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## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pioneer Days & Beers with Pioneers Festival

*A FREE Community Event Celebrating the Heritage of Lake Wales*  
**CALL FOR VENDORS and NOMINATIONS for PIONEER OF THE YEAR 2018**



**LAKE WALES, Florida** – The Lake Wales Museum will host the *43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pioneer Days and Beers with Pioneers Festival* on Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is a heritage celebration for the whole family with free admission and parking on both days. On Saturday, October 27, the new Beers with Pioneers craft brew event will take

place from 4 – 9 p.m. A special admission ticket is required for Beers with Pioneers.

*Pioneer Days Festival* also includes honoring a recipient of the annual “Pioneer of the Year,” award. Each year since 1977, the Lake Wales Museum has recognized a resident of Lake Wales who has made an outstanding contribution to the quality of life and community of Lake Wales, and we are now accepting nominations. If you know someone who has lived in Lake Wales and made a significant contribution to our community, please consider submitting a nomination.

The Lake Wales Museum’s *Pioneer Days Festival* is synonymous with Lake Wales history and culture, and celebrates the heritage of the greater Polk County community. The two-day event in late October features free admission along the shores of Lake Wailes Lake with over 100 heritage, artisan, community and food vendors, along with heritage activities. The event draws a diverse audience of nearly 10,000 visitors and residents annually to the area.

### ***BECOME A VENDOR or NOMINATE INDIVIDUALS FOR PIONEER OF THE YEAR***

If you would like to nominate someone for this award or participate in Pioneer Days Festival or Beers with Pioneers as a vendor, applications and forms may be found at [www.cityoflakewales.com/555/Pioneer-Days](http://www.cityoflakewales.com/555/Pioneer-Days).

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### **About the Lake Wales Museum**

The Lake Wales Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is free. Parking is free and the first floor is accessible for persons with disabilities, wheelchairs and strollers. For more information contact the Lake Wales Museum, 325 S Scenic Highway, Lake Wales, Florida 33853; 863-676-1759 or visit [www.cityoflakewales.com/439/Depot-Museum](http://www.cityoflakewales.com/439/Depot-Museum).