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Georgetown Arts in Nature Festival – Something for Everyone – April 25

The Georgetown Arts in Nature Festival is back for its eleventh year and will take place in the Georgetown Nature Area on Saturday April 25 from 9 am to 4 pm. A full day of fun is planned for folks of all ages.

Headlining the Festival will be Joe Craven, the masterful and magical musician who has played with everyone from Stephan Grapelli to David Grisman to Jerry Garcia. Joe will be putting on a mini concert at the main amphitheater stage and a workshop on 'pursuing creative possibilities' in the Nature Area. In addition to Joe, the amphitheater stage will feature a Native American opening ceremony, lots of music by Northside students, David Blonski, Alan and Barbara Lubanes and friend, and Eric Ray. There will also be student drumming groups, ukulele music, poetry and ethnic dancing.

In addition to the amphitheater performances, there will be several areas in and around the nature area for presentations and demonstrations. Kids will find a fun time in the area above the amphitheater where there will be mask making, kite making and flying, face painting and the Kirby Root Kids Zone. There will also be kids art activities throughout the day as well as community art projects for folks of all ages. All this will be happening next to the Kids Art Gallery where you can see the wonderful up and coming artists of the Divide, and also make some art for yourself or join in on one of the community art projects. There will also be a Jam and Slam open microphone at the Little Theater where you can make your own music, or just listen to others.

In the nature area's Nisenan Village, there will be Native American music, storytelling and dancing throughout the day. The old Gold Mine will be the place

for tours of the mine, gold rush stories, music and history. At the Alder Creek Marsh Jo Chandler will be offering workshops for teens and adults on how to connect with your environment in new and inspirational ways through the creative process of nature journaling. There will be storytelling along the Nisenan trail, and yoga, poetry, story telling, and inspirational music at the Peace Pole. And at the Cherry Hill area, there will demonstrations and talks on Homesteading skills such as preparing and cooking with acorns, plant identification for kids of all ages, composting, and starting seeds.

In addition to all of this, there will be booths where you can purchase fine handcrafted items, booths where you can learn about the many organizations that promote and protect the natural beauty of our area, and of course food booths where you can get a variety of food from vegetarian to barbeque.

It's going to be a fun time that you will not want to miss. For updates, final schedule, and other information please visit the Friends of the Nature Area website at www.georgetownnaturearea.org or the Arts in Nature Facebook page.

This year's festival is being coordinated by the American River Folk Society, and supported by the Friends of the Nature Area. If you are interested in being a financial supporter of the Festival, or are interested in having a booth, please contact Buzz Chernoff at www.toohighbranch@gmail.com. This is a GDRD community partner event.