



# Athens-Limestone County Tourism News

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*"Tourism is the largest industry in Alabama in terms of revenue generated and jobs created"*

## Cruise In on the Square

The monthly (March – October) 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday **Cruise In** will be March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This will be the third year for car enthusiasts to enjoy the informal **Cruise In** sponsored by the Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce downtown Athens on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, March – October. There are normally 150 – 250 vintage vehicles parked around the square. Registration is not required. Antique vehicle owners should bring their vehicle to the square to be exhibited between 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Cruise In, walk around and look the cars, trucks and motorcycles as you enjoy 60's, 70's and 80's music. While in Athens, enjoy the delicious food at some of our local restaurants and do a little shopping at local shops. For more information contact Bland Allen at 256-603-1227.



## Home and Garden Show

The evidence of spring is all around us and everyone is ready to start home improvements, gardening and landscaping projects. The Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual **Home and Garden Show** March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Athens National Guard Armory. Attendees will find products, services and guidance on a large variety of home and gardening projects and may participate in free demonstrations on home and gardening tips and techniques. For more information call 256-232-2600.



## Congratulations Hospice Chili Challenge 2010 Winners

Best Booth Award went to Kristi Valls - District Attorney  
Critics Choice Award Best Group - Athens Wellness Center  
Critics Choice Award Best Individual - Brian C. T. Jones  
People's Choice Award - Friendship Singles

## March 2010 Tourism Calendar of Events and Attractions

### **Cedar Hill Elementary (Ardmore) Book Fair**

March 1-March 4 at 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

The Library will be hosting their Spring Book Fair at the school library.

### **Cedar Hill Elementary (Ardmore) Art Night**

March 4 at 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Art Night features art work from each and every student at the school, prominently displayed outside each classroom. K-5th grade each have a theme the art work is based on. The Library's Spring Book Fair will

be open for families during Art Night. The entire community is encouraged to attend and support the students.

### **Elkmont Beauty Walk**

March 5 & 6

Everyone is invited to Elkmont High School for their annual **Beauty** Walk. Come and support the school and the beautiful young ladies competing. For more information, please call 423-3972, 423-5754 or 732-4625.

### **Band of Brothers of Friendship UMC Pancake Breakfast**

March 6 at 6:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Friendship United Methodist Church (16479 Lucas Ferry Road) Band of Brothers invites you to their annual breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (12 and under). This year the proceeds will benefit Noah Crowe (and family). Donations will be accepted and may be mailed to Jim Swanner, 13124 Carter Road, Athens, AL 35611. Contact [jswa1111@aol.com](mailto:jswa1111@aol.com).

### **Razzy Bailey's Barn Dance and Variety Show**

March 6 at 7:00 PM

Alabama Opry invites you to enjoy a night of fun with Razzy Bailey, Bobby G. Rice, Nash Street and local artist Lacey Snider. Reserved tickets are \$15.00 and general admission is \$10.00 at the door. Contact 256-206-0211 or [gwh228@aol.com](mailto:gwh228@aol.com).

### **Athens Cruise In on the square**

March 6 at 2:00 – 8:00 PM

Bring your antique vehicle and enjoy the fellowship of other antique vehicle owners. Everyone is welcome to walk around the square and enjoy the vehicles. You are encouraged to eat at our local restaurants and do a little shopping before you leave. Come and enjoy the 60's, 70's and 80's music. For more information call Bland at 256-603-1227.

### **Art Marketing: An Artists Meet and Workshop**

March 13 at 9:00 AM - noon

Art on the Square is pleased to offer this workshop which includes creating a marketing kit; proper presentation to galleries and shows; the importance of a web presence; finding the "right" market; grassroots marketing strategies and networking. Keynote speaker and facilitator will be Gina Hurst of Ascribing Artists and Trisha Black, Executive Director Spirit of Athens. The cost for the workshop is \$25.00 and includes a continental breakfast and a complimentary one year membership to the Art on the Square organization. You may reserve your spot by calling 256-444-8156. Space is limited.

### **Athens Home and Garden Show**

March 13 & 14

The Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce's annual **Home and Garden Show** will be at the Athens Armory just off Hwy 31 on Armory Drive. This year exhibitors will be displaying all types of lawn and garden products that will be available for purchase. Contact 256-232-2600 to reserve a booth or for more information.

### **The Alvarado Road Show**

March 13 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

The Red Caboose in Elkmont, AL invites you to this unique and entertaining show. See and meet this trio for the first time right here in Elkmont. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door which includes snacks and drinks.

### **Polk Sallet Follies**

March 11, 12 & 13

The Athens Senior Center on Pryor Street will be full of life at the annual **Polk Sallet Follies**. This event offers a delicious dinner and outstanding live entertainment. Reserved seating required. Tickets went on sale Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your tickets now – they go fast! Contact 256-233-6412.

### **Taste of Ardmore**

March 19 at 11 AM - 2 PM

Eleven Ardmore restaurants will showcase their delicious food during the annual **Taste of Ardmore** at the Ardmore, TN Annex building. Purchase a \$7.00 ticket and enjoy lunch sampling all the varieties offered. Contact 256-423-7588 for tickets or information.

### **Blast From the Past in Concert**

March 20 at 7:00 PM – dinner at 6:00 PM

Yesterdays Event Center invites you to enjoy the oldies a’cappella group **“Blast From the Past”** and national singer/impressionist Kevin Adams. Both groups just returned from the national O’Reilly’s World of Wheels auto expo and Kevin just opened for Billy Joe Royal and Percy Sledge. Admission is \$10 each and dinner is \$8.95 each. Reservations required by email [halljd99@hiwaay.net](mailto:halljd99@hiwaay.net).  
[www.yesterdaysevents.com](http://www.yesterdaysevents.com)

### **Adult Corporate Spelling Bee**

March 27 at 10:00 AM

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual event will be held at Athens High School cafeteria. All it takes to enter the contest is a three-person team, and an alternate. To register, make a donation, sponsor the bee or for more information on the Learn-to-Read Council, call 256-230-3050.

### **Easter Extravaganza**

March 27 starting at 9:00 AM

The **Spirit of Athens' Easter Extravaganza** will be a fun filled day for the children. Beginning with Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at The Club House (Marion Street) at 9-11 AM. Advanced tickets are required - adults \$15.00 and children \$10.00. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 11:30 AM on the lawn of the Limestone County Courthouse downtown Athens. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be from 11 AM - 1 PM. Fee for photo is \$5.00. For more information call Trisha at 256-278-6436.

### **Blacksmithing Demonstration/Workshop**

March 27 at 9:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the demonstrations in the art of making tongs and candleholders throughout the day at Travis Fleming’s Shop located at 208 Commercial Drive, Athens. Contact Travis at 256-227-6216 or visit [alaforge.org](http://alaforge.org) for more information.

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## Recurring Events

**Looking for something to do every week? Look below:**

**Athens High School Greenhouse** is now open Monday-Friday 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Contact 256-233-6613.



Every Thursday night at 5:30 PM, Ardmore Pickin' & Grinnin', Ardmore, TN Annex Building Main Street, 256-423-7588

Every Monday night at 6:30 PM, Elkmont Pickin' & Grinnin', Elkmont Depot, Elkmont, AL. Contact: 931-427-6296

1st & 3rd Thursday night at 6:30 PM, The Athens Dulcimers, Athens Recreation Center, Athens, AL, Hwy 251. Contact: 256-232-1262, Terry Todd

Every Thursday night at 7:00 PM, Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter Chorus, Southern Splendor rehearsal, Athens Bible School, Athens, AL. The public is welcome to come and enjoy the music.

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## Some Upcoming Events To Look Forward To

### April

- 3 – Athens Cruise In on the Square
- 10 – Inaugural Chick-fil-a 5K Run
- 16 – Singing on the Square
- 17 – “A Decade of Difference” – Athens-Limestone Hospital Gala
- 24 – Athens on the Square Car Show
- 24 - Best Buckin' BBQ Cook-off
- 27 – Taste of Home Cooking School

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## Need Help with an Event?

If you have an event or attraction you would like posted on the tourism website ([www.tourathens.com](http://www.tourathens.com)) or listed in this newsletter send an email to [jeanette@tourathens.com](mailto:jeanette@tourathens.com) with the following information:

Name of Event:

Date of event:

Time of event:

Description of Event:

Contact phone number, website and email:

Admission fee:

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## We're here to help

The Athens-Limestone Tourism Council is available to help you plan, organize and promote events. Please contact us if you need assistance. We look forward to an outstanding 2010. Contact [Jeanette@tourathens.com](mailto:Jeanette@tourathens.com) or call 256-232-5411.