

The Creole Messenger

Special Events Edition

A Destrehan Plantation Publication

Hello Fall

With the long hot Louisiana summer finally coming to an end, we are happy to welcome fall. Destrehan Plantation has several fun events planned for the entire family. On Sunday, October 2, 2022 starting at 12:00 noon, Destrehan Plantation is hosting a music event on our outdoor stage called "**Jeff Rocks Back the Clock**," celebrating Jeff Willet Day in St. Charles Parish. Jeff has been a member of many bands throughout his life and was recently diagnosed with ALS. Many of his current and former bandmates will come together on this day to perform and raise money for the Gleason Foundation. There will be plenty of music beginning at noon, and the best part is it is free to the public. Food and beverages will be available for purchase under the pavilion. In November, we will be celebrating our 50th Annual Fall Festival, and we will finish the year with our 7th Annual Candy Cane Celebration in December. Next year we have a special event planned, our 1st Annual Spring Garden Festival in March. We look forward to seeing you and your family at Destrehan Plantation.

Tracy Smith

Executive Director
Destrehan Plantation

50th Annual Fall Festival

Destrehan Plantation's 50th annual Fall Festival opens Saturday and Sunday November 12th & 13th, 2022 from 9am to 4pm. This year's festival features Creole and Cajun food reflecting Louisiana's diverse heritage, unique arts and crafts produced by skilled artisans, antiques for the collectors, and music and dancing throughout the day. Children's activities include pony rides, fall themed arts & crafts, hand waxing, face painting, and a fun time photo booth. Festival attendees will have the opportunity to tour the main house, which was built by a free man of color, see the document signed by President Thomas Jefferson appointing Jean Noel Destrehan as a writer of the first state constitution, and understand the struggle for freedom through the 1811 Slave Revolt and the plantation's role as a home for freed slaves following the Civil War.

Admission for a full day

\$8.00 per adult & teen
\$5.00 per child ages 6 to 12
Free for children 5 and under

House tours

\$8.00 per adult & teen
Free for children 12 and under

Entertainment Lineup

Les Bons Riens

Saturday, Nov. 12th -10 am to 12:00 noon

Ryan Foret and Foret Tradition

Saturday, Nov. 12th - 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Kayla Woodson

Sunday, Nov. 13th -10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Bad Habit

Sunday, Nov. 13th - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

For more information regarding our Fall Festival, visit our website at <https://www.destrehanplantation.org> or call Melissa at 985-764-9315, ext. 2





Admission

Adult: \$18.00

Children: \$15.00

Children Two (2) and under free

Registration for this event is
Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 am
through our website
No tickets are sold at the gate

A Gandy Gane Celebration

The 7th Annual Candy Cane celebration is Sunday, December 11, 2022
from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Enjoy an afternoon on our grounds and in our Mule Barn

- Visit Santa under an old oak tree
- Make and take home holiday crafts
- **NEW** - Family Craft - a craft the entire family can make
- Play reindeer games and win prizes
- Elf Bingo - fun for the entire family
- **NEW** - Visit Mr. Mean (The Grinch) under an old oak tree
- Storytelling by Mrs. Claus in the outdoor kitchen
- Coloring contest
- Go on a candy cane hunt
- Enjoy complimentary refreshments such as holiday punch, hot chocolate, and coffee
- Buy confections from the Sweet Shop

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Destrehan Plantation in partnership with LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Master Gardeners marks
March 25th & 26th, 2023 as our 1st Annual Spring Garden Festival

Our 2023 Spring Garden Festival will provide items for the porch, patio, yard, and garden.
LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Master Gardeners will provide education on plants and the garden.
The festival will also include the following:

- Louisiana plant nurseries
- Arts & crafts vendors
- Educational seminars and exhibits on topics such as edible plants, container plants, herbs, outdoor cooking (healthy food from garden to grill to table) growing a bonsai tree, medicinal plants, and native plants that attract wildlife
- A country store
- Live entertainment
- Spring speciality drinks with alcohol
- A food and beverage court
- Children's activities will include an activity tent, a demonstration from a bee keeper, make and take home spring themed arts & crafts, a garden demonstration with LSU Ag Center, a visit and picture taking with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter egg hunt.

Destrehan Plantation is currently seeking sponsorship, vendors, nurseries, small business owners, and food vendors to participate in this event. For more information regarding this event, visit our website at <https://www.destrehanplantation.org> or call Melissa at 985-764-9315, ext. 2