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**Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens Offers an Escape to the Countryside,  
Unique Festivals and Artwork**

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.— Home to Wildlife Artist Johnny Lynch and his family, the Farmhouse Gallery is one of Northeast Tennessee’s hidden treasures, showcasing the area’s natural beauty. Visitors can view birds, butterflies, wildlife and peacocks, which thrive amongst the mountains and beautiful gardens of the farm, and each spring, thousands flock to the farm for a fiddlers festival.

“A wonderful place to relax and experience the East Tennessee countryside and southern traditions, the 75-acre farm offers an abundance of scenery and activities for visitors to relax and enjoy during their countryside visit,” said Brenda Whitson, executive director of the Johnson City Convention and Visitors Bureau. “The farm is also available for special events—it’s a great location.”

“In order to keep the family farm lifestyle over the last thirty years, we have diversified along the way,” said Pat Lynch, owner of Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens. “From livestock to berries, to the art gallery and greenhouse to BBQ and catering, we’ve tried to develop a unique destination for travelers to visit.”

The Farmhouse Gallery features three distinct collections of Lynch’s work. The Wildlife Art Collection is a series of native animals, including bears, ducks and butterflies, portrayed in their natural habitat. The Lynch Bench Series, for the sporting enthusiast, combines animals with various sports

team, including team helmets and golf clubs, and Lynch's black and white art features puppies in various situations.

“As a professional wildlife artist, Johnny paints the scenes surrounding him,” said Lynch. “Our farm abounds with birds and wildlife and is a great place to bird watch, or to sit on the porch rocker and enjoy the view. Peacocks put on a show on a daily basis.”

Each spring, the Farmhouse hosts a Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival, a day of old-time charm, featuring storytelling, blacksmithing demonstrations, music, salt making, classic cars and hit and miss engines. The annual festival has grown to a regional event, with 3,000 visitors attending the celebration annually.

“The Fiddlers Festival is a variety of gospel, country and bluegrass music, showcasing more than 20 bands each spring,” said Whitson. “Visitors have a great time participating because festival attendees also bring personal musical instruments and participate in jam sessions throughout the day.”

The East Tennessee Model “A” Restorers Club sponsors a classic car show and guests are invited to bring cars 25 years and older to showcase throughout the day. The first 100 cars to arrive are awarded with a dash plaque. Blacksmith and craft demonstrations are conducted at the log cabin blacksmith shop, Rose Hill Forge, while Jerry Vencill provides mountain storytelling.

The Fiddlers Festival is open to the public and musicians are encouraged to attend and participate.

“One of the most popular parts of the festival is the opportunity for festival goers to sample or purchase the handmade and hand-poured Farmhouse BBQ, which comes in a variety of flavors, including original, honey mustard or a fire spicy wing sauce,” said Whitson. “The Lynch family began to distribute their recipe because of popular demand and requests.”

Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens is also available as an event facility for weddings, dinners, retreats, company picnics, festivals and dances, and can comfortably host more than 1,000 guests. Farmhouse offers an abundance of live musical performances, including bluegrass, jazz, rock, country or classical music. Other entertainment activities include hayrides, campfire story telling, carnivals, magicians, drama performances, comedy routines, children's activities and games, and activity and seminar instructors.

“You can enjoy our homemade BBQ lunch on Thursday to Saturday, step back in time in our 19<sup>th</sup> century blacksmith shop, or leisurely shop in our gallery and gift shop featuring Johnny’s watercolors and prints, as well as local goods,” said Lynch.

Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens operates year round, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In April to October, Farmhouse opens lunch to the public on Thursday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.farmhousegallery.net](http://www.farmhousegallery.net), or call (423) 743-8799.

Johnson City is located in Northeast Tennessee and is the fourth largest metropolitan city in the state. Set in a region known as America's First Frontier, Johnson City is “Where the Pioneer Spirit Began”—a historically significant and culturally rich community surrounded by an abundance of unspoiled natural beauty. Johnson City has a history, which dates back more than 200 years, and its culture embraces individual creativity and encourages innovation through expression. The area is world-renowned for its modern and traditional Appalachian and bluegrass music, art and cuisine, and outdoor recreation for the whole family throughout all four seasons. For more information on Johnson City, please visit [www.visitjohnsoncitytn.com](http://www.visitjohnsoncitytn.com) or call (423) 461-8000 or (800) 852-3392.

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