

Kent Plantation House Board of Trustees & Staff

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A Note from the Board of Trustees President

As we reflect on 2021, we at Kent Plantation House feel blessed. The past two years, with the Covid restrictions placed on everyone, had left Kent House with feelings of loss. We realize our mission is to promote the history of Central Louisiana to our community, state, nation, and the world. With the lifting of restrictions this fall, we have returned to our schedule of events, notably Le Tour de Bayou, Sugar Day, Fall Herb Day, and our annual Christmas celebration. It was heartening to see each and every one of you who visited and participated back on the grounds. In the new year, we plan to return to our regular schedule of tours, as well as our annual events, in order to spread the word about our wonderful area treasure and the rich history it represents. We hope you will join us in our endeavors, we need you.

Keith Hudson, President

Our Vision

Kent Plantation House sets the standard for historic preservation of Louisiana plantation life.

Mission Statement

Kent Plantation House preserves, interprets and promotes its historic site to educate the public about the history and culture of central Louisiana between 1795 and 1855.

Our Philosophy

Kent Plantation House aspires to be historically accurate, appealing to the public, operationally efficient, effective and accountable.

Our Clients

Kent Plantation House serves the general public of central Louisiana, school children of Rapides Parish and tourists from other parts of the United States and abroad through cultural, educational and tourist programs. Visitors, students and participants learn about the history and culture of the site. As a means of increasing gate receipts, Kent Plantation House, Inc. promotes tourism. Although economic development through tourism is neither a mission nor goal, it is a by-product that serves and benefits the Alexandria/Pineville area and the state.



2021: Navigating Our "New Normal"

"The comeback is always greater than the setback."

Like many aspects in our current world, the Kent House was not exempt from the residual effects brought upon by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, 2021 was greeted with much anticipation, as it brought about the return of the Kent House's annual events. As our supporters and the community waited with bated breath, no one was more excited to return to this "new normal" than our Board of Trustees and the Kent House staff.

With the continued support of our sponsors, Board of Trustees, community and visitors from far and wide, we are confident that 2022 will be met with abundant enthusiasm and will continue the momentum created in 2021.

Please enjoy some highlights of our "new normal" from 2021



SPRING HERB DAY & YARD SALE - APRIL 10, 2021

The annual Kent House Spring Herb Day & Yard Sale was the first official event to be held on the grounds post Covid. The event was off to a rainy start but our supporters showed up. It was great to see so many faces, familiar as well as new!



JANE IN JUNE - JUNE 21-25, 2021

Kent House had 18 young ladies participate in the highly anticipated Jane In June Camp. Girls ages 8 to 12 enjoyed a week of arts & crafts projects, attended and hosted authentic tea parties, etiquette, games, and pastimes of the Jane Austen era.



LE TOUR DE BAYOU - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

"Laissez les bicyclettes rouler!" The 10th Annual Le Tour de Bayou drew a crowd of over 200 participants from as close as Alexandria to as far as San Francisco. Riders enjoyed the beautiful scenic views of central Louisiana along with a post-ride party held on the grounds.



FALL HERB DAY & YARD SALE - OCTOBER 2, 2021

Like in Spring, the weather threatened; but the vendors and visitors persevered for Fall Herb Day & Yard Sale. Seasonal plants and herbs, local foodies and handcrafted items covered our grounds and made for the perfect kick-off to our fall season.



TALES ALONG THE BAYOU - OCTOBER 28, 2021

A SPOOK-tacular event hosted every Halloween by the Rapides Parish Library, the Kent House grounds make the perfect backdrop for Tales Along the Bayou. Families gathered on blankets and chairs throughout the yard and enjoyed ghostly tales and ghoulish fun.

SUGAR DAY FESTIVAL- NOVEMBER 13, 2021

It's the sweetest day of the year at Kent House as we celebrated the 28th Annual Sugar Day Festival. Artisans and demonstrators from across the region lined the Kent House grounds as the reproduction 1800s sugar mill belled smoke as it cooked sweet sugar cane syrup.



OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 4, 2021

Cranberry and popcorn chains, cookies and hot chocolate, and a visit from Papa Noel put a smile on everyone's face during Kent House's Old Fashioned Christmas. This annual celebration is an official event for the City of Alexandria's 12 Nights of Christmas.

2022 Kent Plantation House Schedule of Events

Spring Herb Day - April 2

Bug Day - June 4

Jane In June Camp - June 13-17

French Heritage Festival - TBA

Le Tour de Bayou - September 17

Fall Herb Day - October 1

Tales Along the Bayou - October 28

Sugar Day - November 12

Old Fashioned Christmas - December TBA

Friends of Kent House Christmas Party - December TBA

Whiskey & Spirits Tasting Event - TBA

NOTE: DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND WEBSITE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS.