

Athens-Limestone County Tourism News

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Featured What to See and Do



Mark your calendar for the **4th Annual Art on the Square** September 12, 2009, at 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Downtown Athens, AL. Over 55 artists will be displaying art of all types. Bring the entire family and enjoy a day of art, food and fun. This year's free Kidszone is devoted entirely to art activities.

Also Kelly Kazek, author and editor of The News Courier in Athens, has written a new book and will have a book signing with cake and candy at Pablo's on Market Street, during the festival. *Fairly Odd Mother* is a book of Kelly's most humorous and inspiring articles she has written while raising her daughter as a single parent in the South.

For more information contact 256-444-8156 or visit www.artonthesquareathens.com.

Shade Tree Fiddlin' on the Square

The Athens-Limestone County Tourism Council and the Spirit of Athens are hosting "Shade Tree Fiddlin' on the Square" September 26th. All musicians who play fiddles, banjos, guitars, etc., are invited to find a spot on the square and share their talent anytime from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. We are designating this special day as a way to show our appreciation to the musicians who participate in the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention and those who just enjoy "shade tree pickin' and fiddlin'." The Convention will be the following week, October 2nd & 3rd at Athens State University. The Square will be a great place for musicians to meet and provide a preview of the talent performing at the Fiddlers Convention. For more information, contact Jeanette at 256-232-5411 or Trisha at 256-278-6436.

Infamous Ghost Tales of Athens

The Athens-Limestone Tourism Council is pleased to announce the annual Athens "**Haunts Walks**" to be held October 6, 8, 13, 20 & 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM. A riding tour for the physically impaired will be offered this year on Thursday, October 8th, at 5:30 PM. Only 11 seats are available on the RSVP bus and tickets will be on a first come first serve basis. This unique walking tour takes you through historic Athens most infamous haunted locations. In the tranquility of the night your storyteller will share the details of the "tales of Athens". Will you see a spirit, poltergeist, or ghost? Who knows? Join us for the adventure and see what happens! Tickets: Adults and Children \$5.00 [under 5 years FREE]. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 101 South Beaty Street, Athens, AL.

September Tourism Calendar of Events & Attractions

Cruise In and First Saturday

September 05, 2009 at 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Antique automobiles enthusiasts are invited to bring their vehicle and park on the square in downtown Athens, AL. Participating businesses will offer specials and extended hours on the "First Saturdays". For more information call Bland Allen 256-603-1227 or Email waters@ardmore.net; Steve Bradley, 256-230-6048 or Trisha Black at 256-278-6436. **Free**

Athens-Limestone Hospital Foundation Crystal Cup Golf Tournament

September 10, 2009 at 1:00 PM. Team fees are \$150 per player - \$600 per Team. Sponsorships Available. Contact Amy 256-233-236 or Ray 256-232-1776.

Duck and Run 5K Race

September 12, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Runners meet at Big Spring Memorial Park, Athens, AL. Sponsored by KALB, 256-233-8728.

www.keepathenslimestonebeautiful.com. **Free**

Art on the Square

September 12, 2009 at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fifty-five artists will converge on the Limestone County Courthouse, Athens, AL, lawn displaying and selling their beautiful art including oils, pottery, watercolor, jewelry, and more. Visit

www.artonthesquareathens.com.

Beverly Lewis Visits The Library

September 16 at 6:00 PM

New York Times Bestselling author, Beverly Lewis, will speak at the Athens-Limestone Public Library and sign copies of her new book "The Missing." Copies of Mrs. Lewis' books will be available for purchase at the library. Contact Paula at 256-232-1233. **Free** to the public.

Singing on the Square featuring Just Down the Road and Diane Miller

September 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM (last singing of 2009)

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the free concert on the east side of the Limestone County Courthouse, downtown Athens, AL. Call: 256-232-5411 or email jeanette@tourathens.com.

8th Annual Apple Annie Golf Tournament

September 18, 2009 with registration and lunch at 12:00 PM – Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

The Athena League annual Golf Tournament will be at Canebrake Golf Club. Individual fee is \$125 and Team fee is \$500. For more information call Shannon Hutton at 256-230-6279 or Cece Anderson at 256-431-4039.

2nd Literary Tastes Event

September 21, 2009

The Athens-Limestone Public Library is looking for great vendors. If you own a restaurant, are a caterer, or have another food related business, they invite you to participate. This is a great way to showcase your food and services. The event will be at Madelyn's In The Grove. Proceeds will benefit the Athens-Limestone Public Library Foundation. If you would like to participate, please contact Paula Laurita at 256-232-1233.

MS Bike Ride - Historic Mooresville, AL

September 26 and 27, 2009 at 7:00 AM

Ride is in memory of John N. Whitaker. For more information contact www.nationalmssociety.org/ale or visit www.bikems.org or call 205-879-8546

Recurring Events

Looking for something to do every week? Look below:

Every Thursday, 5:30 PM, Ardmore Pickin' & Grinnin', Ardmore, TN Annex Building Main Street, 256-423-7588

Every Monday, 6:30 PM, Elkmont Pickin' & Grinnin', Elkmont Depot, Elkmont, AL. Contact: 931-427-6296

1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM, The Athens Dulcimers, Athens Recreation Center, Athens, AL, Hwy 251. Contact: 256-232-1262, Terry Todd

Every Thursday night, 7:00 PM, Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter Chorus, Southern Splendor rehearsal, Athens Bible School, Athens, AL Public welcome to come and enjoy the music.

Every 1st Sat night - Mar - Oct, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Athens Cruise In and 1st Saturday, Downtown Athens, AL, Sponsored by the Spirit of Athens. Over 150 antique, classic & custom cars and trucks will circle the courthouse and line the downtown street. Participating businesses will offer extended hours and specials for the day. Contact: Bland Allen 256-603-1227, 256-431-8536, www.carsonthesquare.com, Trisha Black (SOA) 256-278-6436.

October Events to Look Forward To

Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention

October 02, 2009 at Noon

October 03, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Contact <http://www.athens.edu/fiddlers/> or 256-233-8215.

Cruise In and First Saturday

October 03, 2009 at 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Contact Bland Allen at 256-603-1227 or Email waters@ardmore.net; Steve Bradley, 256-230-6048 or Trisha Black at 256-278-6436. **Free**

Wacky Quacky Ducky Derby

October 03, 2009 at 4:00 PM

Contact www.keepathenslimestonebeautiful.com. **Free**

Tracie Peterson Dinner Event

October 9, 2009

Contact Paula at 256-232-1233.

Ardmore Concert in the Park

October 10, 2009

Contact call 931-427-2124.

Southern Shorts Film Festival

October 17, 2009

Contact www.aots-athens.com/film.html.

Athens “Haunts Walks”

October 6, 8, 13, 20 & 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM

A special handicap tour will be offered this year on Thursday, October 8th, at 5:30 PM.

Contact 256-232-5411.

Swamp John’s Fish Fry

October 19, 2009 at 4 – 7:00 PM

Contact 256-233-8728.

Rails-to-Trails Fall Color Walk or Ride

October 24 and 25, 2009 at dawn to dusk **Free**

Contact 256-732-4211.

Athens Storytelling Festival

October 30 and 31, 2009 at 10:00 AM

Contact www.athensstorytellingfestival.com or call 256-232-0400.

Tourism Updates

It's Happening in Limestone County!

There are lots of things happening in Limestone County as you can see. You do not have to drive very far to have a great time. Athens-Limestone County offers something for everyone.

For the latest tourism information, call Jeanette at 256-232-5411 or visit www.tourathens.com and click on "Tourism Events". On the "Introduction" page scroll down for a list for recurring events or click on "Tourism Events" for the Tourism Calendar or click on "Brochures" and you will find links to our brochures and Tourism Newsletters.

If you have an event you would like listed on the website or need help promoting your event, send an email to jeanette@tourathens.com.

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The board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. If you would like to help this committee please call Jeanette at 256-232-5411.