



Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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Piedmont Historical Society's Annual Quilt Drawing

The Historical Society is selling tickets for a quilt drawing to be held on Founder's Day, September 8, 2012.

The king-size quilt (98" x 111") was made by Ruth Melendez and Elma Schmidt and was quilted by Opal Baum. The quilt pattern is Autumn Pinwheel Garden. It

will be on display at F & M Bank at either the Piedmont or the Surrey Hills location through the month of August.

You can purchase tickets at the museum any Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You can also purchase tickets at whichever F & M Bank location has the quilt on display. Tickets will be sold on Founder's Day until the time of the drawing which will be at 2:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$1 each, or \$5 for six tickets.

For more information about the quilt, call Evelyn Munsell at 373-2905.

For information about the Historical Society or how to become a member, contact Don Willis at 570-9700.

P.L.A.C.E.S. Quilt Drawing

The Piedmont Library and Cultural Events Society (P.L.A.C.E.S.) is selling tickets for a drawing for a quilt made by the Library Quilters and quilted by Cathy Hladick. Tickets can be bought at the library during regular library hours and cost \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets. The drawing will be held on Founder's Day, September 8.

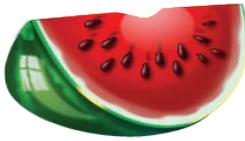
The quilt is queen size and the pattern is called Exploding Pineapple. The quilt is on display at the Piedmont Tag Agency.

For questions about the quilt, contact Rhonda Turley at 373-9018.

The library quilters meet every Wednesday of the month except the first one, from 10:00 until noon. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend and there is no charge. For more information, contact Judy Morton at 373-1662.



August - National Watermelon Month



Although most people consider watermelon to be a fruit, it was officially designated as Oklahoma's state vegetable in 2007.

Calling the watermelon a vegetable was justified by the fact that it comes from the cucumber and gourd families, both of which are classified as vegetables. But the primary reason the watermelon was designated as the state vegetable is that Oklahoma already had a state fruit - the strawberry.

If you're interested in growing the largest watermelon, you'll have to beat the 262-pound watermelon grown by Bill Carson of Arrington, Tennessee, in 1990.

For some great ideas on how to carve a watermelon into a fish, hedge hog, penguin, owl, pig, turtle, seal, basket, tea pot, or other objects, visit the website of the National Watermelon Promotion Board at www.watermelon.org.

FAST FACT	Those who think they have no time for exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness.
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Piedmont Recycling

Recycling takes place in Piedmont the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m at the former co-op, 115 Piedmont Road N.

Items accepted for recycling include:

- newspapers, junk mail, magazines, catalogs and other paper
- #1 and #2 plastic containers
- aluminum cans
- all glass containers (sorted by color)
- corrugated cardboard and chip board, such as cereal boxes, but no pizza boxes



Tires are accepted during Fall Clean-up only.

It is recommended that you keep recycling items sorted through the month. Cans do not need to be crushed, but crushing them helps to conserve space.

If you don't have enough space to store papers from one month to the next, you can drop them in the paper recycling bin at Piedmont Elementary School, Piedmont Primary School, or at the United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church also has a trailer for aluminum cans.

For recycling questions, call Evelyn Munsell at 373-2905.

Perseids Meteor Shower

Although there are several meteor showers that happen at various times of the year, the Perseids meteor shower, which happens in August, is one of the best. Between midnight and dawn on the mornings of August 11, 12 and 13, viewing of the Perseids will be at its peak, but you might spot meteors in the late evening hours as well. If you watch in the pre-dawn hours, you'll also see the moon pass by the bright planets of Venus and Jupiter in the eastern sky.

The meteors radiate from a point in the constellation Perseus the Hero which rises in the northeast, but you won't need to know exactly where that is because the meteors will appear in all parts of the sky. On a dark night during the Perseids meteor shower, it's often possible to see more than 50 meteors per hour. The meteors are typically fast, bright, and frequently leave a train that persists in the sky.

The Perseids are pieces of the comet Swift-Tuttle. As the comet orbits the sun, it sheds debris, called meteoroids, along its orbit. The meteoroids are generally the size of sand, with a few pieces as big as peas or marbles, and they travel at approximately 133,200 miles per hour. When Earth travels through the comet's debris stream, the meteoroids heat up and quickly ignite from the friction with Earth's upper atmosphere, becoming a meteor, or what we commonly call a shooting star. Most meteors become visible about 60 miles above the ground and vaporize before landing. Those that do survive and land on Earth are called meteorites.

For the best viewing of the meteor shower, take comfortable chairs, sleeping bags and blankets, bug spray, and snacks and drinks, and find a secluded place away from the lights of the city. You have found a place that is dark enough if you can see every star in the Little Dipper. You will not need binoculars to see the meteors.

August 11 and 12 fall on a weekend, so consider heading to one of Oklahoma's state parks away from the city to watch the Perseids meteor shower, and to enjoy the last weekend before kids start back to school.

The next opportunity to see a great meteor shower is the Geminid meteor shower on December 13 and 14, but who wants to sit outside on a cold winter night?

Remember this motto about watching for meteors: *you might see a lot or you might not see many, but if you stay in the house, you won't see any.*

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Meetings are generally held the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at city hall. The public is welcome to attend and share comments, ideas, and suggestions.

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School Starts

Thursday, August 16

***** State Law *****

Vehicles must stop
for pedestrians
entering the crosswalk.

August Community Calendar

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays (9:00-4:00) - back to school supplies collected and distributed at the Piedmont Service Center for families needing assistance, 373-4022

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905

2 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at civic center, *Oklahoma Today* magazine editor Steffie Corcoran will present "Why the State Magazine Matters," free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 2 years, at the library, free, 373-9018

4 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former co-op, 373-2905

4, 11, 18, 25 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345

4 (1:00-3:30 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club for all ages, at the civic center, free, 488-5999

5 (6:00 pm, 5:00 pm exhibitions) - Playday at Round-Up Club Arena, \$5 office charge, \$4 exhibition charge, \$2 per event, \$5 for open events, free to watch, 627-7437

8, 15, 22, 29 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662

9 (noon) - Brown Bag Luncheon at Chamber, Tess Mack will present "Using Social Networks to Market Your Business," bring your own lunch, free, 373-2234

9 (6:30 pm) - Ladies Night at the library, enjoy a craft, snacks, and conversation, for adults, free, 373-9018

15 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie at the library, children ages 2-5, free, 373-9018

16 (6:30 pm) - No-Experience-Necessary Writer's Group for adults, at the library, free, 373-3788

18 (7:00 pm, 6:00 pm books open) - Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club All Breed Open Horse Show at Round-Up Club Arena, entry fees \$5 / class, \$10 / championship, free to watch, 826-4987

24 (6:30-8:30 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at civic center, \$7, bring your own supplies & double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849

An expanded version of the calendar is online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com
A Piedmont map of community event locations is online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf