

Soon we will begin seeing springtime in our part of Louisiana. After a cold winter most of us are ready for some sunshine and spring flowers. So, plan now to be outside in March enjoying nature.

Experience the hospitality of a small town and celebrate the arrival of spring on March 7th by attending the annual Jonquil Jubilee Historic Home & Garden Tour in Gibsland. The jubilee starts in the downtown area with the purchase of a \$10 ticket.

From there you can remain in town and shop with vendors, have pancakes with the Lion's Club at 8 a.m. or eat at the Gibsland Grill throughout the day. When you are ready to travel, jump in the car and take the map you received with the purchase of your ticket and drive through the countryside to see all the flowering daffodils.

Travel at your own pace, begin anywhere along the trail and plan to make frequent stops so you can enjoy the beauty of the daffodils. Plan to stop at Sally's Field, a display featuring over 6000 daffodils, and Lorris and Elaine's Garden. Don't forget your camera, what a great opportunity to take some pictures as you stroll among the daffodils.

Gibsland, the Daffodil Capital of Louisiana, is located one mile south of I-20 at exit #61 and is just an hour's drive from Shreveport and Monroe. To become a vendor or to ask a question, contact Gibsland Bank & Trust at (318) 843-6228 or e-mail them at jonquiljubilee@gibslandbank.com Log onto: <http://www.jonquiljubilee.com/> for more details.

Next in March, plan to take a nature photography class. Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Monroe, Louisiana Delta Adventures, the LSU AgCenter, Winnsboro's Main Street Program and the Post Office Museum in Winnsboro are partnering to offer a two-session nature/wildlife photography class.

The first session scheduled for March 14th at the refuge is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The indoor class will teach basic photography skills and tips on photographing nature and wildlife. During the afternoon, participants will take a photography field trip at the refuge and have hands-on instruction.

For session one you will need a notepad, camera (professional camera not required; point and shoot camera is okay), a brown bag lunch, snacks and drinks.

The second session is scheduled at the refuge on March 28th from 10 a.m. to noon. This indoor class will provide an opportunity for participants to show their photos to class members and have a professional critique them. For this class bring your camera and three or more photographs.

The instructor for both classes will be Candice Head, of Head to Toe Photos, LLC. To register, send \$50 payable to Louisiana Delta Adventures by March 6th to Candice Head, P.O. Box 595, Newellton, LA 71357. Also provide your name, address, phone number and e-mail address when registering. For more information contact Candice Head at candi@headtoetophotos.com or Dora Ann Hatch at dhatch@agcenter.lsu.edu or like "Louisiana Delta Adventures" on Facebook.

For more information on agritourism programming in Louisiana, contact Dora Ann Hatch with the LSU AgCenter at (318) 927-9654 x 229 or e-mail her at dhatch@agcenter.lsu.edu