



37th Annual Iris Festival SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

TENNESSEE IRIS FESTIVAL ART TOUR

Chairperson: Lauren Bean, 731-364-2270

View tasteful photographs, drawings, and paintings displayed throughout Dresden area businesses in our first ever Dresden Art Tour. Entries into the art show come from Weakley, Obion, Gibson, Carroll, and Henry County in the age divisions of 17 & under and 18 & older. The art will be displayed during the entire week of the 37th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival and can be viewed during regular operating hours of the participating businesses. Maps of the participating businesses are available at Dresden City Hall, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, and many of our businesses around town.

CITYWIDE YARD SALE

Chairperson: Nancy Jarred, 514-8761

Spend your day exploring hidden treasures and great bargains across the city of Dresden. Bring your friends and enjoy being out and about town when it's Iris Time in Tennessee! Your \$5.00 participation fee may be paid at Dresden City Hall. Checks may be written to Tennessee Iris Festival. The deadline to register is April 22, 2016. Maps are available at Dresden City Hall Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

BICYCLE RODEO

Chairperson: Joey Winstead

Bring your bicycle and enjoy riding in a fun filled obstacle course in the Ned Ray McWherter Civic Center parking lot beginning at 3:00 p.m.

POWER WHEELS IN THE PARK

Chairperson: Brian & Lori Mathis, 364-2565

Bring your Power Wheels for a fun drag racing and obstacle course experience. Participants may be ages 7 and under. Event will take place in City of Dresden Park at 5:00 p.m. and two Power Wheels will be given away! Some

additional Power Wheels will be available for participants to use. For more information contact the chairpersons.

ARTS & CRAFTS MARKETPLACE

Chairperson: Sarah McAlpin & Meagan Jolly, 514-8727

Visit arts, crafts, and fine merchandise vendors and shop for souvenirs and gifts at the marketplace at Dresden City Park from 4:00 p.m. to dark. To be a vendor, visit www.tennesseerisfestival.net and fill out an application. The cost of a booth is \$25. Tables will be available for your 10' x 10' booth space. Set up will begin at 2:00 p.m.

TENNESSEE IRIS FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY

Chairpersons: TN Iris Festival Executive Board, 514-8727 or 514-1605

Join us at Dresden City Park at 6:00 p.m. as the 37th celebration begins! This fun night of entertainment features live music from the local band "Avonlea", free food, and a fantastic fireworks show sponsored by Savant Learning Systems. The "UC Balloon Guy" will also be joining us to make your favorite balloon animals. This is an event your whole family is sure to enjoy! Be sure to bring your lawn chair!

AMERICAN DREAMS

AMUSEMENTS CARNIVAL

The carnival will be set up at the old McCauley's Chevrolet Parking Lot. Opening night will be Saturday, April 30, 2016. The carnival will run through Saturday, May 7, 2016. As always, the carnival promises fun rides and delicious concessions. Dresden Elementary, Middle School and High School students will be visiting the carnival during the Festival week.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

CEMETERY WALK

Chairpersons: Bobby Goode, 364-5391 & Tommy Moore, 364-2915

This event is a favorite of many and sure to be enjoyable to people of all ages. This year the Cemetery Walk will honor Funeral Directors, with special emphasis on Bowlin Funeral Home that recently celebrated

100 years in business. The actors will introduce the visitors to the many morticians and funeral directors from our community buried at Sunset. The guides will discuss with their groups the customs and traditions of funerals in rural West Tennessee over the years. Historical pictures and memorabilia will be on display. Don't miss this enjoyable afternoon of oral, interpretive history. Transportation will be available to those in need of assistance in traveling the course of the cemetery. Sponsors and first tour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Last tour begins at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Chairperson: First Baptist Church, Dresden - 364-2212

Begin the week at 7:00 a.m. in fellowship at the Dresden First Baptist Family Life Center. A breakfast and program will be provided by Dresden First Baptist Church. Dignitaries, city, county, and state officials will be recognized. Tickets cost \$5.00 each and may be purchased at the door immediately before the event. Tickets are available for purchase in advance at Dresden First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Dresden City Hall and Simmons Bank in Dresden.

TASTING PARTY

Chairperson: Winnie Moore, 364-2077, 234-5641

Come enjoy the fine cooking and popular dishes of the area's best cooks at The Dresden Elks Lodge from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. In addition to the tasting party we will also be introducing our new cookbook "The Iris: Vintage Edition" for the first time! Come out and get a cookbook before they are sold! Quantity is limited! Admission is \$7.00 at the door.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

CHILDREN'S BINGO

Chairperson: Dresden Elementary Principal Mike Laughrey, 364-3401

Bring your children up to 12 years old to Dresden Elementary School from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a free game of Bingo. Fun prizes will be awarded! Please stay with your children while they play or make plans to pick them up at DES no later than 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

BAKING CONTEST

Chairperson: Gail Rogers, 364-5678

Think you're a good cook? Enter your prize-winning recipe and let the judges decide. There is no cost to enter. Bring your baked dishes to the McWherter Civic Center between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.

IRIS FESTIVAL FUN BINGO

Chairperson: Josh Pirtle, 514-1605

This is one of the most popular events of the week and offers many opportunities to win. The game itself is suspenseful and exciting, and the fun is topped by the great prizes you may win. Bingo is the place to be! Come to the Dresden Middle School Gym from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. to get in on the action. Admission is free. Must be 18 to enter.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

Chairperson: Gail Rogers, 364-5678

Bring a dish, enjoy a free potluck meal and enjoy the fellowship at 12:00 noon at McWherter Civic Center. Door prizes will also be given. Sponsored by Sandra Klutts and Company.

QUILT SHOW

Chairperson: Gail Rogers, 364-5678

To register, please take your quilts to the McWherter Civic Center on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for qualified entry. See event under Thursday May 5, 2016 for more information. Sponsored by Ronnie Stoker.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Chairperson: Martha Hopper, John Johnson, Christina Oliver, Kelley and Shelia Swearingen (First Baptist Church, Dresden) 364-2212

Come eat delicious pancakes at Dresden First Baptist Family Life Center served by the Men's Ministry and Women on Mission before the community-wide church service from 5:00-6:45 p.m. Tickets will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 3-6 years old and free for children 2 years old and younger. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in

advance. All proceeds will be given to Santa's Helpers. Please contact chairpersons to purchase advance tickets.

COMMUNITY WIDE GOSPEL SINGING

Chairperson: Tommy Moore, 364-2915

Enjoy community fellowship at Dresden First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. The featured group is the Renaissance Quartet from Bethel University under the direction of Matthew Holt. This group has encouraged and uplifted listeners with their nique style since the conception of the group in 2006. The group has traveled from coast to coast leading worship and performing in concerts of all kinds. The Quartet won best new group at the 2009 National Quartet Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, besting 41 other groups in the competition. They opened the final evening show in 2009 at the Convention before an audience of 23,000 people. If you enjoyed last year's Iris Festival Singing, you will remember that Renaissance performed to rave reviews and scores of standing ovations. An added treat is the accompaniment and direction of Matthew Holt, acclaimed pianist for the Gaither Vocal Band, who will favor our festival with at least one solo during the evening. Don't miss this worship service and blessed evening of wonderful music.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Chairperson: Amie Whittle, 693-0606, or Sarah Overcast, 514-0858

Come to the West Side of Court Square in Dresden from 9:00 to 12:00 noon as local health care providers give free health screenings and resource education.

QUILT SHOW

Chairperson: Gail Rogers, 364-5678

Whether you enjoy quilting as a hobby, a trade, or simply enjoy viewing the pieces other people have made, you should make a point to come by the McWherter Civic Center between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Advanced registration for entry is required. To register, please take your quilts to the McWherter Civic Center on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for qualified entry.