



**Art is in our Nature**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **HERITAGE FESTIVAL – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

From mouth-watering food to live music and dance performances, the 2023 Heritage Festival will have something for everyone.

All of the activities will be in and around Cotton Square in downtown Lufkin from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Enjoy the work of local artists and crafts people, traditional dances from Grupo Ketzaly a Mexican Folkloric Dance Ensemble and Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and a variety of food offerings including Tex -Mex, Venezuelan, Indian Cuisine, Traditional BBQ and more.

“This event is all about community enrichment and celebrating our unique culture. So, join us in Cotton Square, located in the heart of Lufkin's downtown cultural arts district,” said Rudy Flores, Lufkin Creative special events chair. “Art lovers will be thrilled with the artwork on display, and history buffs can explore the booths of historical quilts and visit with area artists and learn about their diverse artistry.”

Children are invited to participate in a coloring contest that celebrates the area's heritage. Coloring sheets are being distributed to local schools and can be returned to the Lufkin Parks and Recreation Department at 516 Montrose Street or the Visit Lufkin off inside the Pitser Garrison Convention Center at 602 N. Second Street any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. On the day of the event, coloring sheets can be turned in at the Parks and Recreation tent before 1 p.m.

Coloring sheets also can be downloaded from the Heritage Festival page on the Lufkin Creative website at [lufkincreative.com](http://lufkincreative.com).

The drawing, which will be a random drawing of coloring pages, will take place and the winners will be announced at 1 p.m. There will be one winner per age group: 0-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and 16-18. Turn in the coloring sheets by at the festival

Lufkin Creative will be offering a hands-on screen print and tie-dye project, with the purchase of a \$12 T-shirt – while supplies last. There will be shirt sizes for adults and youth,

Also, come prepared to participate in a Zumba class lead by talented East Texas instructors.

The day's entertainment schedule includes:

9 a.m.-10 a.m. — Live Zumba Class

10:30 a.m. -11 a.m. — Herty Honor Choir

11 a.m. -11:15 a.m. — Voz Brillante Slack Elementary

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. — Non-Profit Showcase

12 p.m. -1 p.m. — Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. — Grupo Ketzly -Mexican Folkloric Dance Ensemble

“We invite everyone to come downtown and experience the vibrant community that makes Lufkin such a great place to live,” Flores said. “Our city is full of love and appreciation for one another, and this event is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our commonalities as well as our differences.

“We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating our heritage together,” Flores said.

For more information about the Heritage Festival and Lufkin Creative visit [www.lufkincreative.com](http://www.lufkincreative.com) or contact Natalie Howard at 936-633-0359 or Rudy Flores at [rflores@cityoflufkin.com](mailto:rflores@cityoflufkin.com).

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Lufkin Creative Boilerplate: Connecting artists and arts entities to one another and the community, Lufkin Creative initiates collaboration, accelerates growth, celebrates diversity and promotes education to cultivate a vibrant arts culture throughout Angelina County.