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George Washington Carver NM News Release

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Holiday Open House at George Washington Carver National Monument

George Washington Carver National Monument would like to invite the public to its Holiday Open House. This **FREE** event will take place Saturday December 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Special activities are scheduled; including music, crafts, and an appearance by George Washington Carver!

Music includes the amazing sound of the Diamond Silver Bells and the stringed instruments of the Ozark Wilderness Dulcimer Club. These local musicians will be playing their favorite holiday arrangements.

The open house will also include a special visit with George Washington Carver as portrayed by Paxton J. Williams, Outreach Director for the George Washington Carver Birthplace Association. George Washington Carver will delight visitors by sharing stories of traditions of holidays past.

Performance Times

Diamond Silver Bells, 1:00

Paxton J. Williams, 1:45

Paxton J. Williams, 3:00

Ozark Wilderness Dulcimer Club, 3:15

All performances will take place in the visitor center, lower level.

Crafts will include the making of Pomanders and Thaumatrope, both handmade holiday crafts dating back to the 1800's. Pomanders can be used as ornaments on trees, or just placed in a room with their beautiful aroma filling the air. A Thaumatrope is two images glued back to back and on a string. Once the string is turned, as fast as possible, the two images become one. Both crafts will take place in the visitor center, science classroom.

Join the National Park Service for this intriguing holiday program. For more information please call the park at 417-325-4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/gwca.

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 Hwy V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road. Visiting hours are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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