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Patricia Lyle is the featured artist for the 12th Annual Red Poppy Festival.

'Reaching for the sun'

Poppy Festival picks artist and prepares to bloom

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Winter has subsided for now, and Patricia Lyle is looking forward to brighter, redder days.

The Round Rock resident said she was "feeling fabulous" after

the announcement that she is to be the featured artist for the 12th Annual Red Poppy Festival.

"I am looking forward to the actual weekend also. I always enjoy the festival, and this time it will be even better for

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me,” she said. “After all this weather, we are looking for a bright Red Poppy Festival. It’s a good way to get spring in high gear.”

She said she wanted to push herself a little further with her abstract of happy shapes and brilliant colors.

“The feeling is happy poppies,” she said. “I didn’t put in any of the kind of poppies falling over. I wanted to keep them all upright. They are reaching for the sun just as we are right now. They make

me happy.”

A member of The Williamson County Art Guild and frequent featured artist at several downtown businesses, Ms. Lyle also teaches art classes in her studio and at other locations in the area.

The selected artwork can be seen on Ms. Lyle’s website at www.patricialyle.com.

Plans are well underway for the city’s annual tribute to the bright spring visitor.

In nine weeks, the downtown Georgetown Square will come alive with the sights, sounds and smells of the festival as artisans, musicians and food vendors draw in thousands of visitors.

Tourism coordinator Cari Miller said there are still a few artisan spots available for the festival.

All items must be home-made, and the deadline for securing a booth is the end of February.

Fees start at \$195 for a 10-by-10-foot booth and go up according to size.

Ms. Miller said vendor applications and additional festival information can be found at poppy.georgetown.org.

Reserved concert tables of eight will also be available this year, though availability is dwindling fast, Ms. Miller said. It costs \$100 to reserve a table for Friday and \$125 for Saturday.

Radiostar is performing Friday, and Mark Chestnut is headlining Saturday night’s performance.

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