

Greater New Orlear

Woodlands Wild Wine Dinner will benefit forested wetlands



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The elegant evening at the Woodlands Wild Wine Dinner will be held at English Turn Golf and Country Club from 6 - 10 p.m. on Nov. 14.

The Patron Party from 6 - 7 p.m. is sponsored by Republic National Distributing Company. Featured will be Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay along with hors d'oeuvres.

At 7 p.m. dinner including a choice of Cast Iron Seared Pork Tournedos, Grits and Venison Grillades or MASA Fried Speckled Trout will be served.

Silent auction will benefit the Woodlands Conservancy, which is a nonprofit trust that conserves forested wetlands in Orleans and Plaquemines parishes.

The dinner is sponsored by Chevron Oronite, Power System Specialists, Online Optimism, Dr. James A Crouch, Katie and Carl Rosenblau and David and Maurer Culpepper.

Patron Party tickets and Wild Wine Dinner are \$200 per ticket, Wild Wine Dinner tickets are \$100 per ticket and a table of 8 is \$1000. For tickets or sponsorships or donation of auction items visit www.woodlandsconservancy.org or call 504.433.4000.

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6th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

Love Outreach Christian Church will hold the 6th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 14 from noon - 3 p.m. The location is 501 Opelousas Avenue in Algiers. Pastors Raynard and Thea Casimier welcome all and it is free to the public. For more information call 504.782.6195.

Algiers Regional Library quilting seminar

Award winning quilter, Cecilia "Cely" Tapplette-Pedescleaux, will give a quilting presentation on Nov. 11 from 5-6 p.m. at the Algiers Regional Library. Her work will be displayed at the library Nov. 7 - Dec 7.

Drawing for Beginners Workshop will be held Nov. 11, 18 and 25. Educator Becky Betancourt will teach the basics of drawing and illustration in the three week course. No experience is needed.

Space is limited to 20 participants. Reservations are required. Betancourt is a dynamic art instructor with over 28 years of experience. For more information, contact Izzy Oneiric at 504.596.2641 or ioneiric@nolalibrary.org.

Hubbell Library's Author Night

Author and architectural photographer Robert S. Brantley will discuss his latest book, "Henry Howard: Louisiana's Architect" on Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hubbell Library, 725 Pelican Avenue in Algiers Point. Howard who was born in Ireland in the 1800's had an illustrious 40 year career. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The book was recently released by co-publishers the Historic New Orleans Collection and Princeton Architectural Press.

The book has an elegant hardcover and is written by Brantley with Victor McGee and features photographs by Brantley and Jan White Brantley.

For more information call 504.596.3113 or email amyhubbell@aol.com.

Louisiana SPCA Enrichment Program for Adoptable Dogs and Cats

An expanded enrichment program is being implemented to assist the dogs in becoming better candidates for adoption at the Louisiana SPCA and to enhance their bonds with the staff.

The dogs receive positive reinforcement for good behavior with a wider variety of toys. The enrichment program increases socialization of the animals, reduces stress, auto-immune disease and the spread of contagious diseases. The animals are both healthier and happier.

Animal Care Attendants learn obedience training techniques used with the dogs to make them more adoptable.

Cats also are benefitting by using new laser toys, cat furniture and work-to-eat treat toys at the new Adoption Resource Center and Clinic.

The facility located at 1700 Mardi Gras Blvd. is open for adoptions Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4 p.m. For more information call 504.368.5191 or visit www.la-sPCA.org.

Kiwanis Club of Algiers

The Kiwanis Club of Algiers meets every Thursday at the Aurora Tennis and Swim Club at 5244 General Meyer from 7 to 8 a.m., except the third Thursday of the month when it is from 6 to 7 p.m. in the evening. Guests are always welcome and encouraged. Call 504.391.0667 for more information.

Speaker schedule: Nov. 5, Scott Webster, Trinity Loaves and Fishes, Trinity Episcopal Church.

Nov. 12, KIWANIS Key, Builders, and K-Kids Clubs

Nov. 19, 6 to 7 p.m., Roberto Matthews will speak on "I Am A Kiwanian, But Do You Really Know Me?"

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