

# ARTS & CULTURE

Formed in 2004, the Pauls Valley Arts Council is dedicated to all facets of the arts in Pauls Valley and the surrounding region. "Enriching the Community through the Arts" is the stated mission of the Pauls Valley Arts Council (PVAC). The Pauls Valley Arts and Cultural Center, 220 W Paul Ave., was officially opened in 2010 and is now being used for meetings, art walks, art shows, workshops, small theatre productions and other art related projects.



Some of the PVAC's noteworthy community efforts since its formation include hosting a series of summer arts and theater workshops, sponsoring summer concerts 'Music in the Park' in the Pauls Valley's historic Wacker Park band shell, producing live theatrical plays, and bringing the Oklahoma City Philharmonic to Pauls Valley. Among the most popular themed events hosted by the PVAC are the Halloween Art & Glow Show, Past-Present-Future Art Show, Garvin County and surrounding areas Student Art Shows, Garvin County Mental Health Art Show, The Man Art Show, and the Trashformation Art Show. The Trashformation Art Show was a finalist in the 2014 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Environmental Excellence Awards. Another event, the Trash In Fashion Show, a runway competition where outfits had to be made out of 80% reused materials, received top honors at the 2013 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Awards by receiving the OGE Environmental Excellence Award.



In June 2017, PVAC added the Fifth Friday Art Walks where local galleries, local businesses, and the Pauls Valley Arts and Cultural Center display local and out of town artists including artists' talks/live demonstrations, chalk artists, face painting, and street performers such as mariachi bands, celtic bands, solo musicians, bag pipe bands, celloists, duets, a stilt walker, unicyclist, dancing inside a hoop, and a fire breather. The Art Walk dates are April 30, July 30, October 29 and December 31.

In August 2019, ACT (Arts Council Theater) came back to life with it's first production: "Dearly Departed" followed by "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" 19 ending with "Marvel's Hammered, a Thor and Loki Play."

Funding for PVAC/ACT events and activities has been provided by the Pauls Valley Tourism Board and from the membership dues plus donations. If interested in becoming a member of the PVAC, email [paulsvalleyartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:paulsvalleyartscouncil@gmail.com) or visit [paulsvalleyartscouncil.org](http://paulsvalleyartscouncil.org).



## PAULS VALLEY OPRY

Take in a show by the Pauls Valley Opry, showcasing the best in local and regional country music talent. The opry is a monthly event which occurs on the first Saturday of each month at the Pauls Valley High School Auditorium, 601 North St., Pauls Valley. The Pauls Valley Opry revived a 1960s and 1970s tradition built on traveling the state to play country, rock and folk music in a variety of clubs. Hear the Memory Makers Band live each month as touring musicians and local talent layer on their unique vocals.





**TOY AND ACTION FIGURE MUSEUM**

**(405) 238-6300**

**[www.actionfiguremuseum.com](http://www.actionfiguremuseum.com)**

The Toy and Action Figure Museum pays homage to those who have turned children’s toys into works of art. Located in the heart of historic downtown Pauls Valley, the museum features over 13,000 action figures, including the original Balrog prototype from Lord of the Rings, and an improved Play Room that features a variety of interactive displays and costumes for children.

Open seven days a week, the museum is also the home of the Oklahoma Cartoonists Collection, showcasing some of Oklahoma’s most noted cartoonists.

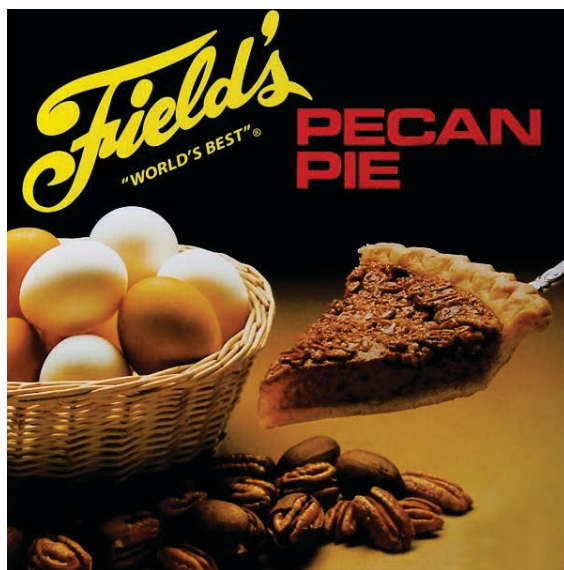
**FIELD’S PIES**

**(405) 238-7381**

**[www.fieldspies.com](http://www.fieldspies.com)**

Pauls Valley is the home of the world famous Field’s Pecan Pies. Field’s Pies continues an over 90-year tradition of making the “World’s Best” all natural pecan pies. In addition to their famous pecan pie, Field’s also makes German chocolate and lemon chess pies, which are sold in grocery stores across Oklahoma and surrounding states.

The iconic pie company started in 1962, when an old building in downtown Pauls Valley was converted into a pie plant. The pie division grew out of other ventures by the Field Family: a tavern, gas station and restaurant. Eventually, the small crew turned out 3,000 pies daily at the new Field’s pie headquarters. By 1967, the company had five trucks supplying fresh pies throughout Oklahoma. Today, they produce 12,000 pies in each 8-hour shift.



**THE VAULT**

**(405)343-6610**

**[www.thevaultpaulsvalley.com](http://www.thevaultpaulsvalley.com)**

The Vault Art Space and Gathering Place is an art gallery and event venue at 111 E. Paul Ave. in historic downtown Pauls Valley. The Vault has been bring people together through art since 2017. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and weekend visits available by appointment.