



The New

SHARECROPPERS VOICE

Fall 2014

Southern Tenant Farmers Museum

Tyrone, Arkansas

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Our 2014 Holiday Open House will be held on Friday, December 5, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the museum. Later that evening, hot chocolate and cookies will be available after the Tyrone Christmas Parade. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone on the 5th to kick off the holiday season!

Happy Holidays!

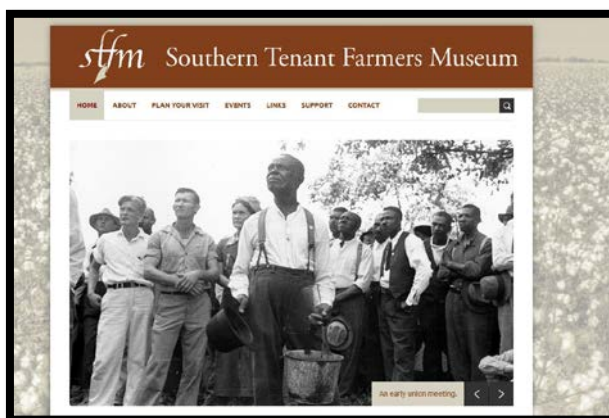


STFM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum website got a facelift thanks to Dr. Allyson Gill and her team at the Arkansas State University Center for Digital Initiatives. The website includes a timeline for events before and after the union was organized as well as photos and present day museum events.

New to the website are resources that a class can use while studying about the union, the Great Depression and the New Deal along with links to our other Arkansas State University Heritage Sites.

To look at the new website, go to <http://stfm.astate.edu>.



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

TAKE A PEEK IN OUR GIFT SHOP



Holiday Gift Ideas

Cypress Creek Scented Candles

\$7.00

Colorful Scented Hot Pads

\$6.99





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*You are cordially invited to the
Southern Tenant Farmers Museum*

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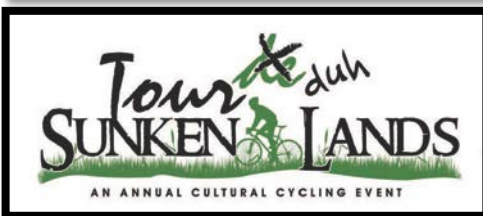
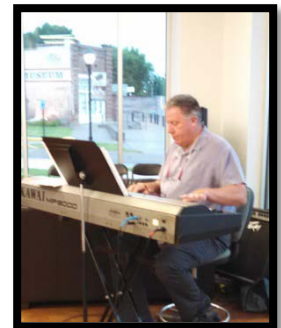
Friday, December 5

1 pm – 4 pm

117 S Main Street - Tyronza, AR

MUSEUM MEMBERS DINNER

The museum member's dinner was dampened a little by the severe thunderstorm warning but did not dampen the great time that was had by those that attended. The food, furnished by Tyboogie's and Midway Café, was delicious. The live music by Mitch Ellenburg was beautiful. After dinner, Mitch's "name that tune" trivia had everyone guessing the songs from the 30s and proudly—and some loudly--sang along when they realized that it was a song they knew. Hopefully next year's weather forecast will be bright and sunny and everyone will be able to join in the fun.



The Tour duh Sunken Lands Fall Touring Ride was held on November 1. Fifty four bicycle riders came out to ride the fifty-four mile cultural cycling event. Stops included STFM, Historic Dyess Colony: Boyhood Home of Johnny Cash, the Painted House, Rivervale Tunnels and the Marked Tree Delta Area Museum. Riders came from all parts of Arkansas as well as some from Mississippi and Tennessee. The ride is held annually and is sponsored by the Sunken Lands Regional Chamber of Commerce.



RECENT VISITORS AND CLASSES



SEMINAR ON FOLKLORE CLASS ASU JONESBORO

As always, we welcomed another enthusiastic class from Arkansas State University. On September 23, Dr. Gregory Hansen conducted his graduate level Seminar on Folklore class amidst the walls of our museum. Bryan Pierce, ASU graduate assistant and a member of this class, presented to tour. In keeping with the theme of their course, the tour was tailored towards acknowledging how legend is often intertwined with history in order to develop interpretations for heritage sites. The students attentively participated in discussions that centered on the folklore which derived from Northeast Arkansas. Recognizing how important this region's oral traditions are to our museum's grand narrative became the primary lesson learned on this visit to STFM.



AGRICULTURE POLICY CLASS ASU JONESBORO

Dr. Bert Greenwalt's Agriculture Policy class had a great outing this semester while visiting the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum. Along with learning about the New Deal's effect on Northeast Arkansas and the history of the STFU, they had an opportunity to have dinner at the new Tyboogie's café in Tyronza.



FICTIONAL SOUTH CLASS ASU JONESBORO

Dr. Deborah Chappel-Traylor's Fictional South class enjoyed their outing at Tyronza. After a tour of STFM, they all gathered in front of the mural for a photo souvenir of the day.





TRAVEL WRITERS ENJOY STFM

A group of 18 travel writers from as far away as California converged on STFM to learn the history of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union and to see our heritage site. The writers toured throughout Northeast Arkansas visiting our sister sites—Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum at Piggott and Historic Dyess Colony: Boyhood Home of Johnny Cash—as well as Hampson State Park and other interesting stops. The group was sponsored by Arkansas Parks and Tourism.



IRAQI SUMMER INSTITUTE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

A group of students from Iraq attended the Iraqi Summer Institute in July at Mississippi State University to experience farming techniques in the United States. After visiting Whitton Farms to learn about vegetable farming, they toured STFM to discover some of our local history. They were fascinated by the New Madrid Earthquake and its effect on the landscape of Northeast Arkansas.



**New STFM shirts and tote bags are now
available in our gift shop.**

Shirts - \$12.00

Cotton Boll Tote - \$10.00

