

Press Release

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ARTS Harvestfest Fund Raiser scheduled for November 1st, 2014

Arts for Rural Texas announces November 1st as the date of its annual fund raiser, Harvestfest. The evening consists of both silent and live auctions, a delicious dinner catered by the Bistro 108 and live music. All funds go to provide money for the various visual and performing art programs for children in Fayette and surrounding counties.

This year's event is special in that it recognizes some of ARTS earliest supporters and encouragers. Two of La Grange's own will be honored, Mannie and Sanford Schmid. The Schmidts have helped provide a home campus for ARTS in Fayetteville including the gallery, office space, and an additional building for classroom space. ARTS would not exist without their fundamental help.

Also honored will be Cheryl Mellinthin and her late husband Mark Chapman. Together they have brought outstanding Fine Art Assemblies to the children of our community like Houston Grand Opera and Ballet Austin, as well as sponsoring the Mark Chapman Awards of Excellence at Fayetteville's ArtWalk the first weekend in May each year. ArtWalk features professional artwork on the square in Fayetteville and is a juried show of the highest quality. Cheryl is continuing Mark's support of art exposure and education for our children by sponsoring the event that voluntarily captures most of the art auctioned at the Harvestfest fund raiser. ARTS cannot express how much we will miss Mark Chapman's delightful presence.

ARTS invites you to come help honor these special couples who make our community a better place to live. Harvestfest will raise funds for another year of outstanding art experiences for our children which ARTS provides at no cost to the schools and students.

Call 979-378-2113 or go online at www.artsforruraltexas.org for tickets.