



Watermelon Harvest and Sampling

Celebrate National Watermelon Month with Landmark Park on July 16 at 10 a.m. with a Watermelon Harvest and Sampling. Varieties grown at Landmark Park include Moon and Stars, Black Diamond, Charleston Gray, Crimson Sweet and Jubilee. Watermelon Queens will join the fun. Master Gardener Tom Boyle coordinates this event each year. The Watermelon Sampling is free with paid gate admission and is co-hosted by the Alabama Watermelon Association.

According to the Alabama Watermelon Association, watermelon is appreciated by nutritionists for its high levels of A, C and B6. A two-cup serving of watermelon is also a source of potassium, a mineral necessary for water balance.



Honey Extraction



Join Landmark Park on June 25 at 10 a.m. for a Honey Extraction Workshop and learn all about bees and the important role they play in our lives. The workshop is hosted by the Wiregrass Beekeepers and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and is free with paid gate admission. Guests will have a chance to watch as honey from the hives at Landmark Park is uncapped by hand, extracted from the comb and bottled. Honey will be on sale at the event and at Landmark Park while supplies last. For more info, contact Ros Horton at 334-790-2087 or the office at 334-794-3452.

Landmark Park to Participate in Blue Star Museums

Landmark Park is one of 2,000 museums and parks across North America to offer free admission to active military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense.

Organizations participating in the Blue Star Museums network will offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2016.

"We are proud to participate in this program, especially since Fort Rucker is so close and we have so many family-oriented activities planned this summer," says William Holman, executive director of Landmark Park. "It is a great way to

say thanks to the men and women who serve our country."

The free admission program is available to active military who present a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID) or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card. Free gate admission to the park will be granted to the military ID holder and up to five family members during the stated time period. For a complete list of Blue Star Museums, visit www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.

"Special thanks are due locally to the Army Aviation Federal Credit Union for serving as our corporate partner in this program," says Holman. "Their financial support will help underwrite the cost of offering this program."

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DATES TO REMEMBER

BLUE STAR MUSEUMS Memorial Day-Labor Day

ANIMAL ADVENTURES June 24, July 8, 15, 22

ANIMAL TALES June 7, 14, 21

WIREGRASS COMMON HERITAGE June 4, 25

MUSIC BY MOONLIGHT June 16, 30, July 14

FATHERS DAY ADMISSION SPECIAL June 19

HONEY EXTRACTION June 25

HERITAGE FORUMS Sundays In July

WATERMELON TASTING July 16

SCIENCE ON SATURDAY Saturdays in August

LOW COUNTRY BOIL September 15

SYRUP MAKING WORKSHOP September 24

Animal Adventures

Each Friday starting June 24 through July 22, Landmark Park will present Animal Adventures, a special one-hour educational program which provides a unique opportunity to learn about our natural world. Children ages 5 and older are encouraged to come with their families to see first hand the wonder of many native animals. Animal Adventure programs begin at 10 a.m. in the Park's Interpretive Center Auditorium. Animal Adventures is free with admission to the Park. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, and free for Park members. Registration is required. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JUNE 24: RADICAL REPTILES

Join reptile enthusiast Page Whatley as he introduces Park visitors to reptiles and their unique characteristics. Among the reptiles to be featured include the Eastern Indigo snake, the largest snake native to North America as well as several other reptiles native to the Wiregrass Region.

JULY 1: HOMING PIGEONS

Homing pigeons are incredible birds which have an innate homing ability which allows them to return from incredible distances to their nesting area. These birds have been used throughout history in several ways, including army messengers and to deliver medical information. Join John Ross Helms, member of the Wiregrass Racing Pigeon Club, as he shares his 30 years worth of experience raising and racing these spectacular birds. Helms will have several birds available for guests to see up close and then he will release the birds who will make the return trip home.

JULY 8: ALABAMA BIRDS

Terry Morse of Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary in Enterprise will bring birds native to this

region, including owls and other raptors. These beautiful birds are non-releasable rehabilitated birds that have been given a new purpose in life as education birds. Their feeding, hunting, and nesting habits will be discussed, as well as what you should do if you find an orphaned or injured wildlife.

JULY 15: GREAT GATORS

Tim Ward, an officer with the Alabama Department of Conservation will present a program on one of South Alabama's most misunderstood creatures, the American Alligator. A combination of slides, skins, and skulls as well as a live alligator will be used to illustrate and teach participants about the lifestyle and habitats of this threatened animal.

JULY 22: AMPHIBIANS 101

Amphibians can be slimy and lay eggs, but they also have a lot of other interesting characteristics. Join Jimmy Stiles as he talks about various amphibian species including frogs, salamanders, and one big amphiuma. Stiles works with the Alabama Natural Heritage Program through Auburn University and has been involved in herpetology for 25 years.

Music By Moonlight

Free concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. on the Gazebo Lawn. Bring your picnic and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening under the stars.

JUNE 16: CROSSFIRE 98TH ARMY BAND

JUNE 30: TRI STATE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

JULY 14: TROY DOTHAN COMMUNITY BAND

Happy Fathers' Day!

Fathers who visit Landmark Park with their children age 12 and under on June 19 will receive free park admission.

Enjoy the boardwalk, nature trails, planetarium, and top off your visit with a trip to the Martin Drugstore for an old-fashioned fountain drink or ice cream. Happy Fathers' Day!

Animal Tales

Storytellers will be telling traditional animal tales on June 7, 14 and 21 at 10 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. Registration is required and the program is free with paid gate admission. Animal Tales are recommended for preschool age children and will include stories, songs, finger plays and more.

Wiregrass Common Heritage Project Coming to Landmark Park

Two Wiregrass Common Heritage Programs will be held at Landmark Park during the month of June. The purpose of the Wiregrass Common Heritage Project is to enhance residents' understanding of the importance of their historical documents and photographs, and to preserve and make them available for researchers in the Wiregrass and across the state.

JUNE 4: PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY ARCHIVES

On June 4, Dana Chandler, archivist at Tuskegee University, will present "Preserving Your Family Archives" at Landmark Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Unfortunately, we live in a throw-away-world, but we cannot replace the past, we cannot replicate those intangible feelings that come when we see something on display that represents our shared past. Questions abound concerning how we take care of those things which embody our past and our relationship with it. This workshop will discuss preserving your family treasures. The archives staff will give special focus to preventive preservation measures, which are simple to achieve and are more economical than the options available once damage is done. Topics covered will include kinds of storage supplies to use, temperature and humidity ranges to aim for, where to store valuable items, matting and framing guidelines, reducing the risks of light and water damage, and how to deal with damage. This program is free with your paid gate admission. **Registration is required as attendance is limited to 35.** Lunch will be provided. For more info visit www.spectrum.troy.edu/WiregrassHeritage/June_4_workshop.html.

JUNE 25: COMMUNITY SCANNING DAY

There are many "Hidden Collections" of historically significant letters, diaries, photographs, and other personal and family materials in most communities. People often don't believe that their papers and photos are interesting to more than their own family. But archivists and historians are vitally interested in such treasures for the information they provide about life in the community. Community Scanning Days are a way families and individuals can share their historical papers and photographs with researchers in the area and around the world. On June 25, residents are invited to bring up to 12 unpublished family archival items, including letters, photographs, etc (no published materials please), to scan. Participants will receive copies of the scans as well as preservation materials for the scanned items. Community members are encouraged to give copies of the scans to the Wiregrass Archives to post online on the Alabama Mosaic website. For more info, visit www.spectrum.troy.edu/WiregrassHeritage/community_scanning_days.html.

This effort is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Common Heritage Program. Project co-directors are Dr. Martin T. Olliff and Dr. Robert S. Saunders. Local project partners include The Wiregrass Archives, Troy University Dothan Campus; The Department of History and Philosophy, Troy University Dothan Campus; Landmark Park and Dothan Houston County Library System.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Clarissa Smith

For this spring quarter, we would like to shine a light on our volunteer Clarissa Smith. This eighteen-year-old native of Dothan enjoys painting, drawing, and photography. Although currently a senior at Ridgecrest Christian, Clarissa plans on attending Samford University in the fall to major in Interior Design and minor in Fine Arts.

An employee for two years, a volunteer for four, and a frequent visitor of the park her whole life, Clarissa has made countless fond memories at Landmark. Her favorite memory occurred while she was helping with a 4-5-year-old summer camp. A girl would bring her flowers and drawings from home each day; this was so important to Clarissa for, "I came to realize I was making a difference in the lives of the children I was working with".

Clarissa is wonderful with children, so she is a great asset when spring and summer break camps roll around—she even attended some of these camps as a child! According to Clarissa, part of the appeal to volunteering at Landmark Park is the ability to "give back to the place where I spent my childhood".

We are so grateful, and fortunate, to have Clarissa as a volunteer here at Landmark Park!

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the park, contact Daphne Gautier (daphne@landmarkpark.com or 334-794-3452) for more information.

Calling all Quilters!



Landmark Park's annual Quilt Show will be on display Friday through Sunday, October 14-16, in conjunction with Fall Farm Day on October 15. We encourage you to share your antique or contemporary quilts at the show. Please visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com for entry forms, categories and submission dates (coming soon).

Syrup Workshop

The Alabama Syrup-Makers' Association will be sponsoring a Syrup Making Workshop on September 24 at 8 a.m. at Landmark Park. Anyone that is interested in making old fashioned cane syrup is welcome. Each segment will be covered with hands-on experience from stripping the cane, cutting the cane, squeezing the cane, filtering the cane juice, cooking the cane juice and bottling the syrup. Lunch will be provided. Each person will receive a bottle of cane syrup for their labors. The fee to attend is \$25 for adults, and \$12 for children 12 and under. To register, please call President Earl Stokes or Vice President Thomas Moore at 334-494-3037.

Sagittarius

Beginning in July, the constellation Sagittarius will be visible lower in the southeastern sky. Sagittarius, sometimes referred to as the archer, is a very large constellation that was first associated with Nergal, the God of War. Sagittarius is often seen as a centaur, half man half horse, carrying a bow with an arrow drawn towards Scorpius, the Scorpion. Because Sagittarius lies in the same direction as the center of our galaxy, when you're looking at Sagittarius you are also looking into the center of our galaxy, the Milky Way. This is also why the Milky Way will appear brightest around this constellation. If you have access to a telescope or even binoculars, you will see a lot of very interesting star clusters around Sagittarius because it is in the same direction as the center of the Milky Way.

For more information about the night sky, be sure to visit Landmark Park's planetarium! Seasonal Stars and Stories shows are on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

In the Planetarium

Shows will take place on Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Planetarium programs are \$2 per person, free for members and are not recommended for children under 5. Visit our website for a full description of each program.

SEASONAL STARS AND STORIES:

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

FULL-DOME MOVIES:

June:

10, 1 p.m. Earth, Moon & Sun

17, 1 p.m. One World, One Sky

24 1 p.m. The Little Star that Could

Saturdays, 11 a.m. Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

July:

1, 1 p.m. Earth, Moon & Sun

8, 1 p.m. One World, One Sky

15, 1 p.m. The Little Star that Could

22, 1 p.m. Two Small Pieces of Glass

29, 1 p.m. Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

Saturdays, 11 a.m. Earth, Moon & Sun

Heritage Forums

If you have an interest in history, Landmark Park is the place to be each Sunday afternoon during the month of July. Our annual Heritage Forum series will feature guest speakers presenting programs on state and local history. The forums will be presented in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at 3 p.m. Refreshments will follow each session. Registration is required, and admission to the program is free with your paid gate admission. Call 334-794-3452 to register.

JULY 10: ROBIN O'SULLIVAN, "ORGANIC OBSERVATIONS: A HISTORY OF HUMUS, HOMESTEADS, HEALTH NUTS, AND HAUTE CUISINE."



O'Sullivan will examine historical intersections between farmers, gardeners, consumers, government regulations, shoppers, grassroots groups, and mega-industries involved in the organic food movement, particularly how organic production and consumption are entrenched in the lives of all Americans, whether or not they grow or eat organic food. She is the author of "American Organic: A Cultural History of Farming, Gardening, Shopping, and Eating," published by Kansas State University Press in 2015 and a history instructor at Troy University Dothan Campus.

JULY 17: NED JENKINS, "DESOTO, LUNA, AND THE FORMATION OF THE CREEKS."



Jenkins will discuss his current research into the earliest Spanish contacts in Alabama. He is research archaeologist at Fort Toulouse/Jackson Park, is a living history reenactor and author of articles on the origins of the Creek nation and Woodland and Mississippian cultures. He has excavated in the Yucatan, on the Tombigbee River, Tennessee River, Tallapoosa River, and lower Chattahoochee. His work at Fort Toulouse in the 1980s uncovered three sequentially occupied French colonial forts there and in 1996 began Alabama Frontier Days at Toulouse.

JULY 24: DALE COX, "FORT SCOTT, FORT GAINES AND THE DEADLIEST CANNON SHOT IN AMERICAN HISTORY."



On July 27, 1816, the deadliest cannon shot in American history was fired on the Apalachicola River. The explosion of the fort at Prospect Bluff killed 270 men, women and children and destroyed the only military settlement for free African Americans of the Antebellum era. U.S. troops involved in the attack advanced from Fort Mitchell, Alabama, constructing Fort Gaines on the Chattahoochee and Fort Scott on the lower Flint as they advanced. Cox is an historian, author of 15 books on Southern and North Florida history, and resident and foremost booster of Two Egg, Florida. He is a former TV news director in Georgia and Arkansas.

JULY 31: ROBERT SAUNDERS, "A STUDY IN CONTRAST: LOVE AND WAR AS REVEALED IN THE ELODIE TODD NATHANIEL DAWSON CIVIL WAR LETTERS"



This presentation will focus on the engagement letters of Nathaniel Henry Rhodes Dawson, and Elodie Breck Todd. Dawson was a Selma, Alabama, attorney and a captain in the 4th Alabama Volunteers during the Civil War. In 1861 Elodie was a young woman visiting Selma at the outbreak of the war who was the half-sister of Mary Todd Lincoln. Saunders is an LMP board member and history professor at Troy Dothan. This is his current line of research.



Tom Thumb Wedding, Max and Edith Jones Collection

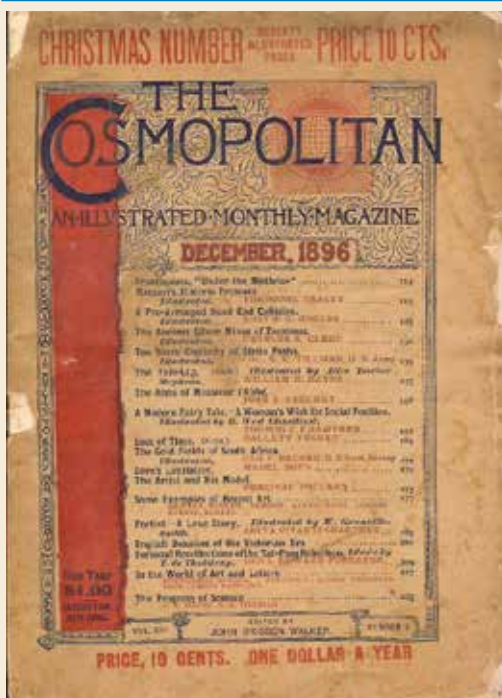
Photograph of children participating in a Tom Thumb Wedding. Tom Thumb Weddings became popular after the wedding of 19th century actor Charles Stratton, who was known in P.T. Barnum's shows as General Tom Thumb. Due to Stratton's status as a national celebrity, his marriage to Lavinia Warren in 1863 became an extravagant affair. The couple was even invited to the White House by President Abraham Lincoln shortly after their wedding. It wasn't long before re-enactments of the ceremony became popular, with children in the starring rolls, a tradition that still continues in certain areas today.

Artifact Exploration

"The Cosmopolitan: An illustrated Monthly Magazine," XXII No. 2 (December 1896), William and Miki McFatter Collection.

Cosmopolitan Magazine wasn't always an international fashion magazine for women. Originally formed as a literary magazine, Cosmopolitan Magazine was first published in 1886. The magazine shifted from a literary magazine in the mid-1960s when Helen Gurley Brown became chief editor and reinvented the magazine to be more for the modern, single, career woman. This edition of the magazine includes articles about the holiday season and cost 25 cents or \$1 for a year subscription.

For more information about items in Landmark Park's Collection and the history of those items, check out our blog at www.landmarkpark-artifacts.tumblr.com. If you're interested in donating an item to Landmark Park please contact Anna (Anna@landmarkpark.com or 334-794-3452) to set up an appointment.



NEW MEMBERS



By Janis Lepley

A special welcome to our new members. To all our previous members who renewed since our last newsletter, a sincere thank you.

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- Vince & Vicki Richter for donation of Red Wattle pigs

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1st "Coral Honeysuckle" by Patricia Lyday
2nd "Pink Flowering Tree" by Larry J. Puckett
3rd "Blue Flower" by Patricia Lyday
Honorable Mention "cotton" by Larry J. Puckett

ANIMALS CATEGORY

1st "Ram" by Patricia Lyday
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3rd "Lizard on a Log" by Larry J. Puckett
Honorable mention "Grasshopper" by Patricia Lyday

SCENIC CATEGORY

1st "Bottles" by Kelly Crowell
2nd "Music at Park" by Larry J. Puckett
3rd "Waddell House" by Patricia Lyday
Honorable "Wagon Wheel by Fence" by Larry J. Puckett

PEOPLE CATEGORY

1st "In the Cabin" by Patricia Lyday
2nd "Waiting Turn" by Larry J. Puckett

SPECIAL EVENTS CATEGORY

1st "Guitars" by Lisa Williams
2nd "Tractor" by Larry J. Puckett
Juvenile category
1st "New Life" by Jack Jones
2nd "Pig Tail" by Jack Jones



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Low Country Boil

Landmark Park's annual Low Country Boil will be held on Thursday, September 15 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park. Join us for a laid-back feast! Shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and a blend of spices will simmer in a 60-gallon kettle for a mouth-watering dish. Also enjoy music and a silent auction. Advance tickets are required. For more info, call 334-794-3452 or email wmholman@landmarkpark.com. All proceeds help maintain and operate Landmark Park.



Wildflowers

Spring in Alabama is quite a wondrous site to behold. Very few places on this planet have a biodiversity that can rival ours.

A single scan across any stretch of landscape around you will yield visions of a vivid rainbow of colors. Even the sides of the roads appear to be throwing confetti in celebration of winter's departure.

It is almost unbelievable that something so astoundingly beautiful is absolutely organic and natural- a free perk of living in this great state. So why observe from afar, through the barrier of our car windows, when we can admire Alabama's wildflowers up close, learning to properly identify these colorful natural wonders?



Yellow Jasmine
(*Gelsemium sempervirens*)

This evergreen vine is the harbinger of spring-typically the first flower to bloom after winter, and is observed in the highest reaches of the trees. Being a false jasmine, every part is poisonous, so don't let its honeysuckle-like appearance fool you!



Crimson Clover
(*Trifolium incarnatum*)

Considered an invasive plant that was brought from Europe for cattle feed, this member of the clover family has a striking red floret that is a common sight along our roadways during this time of year.



Tuberos Vervain
(*Verbena rigida*)

Originally from South America, the vivid purple of these flowers is hard to miss on our roadsides. Butterflies and hummingbirds frequent this hardy ground shrub with a rough, abrasive stem and leaves.



Chinese Privet
(*Ligustrum sinense*)

This highly invasive plant was brought to the US from China as an ornamental shrub, but now it has taken over the AL landscape and can be seen and smelled throughout the southeast in late spring.

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