

September 27, 2008

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands we enjoy. Park staff have identified projects where volunteers can lend a hand. If interested, please contact the park.

George Washington Carver  
National Monument  
5646 Carver Road  
Diamond, MO 64840

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## Calendar of Activities July- September 2008



*"The primary idea in all my work was to help the farmer and fill the poor man's dinner pail."*

- George Washington Carver, January 16, 1929

We would like to encourage you to visit George Washington Carver National Monument and experience the many excellent programs and activities that are available. These programs are provided free of charge in partnership with the Carver Birthplace District Association.

The monument is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri, on Highway V, then ½ mile south on Carver Road. The Visitor Center and park grounds are open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information, please call the park at (417) 325- 4151 between 9 a.m and 5 p.m. or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/gwca](http://www.nps.gov/gwca)

## JULY

July 5, 2008 Noon – 1 p.m.

### MAN OF GREAT FAITH

George Washington Carver was a creative scientist with an unwavering faith in the Great Creator. Dedicating his life to helping others, Carver combined both his faith and science without compromise. Explore this program and discover how his dedication served others.

July 12, 2008 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### CARVER DAY CELEBRATION

There will be something for everyone at this special event commemorating the 1943 establishment of George Washington Carver National Monument. Visitors will hear gospel music from area choirs, be invited to participate in family activities, and see many interesting exhibits. Tracy Milsap of Kansas City, Mo., will provide storytelling performances. Dr. Maurice Tate, Missouri State University, will be the guest speaker at the commemorative program.

July 19, 2008 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### CARVER SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Calling all visitors interested in Carver's science! A park ranger will lead you in a variety of experiments in the science lab.

July 26, 2008 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### OLD- FASHIONED TOYS AND GAMES

Playtime was a simple affair in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as children invented their own games or played with homemade toys. Join a park ranger at the 1881 Moses Carver House and experience the joy of playing with some old- fashioned toys and games.

## AUGUST

August 2, 2008 1 p.m.

### “SLAVERY ON TRIAL,” THE DRED SCOTT DECISION

This 30- minute film explores the life of Dred Scott and one of the most important court cases over the issue of slavery in the United States.

August 9, 2008 Noon – 1 p.m.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER: STRUGGLE FOR AN EDUCATION IN A SEGREGATED AMERICA

Utilizing photographs and artwork, this program focuses on Carver's years pursuing education despite racial segregation and limited opportunities.

August 16, 2008 Noon – 1 p.m.

### EXPRESSIONS OF THE SOUL

George Washington Carver was a talented artist using flowering plants and landscapes as his favorite subjects to draw or paint. The program looks more closely at Carver the artist and how his artistry brought joy to his life.

August 23, 2008 1 p.m.

### “A GENIUS REMEMBERED,” GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

This 30- minute film explores the life of George Washington Carver, told by people who actually knew him and by others whose work was influenced by his great legacy.

## SEPTEMBER

September 6, 2008 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL ON WHEELS

The Jesup Wagon, also known as the Agricultural School on Wheels, carried George Washington Carver's bulletins, in addition to many other useful supplies to the southern farmers. A park ranger will share the story of this fascinating teaching tool.

September 13, 2008 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### PRAIRIE DAY CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate life on the prairie during the 1860s to 1880s. Musical entertainment, nature exhibits and a variety of living history demonstrations are the highlights of the event. Visitors are invited to dip candles, churn butter, tour the prairie in a horse- drawn wagon, and much more!

September 20, 2008 Noon – 1 p.m.

### EPITAPHS & ENGRAVINGS

Take some time to learn about the symbols and engravings on the headstones during this program at the Carver Family Cemetery. A park ranger will explain the meaning behind the symbols which tell about the lives of the early settlers.

September 27, 2008 1 p.m.

### PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

“*BREAK ME MY BOUNDS*” is a film that explores the life of Paul Laurence Dunbar, known as the “poet laureate” of his people. Dunbar was one of the first African- American writers to be widely read by whites.