Texas Clearwater Revival in Concert** Texas Clearwater Revival brings you the unique Creedence Clearwater Revival bayou sound popularized in songs such as "Proud Mary," "Born on the Bayou," "Green River," "Bad Moon Rising," "Fortunate Son," and "Midnight Special." *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com/live-performances* 📍

**DALLAS: Through May 30 Deep Ellum 150th Anniversary Exhibitions** In con-

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junction with Deep Ellum's 150th anniversary and to commemorate the enduring significance of Deep Ellum and Central Track, which once connected the neighborhood, the African American Museum presents two new exhibitions. *Central Track: Crossroads of Deep Ellum* focuses primarily on the 1920s and '30s and features newspaper clippings; archival photographs; posters; and recordings of blues, jazz, and popular music of the period. *Seeing a World Blind Lemon Never Saw* displays a photographic series made by Alan Govenar from 2021 to '23 exploring rural East Texas and little-known places in Dallas, locations Blind Lemon visited or alluded to in his songs. *African American Museum, Dallas, 3536 Grand Ave. 214-565-9026; aamdallas.org*

**DALLAS: April 26-May 2 Dallas International Film Festival** The Dallas International Film Festival connects filmmakers and film lovers for a week of screenings, eye-opening documentaries, short films, international experiences, nightly red carpets, filmmaker panels and Q&As, special events, and musical performances. *Violet Crown Cinema Dallas, 3699 McKinney Ave. 214-720-0555; dallasfilm.org* 📍

**DALLAS: May 2-19 Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer** Liz Mikel, a Dallas Theater Center's Brierley Resident Acting Company member, returns to Dallas after a year performing on Broadway to play the legendary 1960s Civil Rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer in this regional premiere. Hamer's is a story of justice that will not be denied. *Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler St. 214-948-0716; bishopartstheatre.org* 📍

**DALLAS: May 3-4 Barbershop Quartet Convention and Competition** Choruses and quartets from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana come together for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition in the a cappella barbershop style. *Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport, 2334 N. International Parkway. 682-521-4681; swd.org* 📍

**DALLAS: May 18-19 Black Heritage Celebration** The fourth annual Black Heritage Celebration shines the spotlight on the unique talents, art, and businesses of the local Black community. These include designers, entertainers, artists, and chefs. A vendor exhibit features Black-owned businesses and live entertainment. This event is included with general admission to the Arboretum. *Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. 214-515-6615; dallasarboretum.org*

**ELGIN: April 5-May 31 Music in the Park** Every Friday evening in April and May, the Friends of Elgin Parks hosts a different band in historic downtown Elgin's Veterans Memorial Park. Bring your friends and family, beverages, snacks, and a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy music in the park. Elgin Parks and Recreation also provides games for children to play. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍



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**ELGIN: May 9 Sip, Shop, and Stroll** Sip a little wine and shop as you take an evening stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, the Elgin Farmers Market, delicious food, and fun, friendly people. *Downtown, 104 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**ELGIN: May 11 Explore Elgin Arts and Culture** Enjoy a day of activities and fun for the whole family. Local studios open their doors to the public and downtown businesses host artist demonstrations, live music, and tours in historic downtown Elgin. Stop by the artists and makers market to find food vendors and a variety of art, including paintings, sculptures, woodworking, jewelry, blacksmithing, fiber arts, and photography. *Downtown, 109 Depot St. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

**EMORY: May 4 Founder's Day Concert and Festival** Enjoy a day of outdoor fun for the family that includes vendors, activities, and a concert by Neal McCoy and Josh Ward in the evening. *Sandy Creek Park, 337 E. North St. 903-473-2465; emorytx.com* 📍

**FAYETTEVILLE: May 4-5 ArtWalk** Every year on the first weekend of May, Fayetteville's historic square comes to life with nearly 60 artists selling original works including paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and jewelry. There's a free concert Saturday evening after the juried art show. The children's booth allows kids to create their own artwork, and the wine and beer booth has wine flights and cold beer. Shaved ice is available for kids. *Fayetteville Square, 109 E. Main St. 979-378-2113; artsforruraltexas.org/artwalk* 📍

**FORT WORTH: March 10-July 28 Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists Since 1940** Inspired by the history of surrealism in the Caribbean with connections to Afro-surrealism in the United States, *Surrealism and Us* is the first intergenerational show dedicated to Caribbean and African diasporic art presented at the Modern. The exhibition includes over 50 works from the 1940s to the present day, in a wide range of media such as painting, sculpture, drawing, video, and installation. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org* 📍

**GAINESVILLE: May 31-July 26 Summer Sounds** Free concerts are back at the Gainesville Farmers Market with the return of Summer Sounds. Bring your friends and your lawn chairs for live musical performances from multiple bands, local bites from food trucks, and ice-cold beverages. *Farmers Market, 201 N. Chestnut St. 940-665-2831; gainesvillecofc.com* 📍

**GARLAND: May 18 Asian American Heritage Festival** Pay tribute to the diverse and talented Asian Pacific American communities of Garland. Enjoy cultural performances from countries such as Thailand, Laos, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Singapore, Myanmar, India, Japan, and Korea, and the state of Hawaii. Highlights include a Colorful World Parade, a lion dance, craft stalls, and art performances showcasing the creativity and skillful hands of Asian Pacific Americans. *Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com*

**GATESVILLE: May 4 Junk and Disorderly** Antiques, collectibles, crafts, and handmade and unique items fill a vendor market while individual garage sales are found all over town. *Gatesville Civic Center, 300 Veterans Memorial Loop. 254-499-0102; visitgatesvilletx.com/junk-disorderly* 📍

**GRAND PRAIRIE: April 18–July 14 Live Thoroughbred Racing** Live racing in Grand Prairie is back for another thoroughbred season. Don't miss the excitement of horses racing past you at Lone Star Park, a facility that 700,000 horse-racing fans visit annually. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com* 📍

**GRAND PRAIRIE: May 5 Cinco de Mayo** Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Traders Village with live music, dancing, traditional food, and fun festivities for the whole family. *Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. 972-647-2331; tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: May 11 Celtic Woman in Concert** This all-female ensemble hailing from Dublin mixes traditional Irish music with contemporary songcraft. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcuthatre.com* 📍

**HICO: May 18 Gravel Locos Bike Race** Gravel Locos is a gravel bike race starting in historic Hico. There are four race routes to choose from (34 miles, 62 miles, 112 miles, and 150 miles), and racers go through town and the countryside. Registration and entry fees are required for each route. The event raises money for the Hico Volunteer Fire Department. *Mustang Hill RV Park and Wild Horse Arena Venue, 7686 CR 199. 254-434-1249; gravellocos.bike*

**HICO: May 18 Texas Steak Cookoff** Cooks work to see who can make the best 12-ounce rib-eye steak. Attendees get to enjoy a steak dinner, plus there's shopping, live entertainment, and a separate wine-tasting event. *Downtown, 129 N. Pecan St. 254-485-4984; texassteakcookoff.com*

**HILLSBORO: May 4–Oct. 26 Farmers Market** Every Saturday, meet the farmers and makers who sell produce, artisan breads, goat milk soaps, jams and jellies, bath products, barbecue sauce, and specialty goods. *Hillsboro Farmers Market, 81 N. Covington St. 254-722-7262* 📍

**LA GRANGE: May 18 Bluff SchuetzenFest** Celebrate the history of the Bluff Schuetzenverein, a German marksmanship and social organization that once made its home on the grounds of Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Bluff Scheutzenverein hosted dances, concerts, picnics, and shooting competitions, welcoming people from across Texas. Commemorate these traditions with a day full of entertainment, community booths, family activities, living history demonstrations, special tours, and food and drink. *Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State*

*Historic Sites, 414 State Loop 92. 979-968-5658; bluffschuetzenfest.org* 📍

**LEWISVILLE: May 26 Fiesta Charra** See activities that take place at a "charreada," a traditional rodeo practiced in Mexico where competitors show off their talents in roping and other ranching skills while wearing exquisite costumes. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; visitlewsville.com* 📍

**LULING: May 16 Field Day** Luling Foundation Farm is an agriculture demonstration farm established in 1927 to teach diversity in agriculture and improve the lives of farm and ranch families in Caldwell, Gonzales, and Guadalupe counties. Its annual Field Day features agriculture education free of charge. *Luling Foundation Farm, 523 S. Mulberry St. 830-875-2438; lulingfoundation.org/events/88th-annual-field-day*

**LULING: May 18 Artisan Market** On the third Saturday of the month, shop from artisans selling goods like yard art, handmade soap, jewelry, salsa, and freeze-dried candy. *Main Street. 512-775-3025; lulingartisanmarket.com*

**MCKINNEY: March 8–May 24 Nature Story Time** Story times are held on the

second and fourth Friday of every month and are designed primarily for young children. A different nature-themed book is introduced each week. During most of the story times, a puppet, live animal, or other enrichment item is included to enhance the experience. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MCKINNEY: March 23–May 11 Heard Museum Scouting: Webelos** Interested in earning a badge or looking for a nature-based activity for your Boy Scouts group? The Heard's two-hour badge workshops are geared to meet the requirements for Webelos and other Boy Scouts rankings, but they are open to any interested group. Topics cover nature and geology. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/scouting*

**MCKINNEY: May 11 Second Saturday Bird Walks** Second Saturday Bird Walks in the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary are offered by volunteers from the Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society. The bird walks help beginning and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques.



There are also plenty of opportunities for participants to pose questions to experienced birders. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in these walks. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: April 4, May 9 Courtyard Concert Series** This spring concert series, presented by the Mesquite Arts Center, showcases local indie artists and takes place in the evening inside the center's courtyard area. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: May 4 Cinco de Mayo Celebration** The city of Mesquite and Hispanic Forum of Mesquite celebrate Cinco de Mayo with festivities that begin at noon and include authentic Mexican food, performances by folklórico dancers, live music from mariachi bands and local singers, a kids' activity area with free arts and crafts and piñata breaks, and a jalapeño-eating contest. *Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. 972-216-6260; cityofmesquite.com* 📍

**MESQUITE: May 11, 18, 25 Off the Rails Concerts** Join the Mesquite Arts Center as it presents these family-oriented concerts in downtown Mesquite with different musical acts performing music in a variety of genres. *Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: May 16 Mesquite Rocks Concerts** The Mesquite Arts Center hosts this monthly family-friendly event featuring tribute bands covering the greatest hits of popular musicians and folk artists. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

**MESQUITE: May 18 Barn Dance** An 1887 livestock barn at Opal Lawrence Historical Park is the setting for this old-fashioned barn dance. All are welcome to attend. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; cityofmesquite.com* 📍

**MESQUITE: May 18 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra in Concert** The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents *Into the Fire*, a show featuring Víctor Agudelo's "Algo va a suceder....," Dmitri Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2 with pianist Daria Kiseleva, and Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird Suite." *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org; mesquitesymphony.org* 📍

**PARIS: May 3-4 Slade Baker Memorial Crawfish Cookoff** This two-day event in downtown Paris offers live music, cold drinks, and all-you-can-eat crawfish.

Teams compete in the Crawfish Courtyard, where attendees can dive in headfirst to be the judge and the jury in the People's Choice vote. Mark your calendar, bring your appetite, and join in for a day of mudbug mayhem at the cookoff. *South Main Iron, 255 First St. SW. 903-423-2108; sladebakermemorial.com* 📍

**PLANO: May 4 AsiaFest 2024** Celebrating Asian American Heritage Foundation (CAAHF), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, presents AsiaFest, the 20th annual Plano Asian American Heritage Festival. Enjoy family-friendly performances highlighting cultures from all parts of Asia. Learn about Asian artistic traditions like cooking, visual art, calligraphy, martial arts, origami, and fashion. The festival features vendors from area restaurants and food trucks. *Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-379-9351; visitplano.com; asianamericanheritage.org*

**PLANO: May 17-19 Texas Mineral and Fossil Show** RMGM Promotions presents this show featuring quality shopping with world-class mineral, gem, and fossil dealers. Bring your family and friends and support your favorite dealers and small businesses. Rocks, minerals, fossils, polished stones, gemstone jewelry, and other offerings are available. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. planoeventcenter.org*

**TEMPLE: May 3 First Friday: Cinco de Mayo** On the first Friday of the month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party, with live music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. This month's event has a Cinco de Mayo theme. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com* 📍

**TEMPLE: May 4 Family Day: Train Day** Explore the exciting world of trains and the history of the Transcontinental Railroad. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**WAXAHACHIE: April 6-May 26 Scarborough Renaissance Festival** Every weekend in April and May, the Scarborough Renaissance Festival invites visitors to step back in time to the days of King Henry VIII. Enjoy a variety of live performances including the *Birds of Prey* show, medieval music, aerial acrobatics, country and court dances, and a sword swallower. Feast on giant roasted turkey legs, Scottish eggs, shepherd's pie, and other medieval fare. Then step into the artisan marketplace where you can find everything from face painting for kids to shopping for head-dresses and masks. *Scarborough Renaissance Festival, 2511 FM 66. 972-938-3247; srfestival.com* 📍

**WAXAHACHIE: May 4 Cinco de Mayo Festival** Celebrate the holiday while enjoying entertainment that includes live music, mariachis, and folklórico dancers. *Downtown, 101 W. Main St. 469-309-4040; visitwaxahachie.com; facebook.com/elliscountyhispanicorg* 📍

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**LAREDO: May 4 Luis Miguel in Concert** Latin superstar Luis Miguel has been exciting audiences with his Spanish pop-rock songs, romantic ballads, and dynamic stage shows since he was a teenager. This is the Mexican singer's first tour since his 2018-19 tour broke records for highest-grossing Latin tour of all time. *Sames Auto Arena, 6700 Arena Blvd. 956-791-9192; samesautoarena.com* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: May 4 Living History Event: Soldiers at the Alamo** From the brave 18th-century Spanish Presidial soldiers helping to keep the missions safe from outside raids to the Texian and Mexican armies that converged at the Alamo for the 1836 siege and Battle to the U.S. Army soldiers who used this site as a supply depot before and after the Civil War until the opening of Fort Sam Houston, the Alamo has countless stories to tell. Learn about the daily activities, training, and weapons of each era, as well as their respective impacts upon the Alamo grounds in downtown San Antonio. *The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. 210-225-1391; thealamo.org/visit/soldiers-at-the-alamo* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: May 4-June 2 The BFG (Big Friendly Giant)** This stage adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic book about the 24-foot-tall Big Friendly Giant and a little orphan called Sophie brings some of Dahl's most memorable characters to life. *The BFG* delivers a captivating mix of thrilling adventures, clever wordplay, and even some explosive whizzpopping moments. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St. 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org* 📍

**SAN ANTONIO: May 12 Wildlife Harmonies** YOSA (the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio) Philharmonic presents a night of wild music. Hear the world premiere of *Beasts and Birds of Bexar*, composed by members of the Composers Alliance of San Antonio (CASA) and inspired by animals at the San Antonio Zoo. This concert also features Ottorino Respighi's "Pines of Rome" with the San Antonio Brass Band, plus a solo performance by the winner of the latest YOSA Concerto Competition. *Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle. 210-737-0097; yosa.org/wild* 📍

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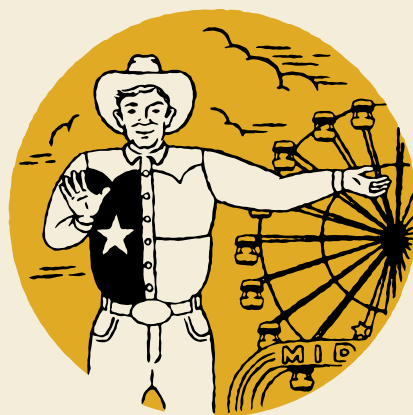
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