

LAKE WALES MUSEUM – THROUGH DECEMBER 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & PROGRAMS

September 18 – November 24, 2018

Patios, Pools, & the Invention of the American Backyard

An historical exhibit at the Lake Wales Museum

The suburban backyard is an American original—an invention so familiar it hardly seems invented at all. This exciting traveling exhibit explores the mid-century backyard from the rise of the suburbs and tract houses, to the beauty of postwar garden design, and the birth of the environmental movement. Filled with vintage photographs, historic drawings, and fun period advertisements, the exhibition reveals how these spaces became such an integral part of American popular culture. Presented by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Smithsonian Garden's Archive of American Gardens. Free to the public.

Town & Country History Bus Tour

Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10 AM – 12 PM

Join us for a tour through old Florida history, driving through the heart of downtown Lake Wales and stopping at historic building of the Lake Wales Arts Center. Along the way, participants will learn about the historic district, buildings and lakes of Lake Wales. Enjoy an air-conditioned ride on the new History Bus! \$15/person. Seating limited.

Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6 PM

Florida Humanities Council Speaker Series

Featuring Stories of Florida – Con Sabor! By Carrie Sue Ayver

Listen to the enchanting stories of old Florida with Latino flavor. Carrie Sue flows seamlessly between Spanish and English while sharing personal, historical and traditional Florida history tales of people and culture. Free to the public. Light refreshments.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 12 PM

Museum Book Club – Astronauts Wives Club by Lily Koppel

Dedicated to non-fiction, you'll discover the truth can be much stranger than fiction. Join us every month to discuss new book! Read the book and come ready to discuss the best non-fiction books. Free to the public and all the books are available to check out free of charge at the Museum while supplies last.

October 27 from 9 AM -5 PM & October 28 from 11 AM – 4 PM

Pioneer Days Festival @ Lake Wailes Park

Join us for the Lake Wales Museum's signature heritage event this family-friends, free community festival with live entertainment, food vendors, heritage & hand crafts, farmers market, petting zoo & animal rides, reenactments, historic architecture tours, native American dances, antique cars, tractors and more! Pioneer of the Year Celebration is October 27 at 10 AM, which honors a long-time citizen who made a significant contribution to Lake Wales. Free to the public. Free parking.

October 27 from 4 – 9 PM

Beers with Pioneers @ Lake Wailes Park

A celebration of history with craft brews, food and live music. Join us for a cracker-style evening of fun! Each participant receives their own tasting mug and entry for prizes throughout the evening. \$25/person.

November 3, 2018 from 8 AM – 3 PM

11th Annual 39-Mile Yard Sale

Road trip through history as you find backroad treasures at roadside yard sales from Haines City to Frostproof. Bring cash your cash to make purchases at one of the seven official locations, including the Lake Wales Museum. Free to the public.

November 15, 2018 @ 6 PM

Florida Humanities Council Speaker Series Featuring Alligators in Florida Culture by Jeff Klinkenberg

Few states have a relationship with an animal in the way that Florida does with the alligator. Whether it's a school mascot, being wrestled at a tourist attraction, or sunbathing on a golf course, these reptiles are ubiquitous to our state. After hearing Jeff Klinkenberg's lecture, and watching his accompanying video, you'll agree that there can be no Florida without alligators. Free to the public. Light refreshments.

November 28, 2018 at 12 PM

Museum Book Club – The Man Who Loved Books Too Much by Alison Bartlett

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December 4, 2018 – February 16, 2019

Mountain Lake: A Look Inside Building a Legacy

The Lake Wales Museum presents a historical exhibit about the story of Mountain Lake Estates, one of the oldest private golf and estate communities in the country, located in Lake Wales, Florida. This exhibit will feature stories, photographs, original illustrations, maps, and memorabilia about how the community of Mountain Lake has greatly contributed to the historic preservation, economic development and social causes of the small town of Lake Wales, Florida. Highlights will include displays of more than a century of Mediterranean-style architectural designs, the development of the citrus industry, and building the first hospital. Free to the public.

December 7, 2018 at 5 PM

Make it Magical presents A Vintage Homespun Holiday

Downtown Lake Wales

Join the Lake Wales Museum, friends and neighbors for wintertime fun in downtown Lake Wales featuring shopping, food, live music and performances, visits with Santa, Florida snow, handmade crafts and family-friendly activities. Free to the public.

December 8, 2018 from 10 AM – 12 PM

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December 13, 2018 from 6 – 8 PM

Holiday History Happy Hour

Be one of the first to see our new exhibit, talk to our curator and enjoy live music, holiday history trivia, complimentary food, and donation cash bar with fine wines and craft beer. Free to the public.