



The New

SHARECROPPERS VOICE

Fall 2012

Southern Tenant Farmers Museum

Tyrone, Arkansas

STFM WELCOMES BRYAN PIERCE

Bryan Pierce was born in Washington D.C. and raised on various military installations until his father's retirement in Columbus, Georgia. He is a doctoral student at Arkansas State University with an emphasis in Heritage Studies. He received his B.A. in Philosophy and a Minor in Music from Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia. He received his M.A. from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Communications Studies in Savannah, Georgia. His interests are exploring alternative forms of mass media and various avenues within communications theory. He is currently a Graduate Assistant for Arkansas State University assigned to the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyrone, Arkansas.



Bryan Pierce



The third annual "Tour duh Sunken Lands" touring bike ride will begin at the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum on November 3 at 10 a.m.



The 52 miles bike route will take riders to cultural sites throughout the Sunken Lands. Scheduled stops include Dyess, The Painted House in Lepanto, the Delta Area Museum at Marked Tree, and the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyrone. The route will also take the riders by Whitton Farms, Rabbit Ridge Gin, the boyhood home of Johnny Cash and many fields of cotton and other crops that may still be in the process of being harvested at the time.

Last year's ride included bikers from as far away as Plano, Texas, and one inspirational 82-year old gentleman who rode the whole 52 mile route! A SAG truck is available for anyone who might need help or a ride back to their vehicle. You may ride all or part of the route.

The cost of the ride is \$30 with each rider receiving a t-shirt. Anyone interested in signing up for the ride can go to STFM's web site at <http://stfm.astate.edu> or the Sunken Lands web site at <http://sunkenlands.com> for registration forms or you may register on the morning of the ride at 9:00 a.m. at Southern Tenant Farmers Museum.

TAKE A PEEK IN OUR GIFT SHOP



Redneck Wine Glass

\$9.50

Available in a wide-mouth mixer glass or an original 16-ounce wine glass.

Works even better with Grandma's Southern Sweet Tea!! (Also comes with a lid!)

MEMBERSHIP SOUTHERN TENANT FARMERS MUSEUM

Individual - \$25
Family - \$40
Seniors/Students \$10

Free Admission—15% off Gift Shop items—Newsletter
Call or email any STFM staff member



COME VISIT US!

Hours

Monday-Friday: 9 am – 3 pm
Saturday: Noon – 3 pm

Admission

Adults: \$5
Seniors/Students/Groups: \$3



Riders getting ready to leave on the 2011 Tour duh Sunken Lands



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New ASU Chancellor Tim Hudson and his wife, Dr. Deidra Hudson, enjoyed their first visit to STFM. Joining them were Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Director of ASU Heritage Sites and Paula Miles, Assistant Director of ASU Heritage Sites.

SPECIAL EVENTS & HOLIDAY HOURS

Saturday, November 3

Tour duh Sunken Lands Bike Ride.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the ride starting at 10 a.m. Tours will be available until 3:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday

We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 22-24. We will resume regular museum hours on Monday, November 26.

ASU Ringers

Sunday, December 2

STFM and the Tyronza First Baptist Church will "ring" in the Christmas season with a concert by the ASU Ringers at 5:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. The performance is free and the public is invited.



Christmas Open House

December 7

Christmas Open House and Tyronza Christmas Parade are December 7. Open House will be from 1:00 – 6:00. We will have refreshments and activities for children during the open house. The Tyronza Christmas Parade starts at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas and New Year's Holiday

December 19 – January 1

We will be closed for 2 weeks for the Christmas holidays. We will resume regular museum hours on Tuesday January 2.

Dr Lillie Fears and her Agriculture Communications class spent the evening at STFM learning issues and trends in agriculture for use as the focus in their journalism and mass communications training.



Recent visitors to STFM include Dr. Bert Greenwalt and his Agriculture Policy Class from ASU in Jonesboro. The class spent the evening at the museum learning about the sharecropping system and the Great Depression's effect on agriculture.

HOWL'S JOURNEY ACROSS THE STATE

A new book written by Dr. Nancy Hendricks and illustrated by Tim Williams is now available in the STFM gift shop. The children's book follows ASU's mascot, Howl, as he travels across the state of Arkansas visiting all of the ASU Heritage Sites, including Southern Tenant Farmers Museum, and other ASU branch campuses. He even travels on to Little Rock to visit Governor Beebe, who is an ASU alumnus. The book retails for \$15.00 but anyone wishing to buy a copy can buy it at a discounted price of \$12.00 at STFM or any other heritage site.

Call or email Linda Hinton or any staff member at STFM if you are interested in purchasing a book.

