



NEWS FROM QUIET VALLEY RANCH & SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FOLK ALLIANCE

by Dalis Allen

I think 90's is better than 100's.....the lawn still isn't impressed. If the temperatures didn't get you then how about this was the first Kerrville Folk Festival since 2011 that it did not rain. At all. No kayaking in the campgrounds, no show cancellations. We liked that last part a lot.

We had a great Festival and plan to do it again in 2019. We are not however having the Fall Music Festival in 2018 but will be back with a fall event as well in 2019.

In July we had our annual Music Camp for Teens a collaborative effort with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Texas. The faculty is a team of artists that have played the Kerrville Folk Festival and work with 50 - 70 teens to find their voice, through song, poems, stories and/or playing an instrument. Many have never been on a stage before and by the end of the camp they are all excited to share what they have written onstage.

They also get to go on a canoe trip which is also a new experience for most of them. The teens that have passed the age of 17 are all so attached to being at camp they have become counselors. This is a fabulous bridge for the young folks attending for the first time. The camp is an important part of the lives of all involved. You can help to sponsor a teen to the camp by calling the office at 830/257-3600.



And in keeping with the talk of temperatures I am heading to Taos NM where it is already in the 50's and high 40's at night!!!! Michael Hearne's Big

Barn Dance, a Festival I have wanted to go to for years. Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines, Shake Russell & Michael Hearne, John Fullbright, Michael Martin Murphey, Walt Wilkins and The Mystiqueros to name just a few..... <http://bigbardance.com/>

The Southwest Regional Folk Alliance Conference, another great music happening which I am privileged to coordinate is happening in Austin September 26 - 30, 2018. There are showcase and panels/seminars, open mics and lots of friendly conversation. If you can't make the whole event just come on Friday or Saturday night for the Official Showcases. Eight juried artist performing for a \$15 cover charge. Go to www.swfolkalliance.org for more details.

The next Music at the Mansion Concerts for 2018 in Kerrville are September 14 with Walt Wilkins, Susan Gibson, Michael Hearne In The Round; October 12 with Harpeth Rising and John Gorka AND November 30 with Mike Blakely and Ken Gaines. These concerts are held in the Schreiner University Junkin Campus Ministry Center. To find out if tickets are available contact Deborah Scott at (830)792-7355

Also in November is Fischer Festival in Fischer Texas. Another great Festival that features all Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Award Winners on their Friday night line-up. Including the six 2018 New Folk Award Winners in the round too! Rich Krueger, Mac Leaphart, Sarah Morris, Ben Bedford, John R. Butler, Helene Cronin. Go to <http://www.fischerfest.org/> to see the full schedule for 2018.

You just can't go wrong coming out to these events. Hope I see you there.

Thanks for reading about the Kerrville Folk Festival and other great music events in the Heart Beat of the Texas Hill Country!

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