

40th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival Schedule of Events

The 40th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival in Dresden promises to be bigger and better than ever, with several enhanced and returning events. The weeklong festival features activities sure to be of interest to young and old alike.



SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019

Citywide Yard Sale

*Chairperson: DeDe Morris, 731-364-2270, Connie Cheatham 731-514-9593.

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 to be listed on the map is April 24, 2019. Maps will be available at Dresden City Hall on April 25, 2019.

Power Wheels in the Park

* Chairperson: First Community Bank (731)-364-0000

Bring your battery powered toy 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 one Power Wheel will be given away! For more information contact First Community Bank.

Tennessee Iris Festival Opening Ceremony

*Chairpersons: TN Iris Festival Executive Board, (731) 364-2270

Join us at Dresden City Park at 6:00 p.m. as the 40th annual celebration begins! This fun night of entertainment features live music from the local band "The Flashback Band," free food donated by Volunteer Distributing and Tyson and prepared by MTD, and a fantastic fireworks show sponsored by Savant Learning Systems. This is an event your whole family is sure to enjoy! Bring your lawn chair.



SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2019

Cemetery Walk

*Chairpersons: Bobby Goode, (731) 364-5391 & Tommy Moore, (731) 364-2915

The Iris Festival 2019 Cemetery Walk will feature stories from the Streets. Actors will portray the individuals from our community for whom our streets are named. They will share life stories of these people, as well as, some stories from the streets of our community. Guides will carry groups through the Cemetery to be introduced to these characters from our history. Don't miss this event on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery.



MONDAY APRIL 29, 2019

Tennessee Iris Festival Farm, Family, and Tradition Art Show

*Chairperson: DeDe Morris, (731) 364-2270, communitydevelopment@cityofdresden.net

You will not want to miss the Tennessee Iris Festival Stories of Our Streets Art Show! View tasteful photographs, drawings, and paintings displayed at City Hall in beautiful downtown Dresden. Entries into the art show are from two age divisions: 17 & under and 18 & older. View the art from April 9th – May 5th during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Winners will be announced on April 27th. Get in the spirit and join the fun at the TN Iris Festival Stories of Our Streets Art Show!

Prayer Breakfast

*Chairperson: First United Methodist Church in Dresden, (731) 364-2419

Begin the week at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall at the Dresden First United Methodist Family Life Center. A breakfast and program will be provided by Dresden First United Methodist Family Life Center. 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.

Tasting Party

Chairperson: Winnie Moore, (731) 364-2077, (731) 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. This popular event is a unique and deliciously fun affair for the many people who love the Tennessee Iris Festival. Admission is \$7.00 at the door.



TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2019

Children's Fun Bingo

*Chairperson: Dresden Elementary Principal, Melanie Needham (731) 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.

Iris Festival Fun Bingo

*Chairperson: Josh Pirtle, (731) 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.



WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2019

Baking Contest

*Chairperson: Gail Rogers, (731) 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 and 10:00 a.m. The judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

*Chairperson: Gail Rogers, (731) 364-

5678

Bring a dish, enjoy a free potluck meal, and enjoy the fellowship at 12:00 noon at the McWherter Civic Center. Door prizes will also be given. Special thanks to Bancorp South, Wendell Alexander Realty, and the Dresden Senior Citizen Center Rook Players for sponsoring this meal.

Pancake Supper

*Chairperson: Martha Hopper, John Johnson, and Christina Oliver, Kelley and Shelia Swearingen - First Baptist Church - (731) 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 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Tickets will be \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 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 by contacting the church office. All proceeds will be given to Santa's Helpers of Dresden.

Community Wide Gospel Singing

*Chairperson: Tommy Moore, (731) 364-2915

The Dresden First Baptist Church is the venue for the annual Iris Festival Gospel Music event, this year featuring the classically trained, tenor Mike Bundon, currently Minister of Music and Worship at Smithwood Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. Renowned as a soloist with the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale and The Century Men, his operatic tenor, was featured in April 2019 by the Knoxville Handel Society, in the performance of The Creation, by Franz Joseph Haydn at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. That highly esteemed oratorio depicts the Creation of the world and was enhanced by a 30 piece orchestra. He has an undergraduate degree from Carson Newman Baptist University and a Masters in Music from UT Knoxville, where he was the Viola Bitzas full graduate scholarship recipient and trained in voice with George Bitzas, known as the man who sang the National Anthem before UT football games. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this musical presentation.

Welcome to the 40th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival!



Saturday, April 27 - Saturday, May 4



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