



The New Sharecroppers Voice

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Southern Tenant Farmers Museum

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STFM Quilt Show

The Southern Tenant Farmers Quilt Show has expanded this year with the assistance and support of the Sunken Lands Regional Chamber of Commerce. On Saturday, March 6, the towns of Tyronza, Marked Tree, Lepanto, and Dyess will each host individual quilt shows in various locations throughout the communities and will include not only quilt displays, but food and crafts as well as lectures and classes.

Dyess will host a display of quilts at the historic Dyess Colony Circle and Administration Building. Lepanto will feature quilts at the House of Books, next door to the Goldsby Library on 240 Greenwood Street, and possibly at the Painted House (Greenwood and East Oak Streets, Lepanto). Marked Tree will feature quilts in two locations. The Marked Tree Delta Area Museum (308 Frisco Street, Marked Tree) will have a large quilt display, as will the United Methodist Church (304 Frisco Street, Marked Tree) located next door to the museum and near the main business district. The United Methodist Church will also feature a line of crafts for sale and food items.



Tyronza will feature quilts at the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum, the Upper Room Apostolic Church (164 South Main Street, Tyronza), the First Baptist Church (244 South Main Street, Tyronza), the First Pentecostal Church, and the Tyronza Church of Christ (107 School Street, Tyronza). The Upper Room Apostolic Church will host a bake sale in conjunction with the event, and the First Baptist Church will again host their country café featuring a beans and cornbread dinner in the fellowship hall.

Classes and lectures will be given in Tyronza. The schedule is:

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| 9:30 – 10:45 | Lecture: <i>Codes in the Quilts</i> , by Marjorie Hunter
Tyronza Church of Christ |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Class: <i>Hand Piecing for Beginners</i> , with Freda Grisham
Southern Tenant Farmers Museum |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Class: <i>Fusible Appliqué</i> , with Marjorie Hunter
Tyronza Elementary Classroom |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Lecture: <i>The Arkansas Sesquicentennial Quilt Project: Lessons Learned in the Last Twenty-Five Years</i> , by Dr. Mike Luster
Tyronza Church of Christ |

- 1:30 – 3:00 Class: *Hand Quilting for Beginners*, with Freda Grisham
Southern Tenant Farmers Museum
- 2:00 – 3:00 Class: *Yo-Yo Quilts*, with Marjorie Hunter
Tyronza Elementary Classroom
- 3:30 – 4:30 Lecture: *Tell Me Everything You Know: Quilting Circles as a
Function of Community Past and Present*, by Rachel Reynolds
Tyronza Church of Christ

Maps of the quilt show locations in all four towns will be available at each site. Contact Linda Hinton (lhinton@astate.edu) assistant director of the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum (<http://stfm.astate.edu>) at (870) 487-2909 for information and to reserve class space. E-mail the museum at stfm@ritternet.com.

East Poinsett County High School Art Exhibit

The art students of Mrs. Melinda Burcham of East Poinsett County High School in Lepanto, Arkansas, will be exhibiting their works during the month of April. Various students in grades 9-12 will be showcasing their work in the Bank Gallery. More information about this exhibit will be available on the museum web page, <http://stfm.astate.edu>, at a later date.

10th Annual Arkansas Delta Byways Awards

The Arkansas Delta Byways, a tourism organization representing a 15-county region in East Arkansas, presents awards annually to recognize outstanding tourism achievements. During the award presentations on February 26, several local events and organizations were recognized.

Whitton Farms, owned by Keith and Jill Forrester of Whitton, were presented with the Entrepreneur Award. Keith and Jill were recognized for their outstanding produce and their “feast”ivals featuring fresh foods prepared by local chefs from Memphis and Jonesboro.



The Sunken Lands representatives accept their award

Marjorie Hunter of Marion was named as a finalist in the Cultural Heritage Award with her “Hope and Despair” exhibit of Farm Security Administration photos during the depression. This exhibit of black/white photography was on display at the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in May, 2009.

The Sunken Lands Regional Chamber of Commerce, which includes the cities of Tyronza, Dyess, Lepanto and Marked Tree, was also selected as a finalist in the Promotional Award division for its cultural roadway project. The roadway project recognizes historic and cultural sites throughout the Sunken Lands and promotes them through the SLRCC web site and signage. The Tour de Sunken Lands bike ride and the Sunken Lands Trail Ride were also mentioned during the awards presentation.

Thank You

Since our grand opening in October, 2006, our visitor count has increased every year. Because of supporters such as you, our count continues to grow. Thank you for your past support and we hope each of you will continue to encourage others to visit the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum and participate in all activities.

<i>Annual Visitor Count</i>			
2006	2007	2008	2009
374	589	2,847	3,840



Visitors enjoy the March of Time film

Membership

With the New Year come membership renewals! If you have not already renewed your membership, or would like to become a member, please come by the museum and pay your dues. We will always accept dues by mail also. Membership gives you discounts on workshops and events, a 10% discount on gift shop items and the quarterly newsletter, *The New Sharecropper's Voice*.

Student & Senior Citizens 65+ -- \$10.00

Individual -- \$25.00

Family -- \$40.00

STFM EVENT CALENDAR	
March 6	Quilt Festival
April	EPC Art Exhibit
May 14-15	Stars & Stripes Jubilee



Volunteers are always needed. Call the museum today!!

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