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Events Calendar (January-April 2021)

Our Time Tuesday: Henna Scratch Art (Members Only Event)

January 5, 4:30pm-6pm

Our Time Tuesdays is a new drop-in program for Museum members and their families. The first Tuesday of each month beginning in January, it will feature a different fun, multicultural craft designed for all ages. January's program centers on the Hindi art of henna, allowing participants to scratch henna designs into painted cardboard cutouts. Anyone who wishes to become a Member can join on the Museum's website at museumoftheredriver.org/support/membership.

Fun with Dreamcatchers (FREE Event!)

January 16, 10am-3pm

To kick off the Museum's *Fun with...* series for 2021, the Programs staff will be hosting a FREE drop-in event for visitors to come make their own dream catchers out of household materials like paper plates, yarn, and beads. In native American folklore, traditional dreamcatchers were hung to protect a sleeping individual from negative dreams, while letting positive dreams slip through the center. These artifacts have been a renowned element of native American culture for generations, and in some tribes they are held in the highest esteem for symbolizing strength and unity.

Soaping with a Purpose

January 30, 3pm-6pm

Guests are invited to join local soap maker **Angela Smith** as she leads a class on soapmaking. Students will be discussing and creating soaps used for specific household jobs, such as soap for the kitchen, garden scrubs, laundry, and more, all while learning about the processes used by homesteaders for decades. Students must wear long sleeves, pants, and closed-toed shoes, and bring their own stick (immersion) blender. The cost for the class is \$50 and attendance is limited to the first ten to sign up.

Expressions of Youth 2021

January 31-February 21

Young artists ages 11-19 are invited to submit artwork for the Museum's biennial art competition. Submissions will be accepted from January 19th-23rd; artists may bring their pieces to the Museum during regular business hours (10am-5pm). The show will be on display from January 31st to February 21st with an awards ceremony taking place February 21st from 12pm-3pm. Please visit www.museumoftheredriver.org for online registration form (completed form must accompany submissions) and mounting and framing details. **Non-Tier II Members will be charged an extra \$5 per class.**

Our Time Tuesday: Shadow Puppets (Members Only Event)

February 2, 4:30pm-6pm

Our monthly members program continues in February with shadow puppets! Probably invented during the Tang Dynasty of Imperial China, these puppets were used by Buddhist monks for storytelling. This drop-in event allows participants to create their very own shadow puppets to create stories themselves. Anyone who wishes to become a Member can join on the Museum's website at museumoftheredriver.org/support/membership.

Fun with Mandalas (FREE Event!)

February 13, 10am-3pm

February's FREE drop-in event is Fun with Mandalas. Originating within the Eastern religions of Hinduism and Buddhism (among others) the mandala is a geometric collage of symbols in a circular pattern; the circular designs symbolize the idea that life is never-ending and everything is connected. Join the Programs staff on February 13th to create your very own mandala design from colored pasta and paper plates.

Fabric Portrait Art-Silhouette with Leo Ransom

February 20, 1pm-5pm

Guests are invited to join artist **Leo Ransom** for a fabric art class. Students will create a portrait using two fabrics (1 Light/1 Dark). Patterns will be supplied for the class and the project is roughly 11x14 inches. Students need to bring 2 or more fat quarters (at least 1 Light/1 Dark), 1 yard of Heat N Bond, straight pins and a small pair of pointed tip embroidery scissors for the class. Participants must be at least 11 years of age. Cost for the class is \$45 and attendance is limited to the first twenty to sign up. **Non-Tier II Members will be charged an extra \$5 per class.**

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Our Time Tuesday: Carnival Masks (Members Only Event)

March 2, 4:30pm-6pm

Our Time Tuesday continues in March with Brazilian Carnival Masks. Intended as a celebration of Lent (during which participants traditionally do not eat meat) Carnival typically involves brightly colored and festive parades, dancing, costumes and of course, masks! Museum members and their families may drop in for a chance to create your own Carnival mask. Anyone who wishes to become a Member can join on the Museum's website at museumofthedriver.org/support/membership.

Acrofest (FREE Event!)

March 6, 10am-3pm

Acrofest is back for another year of fun! The public is invited to the Museum's annual celebration of bringing the Oklahoma state dinosaur, *Acrocathosaurus atokensis*, to McCurtain County. Join in the fun the first weekend in March with special guests, games, crafts and more.

Acrylics Class with Dr. Gleny Beach

March 20, March 27, April 10, April 17, 10am-1pm

Later this spring, the Museum will be hosting four acrylic painting classes taught by **Dr. Gleny Beach**. Beginning March 20, each class will be held from 10am to 1pm on the following dates: March 20, March 27, April 10, and April 17. The class fee is \$100 for all four classes and is limited to the first ten to sign up. **Non-Tier II Members will be charged an extra \$5 per class.**

Silver Metal Clay Jewelry

March 27, 12:30pm-4:30pm

Guests are invited to join instructor **Brenda Johnson** as she leads a beginners jewelry-making class. In this beginner level workshop, participants will make several pieces of jewelry using silver metal clay. Students will choose their design, create, fire and finish their jewelry, and leave with .99 pure silver handmade jewelry, ready to wear or give as gifts. The cost for the class is \$70 and includes all materials and the use of class tools. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and attendance is limited to the first 8 to sign up. **Non-Tier II Members will be charged an extra \$5 per class.**

Mary H. Herron Memorial Kite Festival (FREE Event!)

April 3, 10am-3pm

The annual **Mary H. Herron Memorial Kite Festival** is scheduled for April 3 at the Booker T. Washington Community Center in Idabel. Attendees can bring their own kites or make one on-site for free. Families can drop in and drop out from 10 am to 3 pm.

Stained Glass Workshop: "Wacky" Glass Plant Stake

April 24, 12:30pm-4pm

Brenda Johnson will lead a stained glass class on April 24 at the Museum in which students will be creating a "wacky" glass plant stake. In this beginner level workshop students will not be cutting glass or following a pattern but will learn basic stained glass techniques such as how to foil, flux, and solder glass pieces together using the copper foil method. Cost for the class is \$35 and includes all supplies and the use of studio tools. Students must be at least 16 years of age and attendance is limited to the first 9 people to sign up. **Non-Tier II Members will be charged an extra \$5 per class.**



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