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Art in the Park

In conjunction with National Park Week, George Washington Carver National Monument invites the public to Art in the Park. Held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., this **free** event celebrates the artwork of George Washington Carver. A special exhibition, *Expressions of the Soul*, will feature artistic creations by George Washington Carver; including some of his original artwork on loan from Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, Tuskegee, Alabama will be on display.

George Washington Carver was inspired by the natural environment and gained a sense of serenity and personal rejuvenation from his artistic work. Like Carver, artists will be set up across the park grounds, drawing inspiration from nature. Hands-on workshops featuring techniques in acrylics, watercolors, pencil, clay, crochet, and nature art will be provided throughout the day and visitors are encouraged to participate. For the children, a “budding artists” area will feature natural dyes, rock painting, spring art, painting color swatches, and Junior Rangers.

At 11:00 a.m., Author and illustrator Cheryl Harness from Independence, Missouri will discuss her illustrations of George Washington Carver which were recently published in her book entitled *The Groundbreaking, Chance-Taking Life of George Washington Carver and Science & Invention in America*. The Carver Birthplace Association will offer a food concession from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Administered by the National Park Service, an agency of the Department of the Interior, George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and childhood home of George Washington Carver, scientist, educator, and humanitarian. The monument is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Highway V, then ¼ mile south on Carver Road. For more information, please call the park at (417) 325-4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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