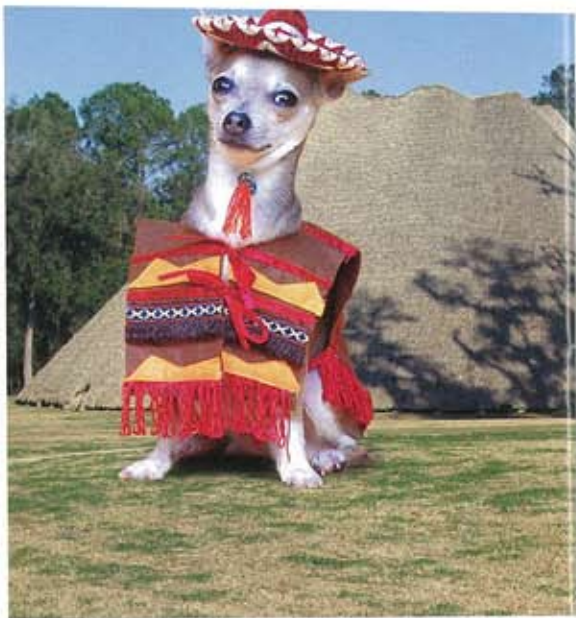


Chihuahua Paseo and Costume Contest

MAY 7

10 A.M.-NOON

In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, Mission San Luis invites chihuahuas, chihuahua wannabes, their companions and their fans to join the fun for the third annual "paseo" around the plaza. The event is a good opportunity to showcase the dogs and introduce them to their cultural heritage. Costumes are optional. All dogs must be on leashes. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day and the opportunity to meet others who share your enthusiasm for this small but mighty breed. Free with site admission: adults, \$5; seniors 65+, \$3; children 6-17, \$2; children under 6, free; Mission members and active military, free. 2100 W.Tennessee St. 245-6406.



ART GOES WILD 2

May 1

Noon-5 p.m.

Come out to the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum to enjoy an afternoon of art and to help the cause of wild animal rescue and rehabilitation at the Goose Creek Wildlife Sanctuary and elsewhere. Ticket-holders get entry to the Car Museum, a wine and beer tasting, appetizers, an art auction and more. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Seniors pay \$15 in advance; children admitted free. To order tickets, call 942-0137 or 656-6349. 6800 Mahan Drive.

BELLY DANCE

May 4

Wednesdays through May 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Belly dance for fun and fitness at the YMCA's Parkway Branch with Gitana de la Rosa. Cost: \$10 per class or free with Y membership. 2001 Apalachee Parkway. 877-6151 or 284-2094.

"CINDERELLA"

May 7-8

From fanciful fairies and magic pumpkins to a glass slipper and a

handsome prince, the Tallahassee Ballet brings the audience favorite "Cinderella" to the stage this month. Kathryn Karrh Cashin choreographed the show, which tells of the transformation of a hard-working, gracious girl to a dazzling princess with the help of her fairy godmother. Performances will be at 10:30 a.m. (abbreviated children's version) and 8 p.m. May 7, and at 2:30 p.m. May 8 in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Tickets: \$20-\$45. Corner of Copeland Street and College Avenue. 224-6917.

17TH ANNUAL TOUR OF GARDENS

May 14

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

This annual tour of privately owned gardens is a fundraising event for the Friends of Maclay Gardens and a spring tradition for many folks in

the area. The day begins with breakfast at Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park at 9 a.m., along with a silent auction and plant sale. Participants are then given maps for a self-paced tour of local gardens. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions at each stop. The Tallahassee Garden Club will reveal the winner of their Backyard Makeover during the tour. Tickets: \$25, available in advance at the park, Esposito Garden Center, Native Nurseries, Tallahassee Nurseries and Wild Birds Unlimited. Park entrance fees waived for participants. 3540 Thomasville Road. 487-4115.

EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION

May 20

Noon

This annual event at the

Knott House Museum commemorates the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tallahassee in 1865. The program features a reenactment of the reading, a ceremony with prayers and music, and a free picnic in Lewis Park across the street. 301 E. Park Ave. 245-6400, www.museumoffloridahistory.com.

5K FIGHT FOR AIR RUN/WALK

May 28

8-11 a.m.

This 5K run/walk at the Centerville Conservation Community raises awareness and funds to help save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. Tickets: \$25. 8240 Centerville Road. 907-2076 or 386-2065, ext. 1141. ❖

Butterfly Gardening Workshop

MAY 21

10-11 A.M.

It's time to get the butterfly garden spruced up for summer. Donna Legare of Native Nurseries will teach you how to create or add to a garden that blooms all summer and fall, nurturing a variety of colorful butterflies and hummingbirds. Free. 1661 Centerville Road, 386-8882.