



March 23–April 8, 2012
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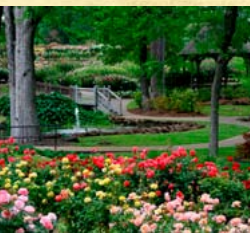
East Texas' Most Spectacular
Spring Flower Trail!

Welcome

*Welcome to Tyler's 53rd Annual
Azalea and Spring Flower Trail
featuring mile after mile of blooming
azaleas, dogwoods and spring flowers.
This annual display is a floral wonderland
and a photographer's paradise.
Take your time. Stroll the beautiful
gardens, join one of our numerous
community events, and take in
Tyler, a Natural Beauty!*



ONGOING OR SEASONAL EVENTS



TYLER MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN

Open Daily

Features 14 acres, 38,000 rose bushes, over 500 rose varieties and is host to the beautiful Camellia-Shade garden that showcases many azalea varieties.

Admission: Free

Location: 1900 W. Front St., Tyler

Contact: (903) 531-1212



TYLER ROSE MUSEUM

Open Daily / Mon – Fri, 9am-4:30pm;

Sat, 10am-4:30pm; Sun, 1:30-4:30pm

Displays the pageantry of the Texas Rose Festival with memorabilia and exhibits. Closed Mondays, Nov- Feb.

Admission: \$3.50 Adults, \$2 Children (ages 3-11)

Location: 420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler

Contact: (903) 597-3130, www.tylerrosemuseum.com



LeGRAND GARDENS

Open Daily

Come see the century-old grounds of the Goodman-LeGrand Museum come to life again as “Keep Tyler Beautiful” creates the first EarthKind Garden in the world.

Admission: Free

Location: 624 N. Broadway, Tyler

Contact: (903) 531-1286

INA BRUNDRETT AZALEA GARDEN

Open Daily

Showcases azalea varieties featured in East Texas and introduces new plantings to area. Established and expanded through the generosity of Ina Brundrett and other horticulture advocates, the garden is dedicated to the education of students and the surrounding community.

Admission: Free

Location: 1400 E. Fifth St. on Tyler Junior College campus

Contact: (903) 510-2222



MRS. LEE'S DAFFODIL GARDEN

Mid February – March / Open Daily, 10am-4pm

Millions of golden daffodils scattered over approximately 28 acres. Contact for predicted blooming schedule.

Admission: Free

Location: Hwy 271 North, just south of Gladewater

Contact: (903) 845-5780, www.daffodilgarden.com

SMITH COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S HOME GARDEN TOUR

April 28 / Sat, 9am-4pm

A self-guided tour through five lovely home gardens in the Tyler Area.

Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 day of tour

Locations: TBA

Contact: (903) 590-2980,

<http://scmg.tamu.edu/coming-event/2012-events/>

Photo Contest

Each year the Tyler Convention & Visitors Bureau sponsors an amateur photography contest during the Azalea & Spring Flower Trail. Cash prizes are awarded. Winning photos may be used in future Azalea Trail brochures and websites. For complete contest rules and to see last year's winning entries, visit www.TylerAzaleaTrail.com.



WEEKEND OF MARCH 23-25



FOUR WINDS RENAISSANCE FAIRE

March 3–April 24

Weekends: Sat-Sun 10am–7pm

Renaissance Village with hand crafted items, jousting, music, magicians, jugglers and more.

Admission: \$15 adults, \$5 ages 4–12 (3 and under free)

Location: Hwy. 110 S. 11 miles from Loop 323 between Whitehouse and Troup. Follow signs.

Contact: (903) 839–5271, www.fourwindsfaire.com

AZALEA QUILT SHOW

March 23–24 / Fri-Sat, 10am–5pm

Juried show with up to 200 quilts displayed and up to 35 quilting related vendors. Silent auction on mini quilts.

Admission: \$6 person, \$5 seniors (65+) and children under 12.

Location: Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St, Tyler

Contact: (903) 203-1209, www.qgetx.org



PRESTIGE ESTATES AZALEA TRAIL ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

March 23-25 / Fri-Sat, Mar 23-24, 9am–6pm; Sun Mar 25, 2–4pm

Originals, limited editions, oils, water colors, mixed media and photography provided by Gold Leaf Gallery, Thomas Kinkaid, Palette of Roses and local artists/photographers. Artist reception Sunday.

Admission: Free. Refreshments served.

Location: Prestige Estates Assisted Living, 6928 Paluxy Dr, Tyler

Contact: (903) 561–6102, www.prestigeestates.net

TYLER STATE PARK DOGWOOD DAYS DRIVING & WALKING TOUR

March 23–April 8 / 8am to dark each day

Enjoy self-guided vehicle tour or leisurely stroll down the many trails at Tyler State Park to see beautiful blooming Dogwoods. Join us for fun Ranger Programs on Saturdays.

Admission: \$5 person, 13 and older.

Location: Tyler State Park, 789 Park Rd. 16, Tyler

Contact: (903) 597–5338, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/tyler



BEAUTY AND BEAST BICYCLE TOUR

March 24 / Sat, 9am

For all skill levels. Now in its 24th year. Cyclists well supported with fully-stocked nourishment rest stops. All routes include the demanding hill known as “The Beast.” Spectators welcome.

Entry Fee: \$30 for early registration, \$35 after Mar 17 and on day of Tour.

Registration: Mar 23, 6-8pm at KE Bushman's. Tour Day registration 6:30am

Location: KE Bushman's Winery & Celebration Center, 1565 FM 2493E, Bullard

Contact: (903) 574–1629, www.tylerbicycleclub.com (click Beauty and Beast tab)



THE TYLER AZALEA 10K AND 2-MILE RUN

March 24 / Sat, 8am

10K and 2-mile run event.

Entry Fee: \$20 - \$35

Location: Bergfeld Park, 1510 S College, Tyler

Contact: Sherry Herndon (817) 706-0638, www.tylerazalea10k.com

10TH ANNUAL TYLER ROTARY AZALEA TRAIL CHILI COOK OFF

March 24 / Sat, 11am–3pm or until chili is gone

Come rain or shine, watch Texas cooks compete with other states in a CASI sanctioned chili cook off. Admission lets you sample the chili and serves as a club fundraiser for community projects.

Admission: \$5 donation. Children under five, free.

Location: First Christian Church, 4202 S. Broadway, Tyler

Contact: Fran Hall (903) 561–8056, www.tylerrotary.org

Weekend of March 23-25 CONTINUED

AZALEA TRAIL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

March 24-25 / Sat, 9am-6pm;

Sun, 11am-5pm

More than 90 members participating plus Kids Zone and concessions. Public concert at 7pm Sat.

Admission: Free (Kids Zone and concessions for a fee)

Location: Bergfeld Park, 1510 S. College Ave, Tyler

Contact: (903) 531-1214, www.tylerparksandrec.com

7TH ANNUAL LIFE IN TYLER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

March 24-April 15 / Mon-Sat, 8am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm

Eight categories depicting life in Tyler: Family and Friends enjoying a Recreation Event, Wildlife in Tyler, Family Time, Outdoor Events, Historic Tyler, Abstract Tyler, Macro Tyler and Birds in Tyler. For youth, adult and professional categories. Information and registration online. \$3 per entry.

Admission: Free to view photos

Location: The Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler

Contact: Debbie Isham (903) 531-1214 www.tylerparksandrec.com

WEEK OF MARCH 26-APRIL 1



TYLER AREA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS FLOWER SHOW

March 28 / Wed, 9:30am-4pm

National Garden Clubs Standard Flower Show-Horticulture; cut specimens and container grown plants; designs with fresh and dried plant material.

Admission: Free

Location: The Rose Garden Center, Rose Room, 420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler

Contact: (903) 561-2081, lindajoewhetsell@gmail.com

6TH ANNUAL SENIORS CELEBRATING LIFE

March 29 / Thr, 8:30am-2pm

Variety of educational events of special interest to seniors including: gardening, safety tips, staying fit, financial matters, and more.

Admission: Free (lunch and door prizes provided)

Location: Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W. Front St, Tyler

Contact: (903) 592-1661, www.tylertexas.com

TJC APACHE BELLE SPRING SHOW 2012

March 29-31 / Thr-Fri, 7:30pm; Sat, 2pm and 7:30pm

Internationally famous Apache Belles will entertain with a customized show centered on an imaginative theme that will include all styles and genres of dance.

Admission: \$8 Mar 29 and 2pm on Mar 31; \$13

Mar 30-31 at 7:30pm shows

Location: Wise Auditorium, Tyler Junior College, 1400 E. Fifth, Tyler

Contact: Tickets (903) 510-2672; Group purchase (903) 510-2244; www.apachebelles.com



PENNY NICHOLS-SANDERS ANNUAL SPRING ART SHOW

March 29-31 / Thr-Sat, 9am-5pm

About 20 artists-professional, advanced and some new. All subjects.

Admission: Free

Location: The Woman's Building, 911 S. Broadway at W. Dobbs, Tyler

Contact: (903) 592-8519



EAST TEXAS PORCELAIN ART GUILD EXHIBIT AND SALE

March 30-31 / Fri-Sat, 9am-5pm

Exhibit and sale of hand painted porcelain.

Admission: Free

Location: The Woman's Building, 911 S. Broadway, Tyler

Contact: (903) 839-7330



MAIN STREET FLOWER MARKET

March 30-31 / Fri-Sat, 10am-5pm

Bedding plants, flowers and garden décor abound at this gardening event held on the beautiful grounds of the historic Goodman-LeGrand home. Vendors offer only items for and from the garden.

Admission: Free

Location: Goodman-LeGrand Museum, 624 N. Broadway, Tyler

Contact: Beverly Abell (903) 593-6905, www.cityoftyler.org, www.heartoftyler.com



DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE II— DANCING BEYOND BORDERS

March 31 / Sat, 7:30pm

The Arts & Humanities Council of East Texas presents the Dallas Black Dance Theatre's second company. This extremely dynamic dance troupe promises an amazing evening of breathtaking, phenomenal performances.

Admission: \$20 Adults; \$10 Children, 12 and under

Location: Caldwell Auditorium, 300 South College Ave, Tyler

Contact: Debbie Kirkland-Waffer (903) 216-3671 www.artscouncil.org

SPIRITS OF OAKWOOD

March 31 / Sat, 12:30pm-4:30pm

Guide-led groups begin walking tour every ten minutes through historic cemetery, stopping at graves where historians dressed in period clothing portray notable Tyler and Smith County citizens.

Admission: \$6 person. Children 10 and under free, but must be accompanied by adult
Gates open 12:30pm, first tour begins 1pm, last tour 4:30pm.

Location: Oakwood Cemetery, Corner of Palace and Oakwood Streets, Tyler

Contact: (903) 593-4642

CENTRAL EAST TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY'S ORCHID MARKET

March 31 / Sat, 10am-3pm

There will be a display of orchids and many types of orchids for sale. Educational programs: 11am, Potting orchids; 2pm, Dividing orchids.

Admission: Free

Location: Genecov Room, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, 315 N. Broadway

Contact: (903) 330-6880, www.centraleasttexasorchidsociety.org



AZALEA TALES APRIL FOOLS LIARS CONTEST

April 1 / Sun, 2-4pm

Yarn spinners from across East Texas will compete to see who can tell the wildest tale. Panel of three celebrity judges will select winner. The 2011 Liars Contest winner will also perform.

Admission: Free **Location:** Taylor Auditorium, Tyler Public Library, 201 S. College Ave

Contact: (903) 593-7323, www.tylerlibrary.com

WEEK OF APRIL 2-8

11TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

April 5 / Thr, 6pm-8pm

Hunt for 20,000 eggs and prizes. Age divisions, hunt times: special needs children, 6:45pm; 3-5 yrs, 7pm; 6-8 yrs, 7:20pm; and 9-10 yrs, 7:45pm. Only one group will hunt for eggs at a time. Flashlight needed at 7:20 and 7:45pm.

Admission: Free **Location:** Lindsey Park, 1255 Spur 364 West, Tyler

Contact: Ann Santana (903) 595-7271, www.tylerparksandrec.com



PIONEER DAY AT PARROTT PARK

April 7 / Sat, 10am - 4pm

Model train, working oil pump, and historic items and machinery on display. Actors in period attire act as event guides. Live music, reenactments and blacksmith demonstrations. Easter egg hunt for children 12 and under at 1pm.

Admission: Free **Location:** Parrott Park, 2900 S. Main St. Lindale

Contact: George Jones (903) 881-5704, www.parrottpark-oldmillpondmuseum.com

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Spring Performing and Fine Art Venues

Photo by Paul Kolnik



BLUE MAN GROUP

Feb 28 / Tue, 7:30pm

Experience the phenomenon. The UT Tyler Cowan Center presents Blue Man Group. It will thrill you with its high-octane theatrical experience. Escape the ordinary and surround yourself in an explosion of comedy, music, and technology.

Admission: Public sales begin November 28, 2011

Location: Cowan Center, UT Tyler, 3900 University Blvd

Contact: (903) 566-7424, www.cowancenter.org

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Mar 16 / Fri, 7:30pm

The classic Mel Brooks movie is ALIVE! The UT Tyler Cowan Center presents Young Frankenstein. You'll have a monstrously good time at this spectacular new production, winner of the 2008 Outer Critics Circle Award and the Broadway.com Audience Award for Best Musical!

Admission: Public sales begin February 20, 2012

Location: Cowan Center, UT Tyler, 3900 University Blvd

Contact: (903) 566-7424, www.cowancenter.org

3RD ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK AT THE GOODMAN

April 14 / Sat, 10am-4pm

Art show on site of pre-Civil War home. Different art mediums, such as oil on canvas, watercolors, pastels, acrylics, sculpture and pottery demonstrated and on display with some for sale. Lectures by UT Tyler art professor, Merrie Wright. Home tours available. Entertainment by musicians and our lovely Azalea Belles. Complimentary refreshments.

Admission: Free

Location: Goodman-LeGrand Museum, 624 North Broadway, north of downtown Tyler

Contact: Patricia Heaton (903) 531-1286, www.goodmanmuseum.com

BILL COSBY

April 14 / Sat, 7:30pm

The UT Tyler Cowan Center presents Bill Cosby. Few entertainers have achieved the legendary status of William H. Cosby Jr. His successes span five decades and virtually all media: TV, movies, records, and live performance. Now is your opportunity to spend an evening with a national treasure.

Admission: Public sales begin March 19, 2012

Location: Cowan Center, UT Tyler, 3900 University Blvd

Contact: (903) 566-7424, www.cowancenter.org



GALLERY MAIN STREET ART EXHIBIT

Ongoing / Mon-Wed, 10am-5pm; Thr-Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat, Noon-4pm

Juried art exhibits. Art shows change on a rotational basis and include subject matter from "The Perfect Bloom" to "Surreal and Abstract."

Admission: Free

Location: 110 W. Erwin, Downtown Tyler

Contact: Beverly Abell (903) 593-6905, www.downtowntylerarts.com



Historic Homes on Tour



MCCLENDON HOUSE LIVING HISTORY TOURS BY CANDLELIGHT

March 24, 31, and April 7 / Saturdays: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Continuous guided tours feature character actors portraying former residents of this historic home, dressed in 1870s-era period attire. Tours take about 45 minutes to complete. Cameras are allowed.

Admission: \$10 per person at door with proceeds designated for preservation and upkeep

Location: 806 W. Houston at Vine Street, Tyler

Contact: George Jones (903) 592-3533, www.McClendonHouse.net

ROSELAND HISTORIC TOURS

March 23-April 8 / Daily by appointment, 9am-5pm

Tour of the B&B house, the chapel, ballroom, slave cabin and surprise building

Admission: \$12 person, plus tax

Location: Roseland Plantation, 2601 Hwy 64W, Ben Wheeler

Contact: Christina Haney (903) 849-5553, www.roselandplantation.com

HISTORIC TYLER ON TOUR CANDLELIGHT PARTY & TOUR

March 30 / Fri, 7-11pm

Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live music and tour of homes.

Admission: \$60 Historic Tyler members, \$75 non-members, per person in advance. \$85 at door

Contact: (903) 595-1960, www.historictyler.org

HISTORIC TYLER ON TOUR

March 31-April 1 / Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 1-5pm

Stroll through elegant neighborhoods and grand lawns. Soak up Tyler's natural beauty in bloom as you tour private residences in the Historic Districts listed in the National Register.

Admission: \$10 Historic Tyler members; \$15 non-members

Contact: (903) 595-1960, www.historictyler.org



4TH ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY AT THE GOODMAN

May 19 / Sat, 10am-4pm

Take a step back in time on the grounds of an 1859 mansion. See demonstrations of Civil War memorabilia portrayed by Civil War re-enactors. Meet the Goodman family and friends, portrayed by costumed re-enactors, as you tour the home. Watch live demonstrations of heritage crafts, vintage music performances and author attended book signings. Enjoy complimentary pony rides for the kids, traditional refreshments and our lovely Azalea Belles.

Admission: Free

Location: Goodman-LeGrand Museum, 624 N. Broadway, north of downtown Tyler

Contact: Patricia Heaton (903) 531-1286, www.goodmanmuseum.com

Map Legend

 DOBBS TRAIL
 LINDSEY TRAIL

The Azalea & Spring Flower Trail winds through ten miles of residential gardens and historic home sites. Two trails have been routed to maintain an orderly traffic flow so you can see as many flowers as possible. To best enjoy this vibrant celebration of Spring, start at the Convention & Visitors Bureau, 315 N. Broadway, and follow the specially marked Azalea Trail signs southward.

PHOTO OPPS

Particularly picturesque photo opportunities!

SMITH COUNTY MEDICAL ALLIANCE SPRING BOOK FAIR

April 11-13 / Wed-Fri, 8am-6pm

Biannual book sale of used and collector books. Proceeds from sale benefit health care scholarship funds at local colleges and universities.

Admission: Free

Location: 4410 DC Drive, Tyler

Contact: (903) 561-1353, www.scmalliance.com



Ribbon Cutting & Opening Ceremony
10:00am
at the home of Guy & Joan Pyron at 212 W. Dobbs.

VISITOR & TRAIL INFO
315 N. Broadway
(800) 235-5712
Hours of Operation:
M-F: 8:30am - 5pm
Sat: 9am - 5pm
Sun: 11am - 3pm
Closed: April 8 (Easter)

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