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Carver Day Celebration

George Washington Carver National Monument near Diamond, Missouri, is pleased to announce the park's annual Carver Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend the 66th anniversary Carver Day to commemorate the life of George Washington Carver and the establishment of the national monument in his honor. Admission is FREE.

Activities are scheduled throughout the day, including storytelling, exhibitors, musical performers, guided tours, interpretive talks, children's programs and more.

Special speakers this year include Clifton Taulbert, President and Founder of the Building Community Institute and author of the bestselling memoir, *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored* and Peter Duncan Burchard, Carver Scholar and author of *George Washington Carver, A Great Soul.* Musical performers include gospel blues artist Reverend John Wilkins (the son of legendary blues singer Robert Wilkins), Kufara African marimba musicians and area church choirs. A special showing of a film produced by Tuskegee University entitled *A Genius Remembered: George Washington Carver* is scheduled for viewing.

Please call the park at 417-325-4151 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for further information. Carver Day is co-sponsored by the Carver Birthplace District Association, with support from the National Park Foundation's African American Experience Fund. George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and childhood home of George Washington Carver. The park is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri, on Highway V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road.

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