



## Spring is in the Air!

McKinney is definitely blooming with spring color as well as loads of spring activities to keep active singles, families and retirees busy. For more details about the following events, check out the "Things to Do" page and calendar at [VisitMcKinney.com](http://VisitMcKinney.com).

### On Stage & In the Studio...

As always, McKinney offers a wide variety of chances to enjoy the arts, whether in a gallery or on stage. On April 2, multi-Grammy winner and music legend **Ricky Skaggs** brings his band, **Kentucky Thunder**, to the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC) Courtroom Theatre. Also at MPAC this month are the **46th Annual Collin County Art Show** (4/9-11), **McKinney's Got Talent** (McKinney's own version of "American Idol," 4/16-17), and **Charlotte's Web** (4/19), among other programs. While not part of the arts, MPAC will also host **Judge Raleeh's Night Court** (4/20).



The **Garret Art Gallery** features the art of nationally-renowned watercolor artist Priscilla Krejci (rose pictured at left) starting with a Second Saturday reception. Also opening an exhibit that day is McKinney's own **Laura**

**Moore** at her art gallery, who'll open her "The Noble Rot" exhibit inspired by wine labels from around the world (sample pictured at right). Musical arts are always popular in McKinney, from the **hand drumming workshops** held every Saturday morning at Old Settlers Park to **live music** at restaurants around McKinney.



### Learning for Young and Old

The McKinney Public Library staff hosts regular free classes or workshops in the Dulaney Room at the Roy and Helen Hall Library downtown. Among the offerings this month are **accelerated reading techniques**, the **Texas Astronomical Society** talking about space, and **good and bad bugs** for your garden. At Boyd High School this month, the city's Office of Environmental Stewardship hosts a talk by **Fabien Cousteau**, grandson of famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, in honor of Earth Day (4/23).

### McKinney Favorites

- ☞ **Easter Egg-Stravaganza** (4/2)
- ☞ **Hand Drumming**, Saturdays, Old Settlers Rec Center, 10 a.m.
- ☞ **Art History Brown Bag Series** (4/7)
- ☞ **Second Saturday on the Square** (4/10)
- ☞ **Third Monday Trade Days** (4/16-18)
- ☞ **Farmers Market**, Chestnut Square, Sat.; Adriatica, Sun./Thurs.
- ☞ **Heard Spring Native Plant Sale** (4/9-11)
- ☞ **Heard-Craig "Ladies Night Out"** (4/15)

### Win a Weekend in McKinney!

Simply click on the contest banner on the [VisitMcKinney.com](http://VisitMcKinney.com) home page or go to [destinationmckinney.com](http://destinationmckinney.com) to enter the "Making Memories in McKinney" Vacation Getaway contest!

## April Featured Events

April 24 is a busy day for giving both in honor of loved ones and to our Earth.

### Relay for Life

Held each year at the Ballfields at Craig Ranch, hundreds of McKinney residents, their friends and family come together to raise money for cancer research. The main fundraising event for the American Cancer Society each year, this is also McKinney's largest charitable event, ranking second in the state for community Relay for Life events. Walk around the big ballfield, visit with friends, enjoy music and other entertainment and celebrate those who've beaten cancer (Survivors are the honorees at this event!) while remembering those who've lost the battle during the Luminaria Ceremony. For more information on getting involved, [visit www.mckinneyrfl.com](http://www.mckinneyrfl.com).



### Earth Day At the Heard



This one-day, outdoor festival will feature "green" vendors, presentations, concessions, kids' activities and live entertainment. Guests will enjoy the Heard's hiking trails, "Live Animals of the World" exhibit, butterfly garden, and

have one last chance to see the "Treasures from The Earth: Diamonds, Gold and Dinos" exhibit before it leaves. Bring recyclable products to support the Heard's recycling program. McKinney residents will enjoy free admission to the museum and to this event for the day! Please bring driver's license or recent water bill to prove residency. For more, visit [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org).

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