

2019 Calendar of Events

Events are current as of Dec. 15, 2018. Please check www.MostCajun.com for the most current calendar. VPTC is not responsible for submitted events. Information contained in this calendar is the responsibility of the individual event planners. Events are subject to change without notice. It is best to confirm dates before making travel plans. Thank you!

On-going Exhibits & Events

Every other Sat. beginning 1/5-12/21: Cajun Jam Sessions. Museum Cafe, Erath. Enjoy live Cajun music. 2-6 pm. 337-937-0012.

Every other Sat., 1/12-12/28: Touchet's Jam Sessions. Touchet's Bar, Maurice. Live music and dancing. 2-6 pm. Free. 337-893-9882, www.touchetsbar.com.

Held during the year: Induction of Living Legends. Museum Café, Erath. The Acadian Museum recognizes and inducts individuals who have helped to shape and define our Cajun culture into the Order of Living Legends. Music, 2-6 p.m.; Ceremony, 4 p.m. Free. 337-233-5832, www.acadianmuseum.com

Held the 2nd Sat. of the month (except for May): Dutch Oven Cooking in the Campground. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration and taste testing at noon. 9 am-noon. \$3 per person to enter the Park. 337-893-2470.

Held the 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month: French Table at the Maurice Museum. Maurice Villien Museum, Maurice. Whether you are trying to learn conversational French or would like to brush-up on your French, all levels are invited to join in. Table begins at 10 am. 337-893-7968.

TBA: Erath's Farmers Market. Erath. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, crafts and more. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-522-2338.

3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7: Delcambre Seafood & Farmers Market. Bayou Carlin, Delcambre. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, music and more. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 800-884-6120 ext. 6, www.delcambremarket.org.

3/16, 4/13*, 5/18, 6/15, 7/13, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/7: Abbeville Farmers' & Artisans' Market. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Open air market with local produce, crafts, etc. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-652-6148. *Market will be held from 8 am-3 pm.

3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 6/29, 7/27, 8/31, 9/28, 10/26: Coffee and Music. Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnuts, cracklins and boudin while listening to music by local musicians. 9:30-11 am. Free. 337-643-1528.

1/2-3/30: "Gregory Meaux & Students." Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. This mixed-media exhibit will feature the artwork of local artist Gregory "Kleby" Meaux and his students. Wed.-Sat., 9 am-1 pm. Free. 337-643-1528.

1/3-3/19: "Swamp Spirits 2019 & Wortman Pottery." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Nine local artists are given the same photo to paint their interpretation. The pottery of David and Emily Wortman will also be displayed. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

1/12-2/28: "Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. An exhibit to highlight Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's life and dedication to the Civil Rights Movement. Mon-Sat., 9am-4:30 pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600.

4/1-5/31: "Hats off to Spring." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. An exhibit of antique hats, gloves and purses as well as unique jewelry by Renee Hebert. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

4/3-6/29: "Theresa de Perrodil Trahan." Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. This mixed-media exhibit will feature the artwork of local artist Theresa de Perrodil Trahan. Wed.-Sat., 9 am-1 pm. Free. 337-643-1528.

6/1-8/30: "Carolyn's Creative Corner & Collectibles." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Needlework, quilts, Japanese framed silk panels, and more. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

7/1-9/30: "Swamp Spirits 2019." Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Nine local artists are given the same photo to paint their interpretation. Wed.-Sat., 9 am-1 pm. Free. 337-643-1528.

9/1-10/31: "Da Duck Stops Here." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Duck decoys, duck calls, artwork and more all celebrating ducks. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

10/1-12/30: "Swamp Spirits 2019." Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. Nine local artists are given the same photo to paint their interpretation. Mon-Sat., 9am-4:30 pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600.

10/1-12/30: "Photography of James Trahan." Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Wed.-Sat., 9 am-1 pm. Free. 337-643-1528.

11/1-12/31: "Noel au Musee." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Local businesses decorate Christmas trees for our annual contest along with Santa and other Christmas decorations throughout the museum. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

January

1/12: Annual Heritage Walk and Exhibit Opening. St. Mary Congregation Church to Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. A walk to commemorate the African-American heritage and view the opening of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Exhibit that will be held at the Cultural Center. Walk begins 10 am. Free. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/16-18: Annual Revival. Faith Hope Christian Fellowship, Abbeville. Nightly revival lead by Bishop B.K. Stevens. Begins at 7 pm each night. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/19: Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Abbeville. Guest speaker, Pastor Lane Payne of New Life Church in Abbeville. 9 am. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/20: Annual Church Sit-in Service. Shiloh Baptist Church, Kaplan. Service led by Pastor Wayne Landry. 9 am. Free. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade & Festival. AA Comeaux Park to Herod Village, Abbeville. A day of celebration of the life and doctrine of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a stomp service, march from Greater Pleasant Green B.C., youth activities, parade and ceremony at Herod Village. March begins at 9:30 am; parade begins 11:30 am. Free. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/27: Beignet Boogie 5K and 1 Mile Run. Mt. Carmel School Grounds, Abbeville. Boogie your way through the streets of Abbeville and celebrate your finish with a delicious beignet breakfast. We will also have face painting, music, fun jumps....fun for the family! Run begins 9 am. Registration fee to enter race. www.runsignup.com, beignet5k@gmail.com.

February

2/2: Le Krewe de le Originales et les Enfants Mardi Gras Run. Duck Festival Grounds, Gueydan. Join us for a traditional Mardi Gras run and trail ride through the country with chicken throws throughout the ride. Run begins at 9 am, followed by Gueydan Mardi Gras Parade at 3 pm, then live music from 4-8 pm. Admission, \$5. 337-247-0555, 337-230-1690

2/23: Cracklin' Cooking Demonstration. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Friends Group for a crackling demonstration and tasting. 8 am-2 pm. \$3 per person to enter the Park. 337-652-2484, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

March

Thurs in March: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

3/4: Passe Partout Introduction of the 2019-2020 Krewe Chic a la Pie Court 65 years of Queens. B's Wild Wings, Kaplan. 5 am-8 am. Free. 337-652-1736

3/5: Chic-A-La-Pie Mardi Gras Parade. Kaplan. Family-friendly, old-fashioned Mardi Gras parade. 2 pm. Free. 337-652-1736, chicalapie@yahoo.com.

3/10: Annual Jambalaya & Sweet Sale. Gueydan Civic Center, Gueydan. Fundraiser for the Gueydan Museum. Call for tickets. 337-536-0443.

3/16: 5th Annual Don Dugas Memorial Fin, Fur & Feather Cook-off. 5515 W. LA Hwy 688, Erath (across from Don's Boat Landing). Cook-off, DJ, silent and live auction at 1 pm, live music by the GTO Party Band from 6am-10 pm and more. Sponsored by the Henry Volunteer Fire Department. Admission \$5, kids 6 & under free, Entry fee for cook-off. 337-201-2876, 337-652-7347

3/23: Sicilian Festival and Celebration. Sam Guarino Blacksmith Museum and Annex, Abbeville. Cook-off, music, tours of museum, wine tasting, food available for purchase and more. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 337-652-6148

April 2019

Thurs. in April: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

4/13: Roots Squared. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Celebrate the cultures that make Vermilion Parish special with music, food, games, arts and crafts. Held in conjunction with the April Abbeville Farmers' Market. 8 am-3 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

4/13: Spirit Fest. Christian Service Center, Abbeville. A celebration of our Christian Faith as "1 Community." There will be worship, testimonies and members of our community present. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 337-893-9756. cscabbeville@gmail.com

4/17: Vermilion Parish Job Fair. Abbeville High School. Hosted by Workforce, Economic Development and Chamber partners to link hiring companies with local job seekers. 9 am-noon. Free. 337-740-0433, www.vermilionparishjobfair.com

4/27: "Stir the Pot: Seafood Cook-off and Festival." Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Live music, seafood and wild game cook-off, nature talks, live auction, raffle and more. 10 am-5 pm. Admission. 337-523-5224, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

May

5/3-4: Vermilion Carmel May Festival. VC-Mount Carmel School Grounds, Abbeville. Family-friendly festival with live music, games, food, and entertainment. Fri. 5-11 pm, Sat. 2-11 pm. Free. 337-898-0859, www.mceschool.org, www.vermilioncatholic.com

June

6/1: Daylily Festival and Garden Show. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. A celebration of horticulture and all that it involves. Plants, garden accessories, educational speakers, food & more all set under the beautiful oaks of Magdalen Square. Free. 8:30 am-3 pm. 337-898-4110, 337-893-2491, www.cityofabbeville.net.

6/6-9: Fishing for Memories. Abbeville Harbor & Terminal Boat Launch, Intracoastal City. Benefit fishing rodeo for the Alzheimer's Association with cash prizes, live music, family activities and auction. Prizes awarded, children can win LA Lifetime Fishing Licenses. Competition begins at 12:01 am on Thurs.; scales open at 8 pm on Fri. with live music at 8 pm; Sat. 3 pm, scales open, 5 pm children's activities and live music at 8:30 pm; Sun., scales open at 10:30 am, auction and awards at 1:45 pm. Free. Tickets \$30 adults, \$10 children 12 & under. 337-254-4880, www.FishingforMemories.org

July

6/30-7/4: Annual Erath 4th of July Celebration. Erath. Celebrate our nation's independence with an old-fashioned street fair for five days with carnival rides and games, delicious food and treats, live music every night, parade, water fights and a large firework display on July 4th. Free. 337-937-5585, www.erath4.com

August

8/14-18: Delcambre Shrimp Festival. Delcambre. Shrimp cook-off, pageants, fais-do-do, food, carnival rides, blessing of the fleet. Wed.-Fri. 6:00 pm; Sat. 11 am; Sun. 10 am. Admission Fri., \$5; Sat., \$10; Wed., Thurs., Sun., free. 337-685-2653, 800-884-6120, ext. 7, www.shrimpfestival.net.

September

Thurs in Sept – Sounds in the Square Fall Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

9/19-22: Gueydan Duck Festival. Duck Festival Park, Gueydan. Duck Calling Contest, Skeet Shooting Competition, pageant, cooking contests, music, food, parade, carnival and more. Admission \$10 (Fri.-Sat.) 337-536-6456, www.duckfestival.org.

October

Thurs. in Oct – Sounds in the Square Fall Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

TBA: “Fall Fete” Pumpkin Patch hosted by the Junior Auxiliary. Vermilion Parish Farm Bureau, Abbeville. Pumpkin Picking, train rides, games, food, vendor booths, live music and more. 10 am-4 pm. Free, \$1 per activity. www.jaofabbeville.org/fallfete

TBA: LA Cattle Festival & Fair Assoc. 2901 Rodeo Rd., Abbeville. Celebrating the Cattle Industry with food, pageants, parade, livestock show, carnival rides, music and more. Admission. 337-385-2397, 337-652-0646, www.louisianacattlefestival.org

10/5: Boogie on the Boulevard. Downtown, Kaplan. A fun filled day with a 5K/1 Mile Run, food, music and family fun in Turnley Park. 337-643-2400

10/26: Trick-or-Treat at Palmetto Island State Park. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Costume contests, campsite decorating contest and trick-or-treating in the Park. \$3 per person to enter the Park. 4pm-6pm 337-652-2484, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

10/31: Scare in the Square. Magdalen Square and downtown, Abbeville. Trick-or-treating, costume contest and more. 5-7 pm. 337-893-3973.

November

11/2-3: Abbeville’s Giant Omelette Celebration. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Juried art show, egg games, great Cajun food, music and more! A 2-day family festival with a procession of chefs and the cooking of a 5,000+ egg omelette in a 12-foot skillet on Sunday afternoon. Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 9 am-4pm. Free. 337-344-9232, www.giantomelette.org

11/3: Annual Omelette Celebration Mass. St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. As part of the Omelette Celebration, a mass will be celebrated in English and French. 9 am. Free. 337-893-0244, www.stmarymagdalenparish.org

11/8: “If Headstones Could Talk...” Old Masonic Cemetery, Abbeville. Take a guided, living history tour of the cemetery and listen as “residents” as they recount would have occurred in Abbeville in the late 1800s. 5:30-9 pm. Admission \$10. Tours depart every 30 min. Tickets at The Depot or Abbeville City Hall. 337-740-2112, 337-898-4110, www.cityofabbeville.net.

TBA: Dutch Oven “Cochon de lait” Demonstration. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Dutch oven cooking demonstration of a cochon de lait and taste testing at noon. 9 am-1 pm. \$3 per person to enter the Park. 337-893-2470.

TBA: Taste of Vermilion. Magdalen Place, Abbeville. A culinary showcase that allows patrons to sample some of the finest dishes from the area’s best chefs. 5:30-8:30 pm. Admission. 337-893-2491.

TBA: Cow Island Live! Annual Music Festival. Cow Island. Enjoy live music, pig roast and jambalaya. B.Y.O.B. Gates open, 1:30 pm; music starts, 2:15 pm. Tickets, \$20 (cash only), ages 16 and up only. www.cowislandlive.com

TBA: Pictures with Santa. Palmetto Island State Park’s Nature Center, Abbeville. Santa will drive through the campground 11-11:30 am, then take photos with kids until 2 pm. Must bring your own camera!! \$3 per person to enter the Park. 337-652-2484, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

December

12/5: Abbeville’s Annual Christmas Stroll. Downtown Abbeville. A family-oriented evening of strolling, visiting, shopping and dining. Santa Claus, music, white lights all within the decorated downtown historic district. 5:30-8 pm. Free. 337-898-4110, www.cityofabbeville.net