

Green Chile Hot Foods Excite The Palate

By Bill Finley, Travel Editor

Fredericksburg...Cont. from page 40 miles east of Fredericksburg is the absolutely wonderful **Wildseed Farms Market Center**, a beehive of plants, butterflies, preserves, ladies apparel and garden goodies, started by a couple who loved plants and saw a small opportunity grow into a huge industry. For the visitor, they show you how and when to plant wildflowers and other valuable secrets. The company is now one of the leaders in helping states to beautify their roadways with wildflowers. You can order from them by going to their website: www.wildseedfarms.com but going to see their fabulous farm and market center is a real treat!

Laid Back Retirement and the Arts are Flourishing

Little old Fredericksburg is growing, mainly by folks who have concluded that their town, off from any Interstate highway, is a peaceful, economical, nice-looking, somewhat quaint place to spend their "second

season," that is, from retirement to hitting 100+. Historic Main Street is 15 blocks long with plenty of restaurants, places to buy cowboy hats and boots, arts and crafts centers, sophisticated galleries and some candy stores.

Two places stand out in our recent memory: one is **Local Color**, featuring local artists (some with outstanding talent) and another is **Whistle Pik Galleries**, a high end collection with a price range of \$250 to \$750,000! We saw our first **Giclees** there, a new sophisticated computer technology that prints the highest reproductions on canvas of original art. The whole of the Austin-San Antonio-Kerrville Fredericksburg axis is a hot bed of American arts in both quality and breadth. **A Unique Hotel Designed to Look Backward**

It looks like a WWII blimp hangar converted into a hotel. It's not! It's a modern hotel and conference center designed to look like an old hangar, hence its name, the **Hangar Hotel**.

Located on airport land, the luxurious boutique hotel caters to non-flyers and those who just drop in from the sky.

Its main dining area is a 1940's perfect and high-class art-moderne diner! The 10,000 square foot exhibit space includes two sparkling older aircraft, a banquet hall to serve hundreds and more attractions to come. The bar, called the Officers' Club, is open to all! The entrepreneur/developer, is a perfectionist and it shows in every detail. His enthusiasm is contagious and inspiring for the city fathers and their plans to make Fredericksburg a real destination city. www.hangarhotel.com

Country Music Fans... Come see Luckenbach, Texas!

But don't blink your eyes, you might miss it! On 10 acres of an oak-shaded mesa, this tiny village of one wooden structure was founded in

1849, but unknown until Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson wailed about it. Still, today, with its population still stuck at 3, it is a gathering place for thousands to eat hot chili and barbecue, stomp around to guitar songs and drink beer till the cows come home. The novelties and souvenirs range from mugs to cowboy hats, to



old-fashioned candies, but most of all, it's a tiny spot of memories of what "the good ole days" were like. Come on, you 'all! www.luckenbachtexas.com

Before we traveled to Fredericksburg we wondered why we were going for 4 days. Now we know that not only is it a nice place to visit, but we never had enough time to see everything and we will return, especially during peach season. To get more of the true flavor, see www.fredericksburg-texas.com

Kenny Rogers & Friends Celebrate The Season

Country music legend **Kenny Rogers** is bringing his special holiday show, "Kenny Rogers & Friends Celebrate The Season," to the **Sinatra Theatre** in Sunrise presented by BankAtlantic. This all new show featuring special guests Rebecca Lynn Howard and Billy Dean is scheduled to take place on November 26.

"Kenny Rogers is one of the most prolific artists this country has ever seen and we are delighted to welcome him to the Sinatra Theatre" said **Eliot Weisman**, Executive Vice President of Programming for the Sinatra

Theatre presented by BankAtlantic. "With his performance being only two days after Thanksgiving, this show is the perfect way to start the festivities for the holiday season."

Rogers began his career in the late 1960's and has since become a legend in country music. Known for such sensitive hits as "Lady," "Islands in the Stream," "She Believes In Me," and "Lucille." Rogers is also an accomplished photographer, author and actor but he is still best known for his ability to tell a compelling story through his songs.

Sunrise Sports & Entertainment is the premier company of its kind in South Florida. Home to more than 185 events annually and the Florida Panthers Hockey Club, the BankAtlantic Center welcomes more than two million guests each year. The BankAtlantic Center is also the home of the new Sinatra Theatre presented by BankAtlantic and two monthly South Florida publications: *Live On Stage Credentials* and *Unrestricted*.

Watch for the upcoming performers at The Sinatra Theatre: **Kenny Rogers (Nov. 26), The Beach Boys**

(Dec. 29), **Linda Ronstadt (Jan. 13), Johnny Mathis (Jan. 22), Patti LaBelle (Jan. 26), Don Rickles and Tony Orlando (Feb. 4), Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme (Feb. 14), Donna Summer (Feb. 18), Engelbert Humperdinck (Feb. 21), Lily Tomlin (Mar. 3), Paul Anka (Mar. 18), Natalie Cole (Mar. 25), and Frank Sinatra Jr. (May 6).**

Don't miss these spectacular shows. We're so fortunate to have these great celebrities come to town.

For more information go to www.bankatlanticcenter.com

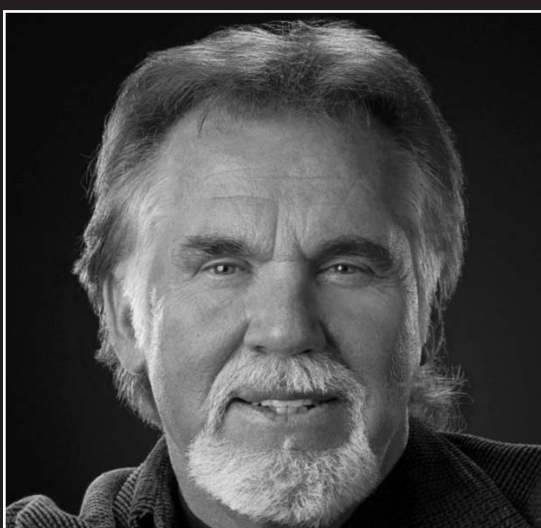
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