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## George Washington Carver NM News Release

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### PRAIRIE DAY

The staff of George Washington Carver National Monument announces Prairie Day on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is FREE of charge. Prairie Day celebrates Carver's childhood environment through storytelling, music, living history, and interactive exhibits.

Across the grounds, featured exhibits include a quilting bee, edible and medicinal plants, food preservation, Civil War field medicine, banjo making, basket weaving, prairie ecology, horse-drawn wagon rides, and more. Children may earn a special Junior Ranger badge, and a concession stand will be available.

The music tent will be packed with outstanding talent: Judy Domeny Bowen's Ozark folk music, Hawthorne's "old thyme strings", and Ripplin' Creek's bluegrass. Blackberry Winter Band, featured on the soundtrack of the film *Winter's Bone*, will share Ozark hill music.

Inside the visitor center, Loretta Washington will present folktales and stories of African American history, followed by a toy-making session. Marideth Sisco, a journalist featured on KSMU, will speak on memories of growing up in "These Ozark Hills". Strings and Things dulcimer club will be on hand all day. At the 1881 Moses Carver House, history will come alive with candle dipping, blacksmithing, wool spinning, Dutch-oven cooking, lye soap-making, weaving, a musicians jam session, and more.

*A Call to Action Strategic Plan* charts a path toward the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service. One action concept, *History Lesson* showcases the meaning of parks to new audiences and provides an opportunity for communities to learn more about their heritage. Prairie Day celebrates Carver's childhood environment through storytelling, music, living history, and interactive exhibits.

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, visit the park website:

[www.nps.gov/gwca](http://www.nps.gov/gwca), park Facebook site, or send an email to [gwca\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:gwca_interpretation@nps.gov).

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