

QUILL NOTES

A Kent House Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Le Tour de Bayou	September 21	Day Event
Fall Herb Day	October 5	8am-1pm
Reptile Day	October 19	9am-1pm
Tales Along the Bayou	October 25	6pm-8:30pm
Sugar Day	November 9	9am-5pm
Old Fashion Christmas	TBA	4pm-6pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Kent House is in need of as many volunteers as possible for the upcoming Le Tour de Bayou on Saturday, September 21st. If you can help in any way, please contact Meredith Hudson at 318-487-5998.

ICE CHESTS NEEDED!

The Kent House is in need of borrowing some clean ice chests for our upcoming Le Tour de Bayou. Please drop off all ice chests, with your name on it, by close of business Thursday, September 19.

YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED!

We are now collecting items for our fall yard sale. Please drop off all items Monday through Saturday between 9am and 5pm. No clothing, please. The last day to drop off items is Tuesday, October 1.

The Age of Social Media

In the year 2019, the most successful businesses are using social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to develop a greater online presence. Kent House is moving in this direction in order to increase public awareness, and we need your help. The Kent House Facebook Page has over 4,000 people that follow it, or in other words, get constant updates of what is going on at Kent House. Our two brand new social media platforms are not quite as populated, but are on its way to growth with a solid start of 200 people following the new Instagram Page and 100 people following the new Twitter Page. If you, a family member, or friend has Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter please 'Follow' us on your various social media accounts to become more 'in-the-know' and aware of what all is going on at the Kent House.

Meredith Hudson
Events & Marketing



RUNWAY SHOW BY BRITTANY'S BOUTIQUE AT 3RD ANNUAL BRIDAL FAIR



REBECCA JONES FROM THE CENLA HERB SOCIETY AND MICHELLE RIGGS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE KENT HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELP SET UP FOR HERB DAY

A Busy Year at Kent House

The first half of 2019 has been a whirlwind! We began our busy calendar of events in March with the 3rd Annual Bridal Fair and it really was a magical day for brides-to-be. The weather was perfect and we had a record high attendance of over 200 guests, 50 of those being newly engaged brides-to-be. We also hosted over 20 local wedding vendors that met with brides to help plan their dream weddings as well as give away door prizes galore! Brittany's Boutique held a wonderful Runway Show of bridesmaid dresses and wedding gowns and Liz Cormier demonstrated hair and makeup on some lucky brides-to-be.

In April, we held our Annual Spring Herb Day, and due to the high risk of thunderstorms, the herbs were sold underneath the house this year. The storms did come, but thankfully, they held off until we had just about sold out of Herbs! Despite the high risk of bad weather, there was a good turnout of shoppers that attended our yard sale, as well! All in all, it was a successful Spring Herb Day

During May, the Rapides Parish Library partnered with Kent House to put on a brand new event: French Heritage Fest. This festival encompassed Cajun, Creole, and French traditions. The festival had live music with performances by Gregory Lejeune and Cajun Heat Band. There was dancing, various Cajun and Creole food vendors, authors, Booray (Bourré) lessons, demonstrations, games, and a children's performance led by Lady Chops, a former percussionist in Stomp (the musical). There was a great time had by both children and adults at this wonderful new event!



THE RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY TEACHES BOORAY (BOURRÉ) AT FRENCH HERITAGE FEST



GREGORY LEJEUNE AND CAJUN HEAT BAND PERFORMS AT FRENCH HERITAGE FEST



GUESTS AT BUG DAY LEARN ALL ABOUT BEES



#BUGDAY2019 PHOTOBOOTH



JANE IN JUNE CAMPERS SHOW OFF THEIR FAN POSES

At the start of June, we held the 12th Annual Bug Day, hosted by the USDA Forest Service. This year's Bug Day had a record breaking crowd of over 2,000 people! Families from all over CENLA attended Bug Day to learn about good bugs, bad bugs, and ugly bugs, as well as eat some tasty buggy treats. There were activities galore for children and adults to learn something new about bugs. This year's new stations, Bloodsuckers and #BugDay2019 Photobooth, were both a success. We are already looking forward to what next year's Bug Day has in store!

The most recent event of the summer was the Jane in June summer camp, and it was a blast! Twenty-four girls attended this wonderful camp and learned all about what it means to be a lady, specifically one from the 1800's. From table manners, to posture, to kind words... these girls walked away with a wealth of information. In addition to learning etiquette, the girls participated in many arts and crafts activities that were from the era of Jane Austen, the author who inspired the name of the camp. Also, throughout the week the girls practiced hosting a tea party. On Friday, the last day of camp, each girl invited their parents and grandparents to attend a tea party in the Kent House Visitor Center. The girls were then able to demonstrate all of the hosting skills they learned throughout the week, as well as enjoy some tea and finger foods with their family.