

Summer Fun in St. Louis

Find out about other area events by reading the Thursday St. Louis Post-Dispatch section "Get Out" (or online at <http://www.stltoday.com>) or checking out the excellent St. Louis Visitors and Convention Center site at www.explorestlouis.com. Events are free unless otherwise indicated.

~ Fun Places ~

St. Louis Zoo

The Saint Louis Zoo's summer hours (May 23-September 1, 2014) are Friday-Sunday 8am to 7pm and Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm. Admission is free. The Zoo also offers Jungle Boogie – a Friday Night Concert Series. For more information and to view event calendar online visit www.stlzoo.org or call 314-781-0900.

St. Louis Art Museum

Open Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 5pm. Admission to all special exhibits is FREE on Fridays, and the museum stays open until 9pm. **Sunday Family Programs**, 1 pm until 4 pm every Sunday: free family-oriented, art-inspired programs featuring hands-on activities gallery games, and performances designed to engage visitors of all ages. All materials are free, registration is not needed. www.slam.org

The Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis

Open Wednesday – Sunday, 11am – 6pm on Wednesday, 11am - 9pm on Thursdays and Friday, 10am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Free for all visitors every Wednesday and Saturday. A nominal fee is charged at other times. College students may get in free with a school ID. Please check the calendar of upcoming events. Lectures, music and films are either free or charge a nominal fee to attend. <http://www.camstl.org>.

The Jewel Box

The Jewel Box is open: 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday; 9 to 11 am Saturday and 9 am to 2 pm Sunday. Admission is \$1 but it is free from 9 am to noon on Monday and Tuesday. 314-535-0080.

<https://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/parks/parks/Jewel-Box.cfm>

Missouri Botanical Garden

The Missouri Botanical Garden features flowers shows, live music, and education fitness activities throughout the year. From the Orchid Show in February, to the languid Wednesday nights of the [Whitaker Music Festival](#) all summer long (June-August), to the three-day celebration of the Japanese Festival on Labor-day weekend, to the sentimental favorite Gardenland Express holiday flower and train show, there's something for everyone a any time of year. **Please note - Free general admission to the Garden- Wednesdays and Saturdays before noon for residents of St. Louis City and County (with proof of residency).** <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org>

Meramec Caverns

Meramec Caverns is the largest commercial cave in the state of Missouri. Lantern Tours Fridays and Saturdays in June, 573-468-2283, www.americascave.com

Missouri History Museum

The Missouri Historical Society offers programs and outreach services, including traveling exhibitions, tours, theatrical and musical presentations, programs for school classes and youth groups, family festivals, special events, workshops, and lectures. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 10am to 5pm with extended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to 8pm. General admission to the Museum is free, but there is a fee for special exhibits. Free admission for St. Louis City and County residents on Tuesdays with (proof of residency). Visit the website for full calendar listing

<http://www.mohistory.org>. The popular outdoor concert series Twilight Tuesdays returns with a spectacular spring line-up <http://www.mohistory.org/twilight-tuesdays>

The Magic House

The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing children with hands-on learning experiences in a creative and stimulating environment. With extended hours until 9pm, *Free Family Nights sponsored by Target* allow families to be admitted to The Magic House free of charge from 5:30 pm – 9pm on the third Friday of every month (through December). Families (no more than two adults and four of their own children) can enjoy the more than 100 hands-on exhibits in the museum, as well as special exhibits like *Poet Tree Hall*. Reservations are not required. Visitors will be admitted to the museum until capacity is reached. 314-822-8900, www.magichouse.org

Anheuser-Busch Brewery

See how they brew it! St. Louis has long been famous for its beer, and you can see how it is made with a free tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. The tour includes the historic Brewhouse, the Budweiser Clydesdale stables, the lager cellar, and the packaging plant. Also included is a stop at the Hospitality Room for a free sample. www.budweisertours.com

Cahokia Mounds

The remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico are preserved at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site within a 2,200-acre tract. According to archaeological finds, the city of Cahokia was inhabited from about A.D. 700 to 1400. At its peak, from A.D. 1100 to 1200, the city covered nearly six square miles. In 1982, UNESCO designated Cahokia Mounds a World Heritage Site for its importance to our understanding of the prehistory of North America. Cahokia Mounds is located eight miles east of St. Louis in Collinsville, Illinois. The Interpretive Center is open every day from 9am to 5pm through October (9am – 5pm Wednesday – Sunday after October); grounds are open seven days a week from 8am until dusk. 618 346-5160, www.cahokiamounds.com

Grant's Farm

Grant's Farm, the former homestead of President Ulysses S. Grant, is now a 281-acre wildlife preserve with more than a 1,000 animals from six continents. It is also home to one of the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding and training facilities. Visitors can have an up-close view of Grant's cabin "Hardscrabble," and take a tram ride through the Deer Park. There is also a petting zoo and an area where you can feed the goats. Grant's Farm is the ancestral home of the Busch family of Anheuser-Busch brewery fame. Hours through September 2nd: Closed Mondays (except May 28 and September 2), Tuesday – Friday: 9am - 3:30pm, Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: 9:30am - 4pm. www.grantsfarm.com

~ Special Events ~

Maplewood Summer Concert Series, fourth Wednesday of the month in Ryan Hummert Park from 6 - 8pm. Visit <http://mcbfstl.org/events.php> **May 28:** One More Round: A Tribute to Johnny Cash; **June 25:** Sarah Jane & the Blue Notes; **July 23:** Band: 3 Pedros; **August 27:** the Foggy Memory Boys; **September 24:** Spin the Bottle.

Twilight Tuesdays, Tuesdays through 5/27, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Missouri History Museum Front Lawn. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs, pack your picnic basket and hear some terrific music under a beautiful Forest Park sunset <http://www.mohistory.org/twilight-tuesdays>. **5/27:** The James Family – A Tribute to Ike and Tina Turner, **6/3:** Dogs of Society-A Tribute to Elton John, **8/26:** Big Brother Thunder and the Master Blasters

Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis "Henry IV & Henry V" through 6/15, East side of Art Hill in Forest Park– early Green show 6:30 pm; Performance 8pm (closed Tuesdays); Admission is free 314 531-9800, <http://www.sfstl.com>. Great for a picnic!

Jungle Boogie St. Louis Zoo Friday Night Concert Series, Fridays through 8/29 from 5pm – 8pm, Located at Schnuck Family Plaza in the center of the Zoo. <http://www.stlzoo.org/events/calendarofevents>

Artist Line-up

May 23 - Groovethang (Variety)

May 30 – Dirty Muggs (Variety/R&B)

June 6 – Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers (Swing))

June 13 – NASHVEGAS (Modern Country)

June 20 – NO CONCERT – Zoo closes at 4 pm

June 27 – Big Brother Thunder & the Master Blasters
(R&B & Soul)

July 4- GalaxyRed (Variety/Dance)

July 11 – American Idle (Country/Pop/Variety)

July 18 – Pennsylvania Slim (Blues & Old time Rock'n' Roll)

July 25 – The VCRs ('90s covers)

August 1 – Mood Swings ('80s covers)

August 8 – Coco Soul (Disco)

August 15- Griffin and the Gargoyles (Variety/Dance)

August 22- Ticket To The Beatles (Beatles covers)

August 29 – FatPocket (Funk)

St. Louis Greek Fest, 5/23 – 5/26, 11am – 9pm (11am - 8pm on Monday), Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 1755 Des Peres Rd. Activities include authentic Greek food and pastries, live music, Greek folk dancing, Agora marketplace, church tours, kids' corner and more, 314-966-2255, www.stlgreekfest.com

STL Bluesweek Festival, 5/24 & 5/25 11-10:30 pm, Chesterfield Amphitheater, Chesterfield, MO. Entrance to the Bluesweek Festival Zone and Bunge BBQ Blast is FREE. Tickets to the amphitheater shows are \$10 in advance and \$15 day of show. For more info visit stlbluesweek.com

St. Louis African Arts Festival, 5/24 – 5/26, 10am – 8pm on 5/24; 11am – 8pm on 5/25 and 10am – 6pm on 5/26, World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park. Festival includes an African marketplace, hands-on activities, performing artists, ceramics and textiles, guided art tours and more, 314-935-9676, <http://stlafricanartsfest.com>

Circus Flora, 5/29-6/22, Grand Center Arts & Entertainment District. St. Louis's own one ring circus located under the Big Top on the parking lot adjacent to Powell Symphony Hall, tickets range from \$12.00 - \$48.00, <http://www.circusflora.org>

Whitaker Music Festival, Wednesdays 6/4 to 8/6, 7:30pm, Missouri Botanical Gardens – Cohen Amphitheater, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/things-to-do/events/signature-events/whitaker-music-festival.aspx>

Artist Line-up

June 4: Peter Martin Quartet, **June 11:** Al Holliday & the East Side Rhythm Band, **June 18:** Marsha Evans & the Coalition, **June 25:** Javier Mendoza, **July 2:** Old Salt Union, **July 9:** Big Brother Thunder & the Master Blasters, **July 16:** Nigel Mooney, **July 23:** Augusta Bottoms Consort, **July 30:** Melissa Neels Band, **August 6:** Gene Dobbs Bradford Blues Experience

First Friday Art Walks, First Friday of the month, 5:00 to 9:00 pm Grand Center's art organizations have collaborated to open their galleries free of charge to guests <http://www.grandcenter.org/calendar/event/2013/05/03/first-fridays-in-grand-center>

Art & Air, 6/6 – 6/8, Webster Groves Outdoor Art Fair on the grounds of Eden Theological Seminary. Free. Fri 6-10pm, Sat 11-10pm and Sun 12-5pm. Visit www.artandair.com for more info.

Lafayette Square Home & Garden Tour, 6/7-6/8 from 10-5pm. Tour beautiful Victorian-era homes. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$20 day of the tour. Visit www.lafayettesquare.org for more info.

Starlight Concert Series, Tuesdays 6/10 through 7/22 at 7pm, Market on Delmar in the UCity Loop (6655 Delmar). The 90-member (give or take) UCity Summer Band is... Light Classics, Marches, Patriotic Music, Show Tunes, Transcriptions, Popular Music, Jazz, and Original Music for Band. 314-505-8612, <http://www.ucsummerband.org/>

Clayton Parties in the Park, 2nd Wednesday of the month: 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10. Downtown Clayton on Central Avenue, 5pm – 8:30pm, Food and drink may be purchased on site. www.partiesinthepark.org

Local Social Central West End, Second Fridays: 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 5-9:00 pm. Enjoy strolling through the Central West End neighborhood and enjoy the many shops, galleries and restaurants you will find there. On these nights, enjoy street entertainment on these nights while many of the business owners will be on hand to highlight their establishments. <http://cwescene.com/uncategorized/local-social>

Food Truck Fridays, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12 & 10/3. Tower Grove park from 5-8pm. The best area food trucks in a comfortable community based environment. <http://www.saucemagazine.com/foodtruckfriday.php>

St. Louis Brewers Heritage Festival, 6/13 – 6/14. Forest Park. Enjoy live music, gourmet food and have a chance to sample more than 60 beer styles from local brewers including Schlafly, O'Fallon Brewery, Six Row Brewing Company, Morgan Street Brewery, Anheuser-Busch, and Square One. <http://stlbg.com/heritage-festival>

Fiesta in Florissant, June 21-22, 11am – 9pm, Knights of Columbus Park, live Latino Bands and Folkloric dancers, wide variety of foods and beverages from Latin & South America, folk arts and crafts, Los Niños Kids Corner, giveaways, and more! <http://www.hispanicfestivalstl.com/index.php/fiesta-in-florissant>

PrideFest St. Louis, June 28-29, 11am-9:30pm, Soldiers' Memorial, Free. Working to raise understanding and acceptance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals in our community. Official Pride Parade at 12:00pm on Sunday. <http://pridestl.org>

Fair St. Louis, July 3, 4 & 5, Forest Park grounds. Dazzling air shows, great concerts, spectacular fireworks, Kids Zone and much more. Admission is Free. Purchase fair tickets for food, drink, and rides on site. <http://www.fairsaintlouis.org>. Concerts: **July 3** - The Band Perry; **July 4** – Bonnie Raitt; **July 5** – The Fray plus others.

Annual Veiled Prophet (VP) Parade, **July 4**, Forest Park, 10 am, for further information including parade route visit <http://www.veiledprophet.org>

Gateway Festival Orchestra, Sundays at 7:30 pm, July 6-27. Enjoy free performances from the Gateway Festival Orchestra of St. Louis outdoors at the Washington University Quadrangle – Danforth Campus. Pack a picnic and bring lawn chairs or blankets. Bottled water and Ted Drewes will be available for purchase. <http://gatewayfestivalorchestra.org/>

Let Them Eat Art, July 11th, 6-11pm, Historic Downtown Maplewood. www.cityofmaplewood.com/index.aspx?nid=147

Annual Contemporary Indian Art Show, 7/12, 9am – 5pm, Cahokia Mounds. Exhibition and sale of fine art (painting, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, metalwork, etc) by more than 25 Indian artists from across the Nation. <http://www.cahokiamounds.org/news-events/events/?month=07&year=2014>

Festival of Nations, 8/23- 8/24, Tower Grove Park (corner of Arsenal and Grand). An outdoor multi-ethnic celebration featuring traditional dance and music, ethnic food, cultural and educational exhibits, folk art demonstrations, and an international market. 314-773-9090, <http://www.festivalofnationsstl.org>

The Art Fair at Queeny Park, 8/29-8/31, Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, 314-615-8472, <http://www.artfairatqueenyark.com>

Big Muddy Blues Festival, Labor Day Weekend, 8/30 – 8/31, Historic Laclede's Landing entertainment district in Downtown St. Louis, 1:00 – 11:00pm each day, <http://bigmuddybluesfestival.com>

Annual Japanese Festival, 8/30 – 9/1, Missouri Botanical Garden. Japanese Festival includes sumo wrestling, taiko drumming, traditional tea ceremonies, food court, and candlelight walks in the Japanese garden. <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> or <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/things-to-do/events/signature-events/japanese-festival.aspx>

St. Nicholas Greek Festival, 8/30 - 9/1, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (corner of Kingshighway & Forest Park Parkway). Authentic Greek food and pastries, bazaar, dance demonstrations and live music, 314-361-6924, <http://www.sngoc.org>

Annual Saint Louis Art Fair, 9/5 - 9/7, Downtown Clayton, Art Fair is known for its extensive, nation-wide exhibits and fun! 314-863-0278, <http://www.culturalfestivals.com>

Schlafly Art Outside, 9/5 - 9/7, Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood. This is a three-day-long juried alternative art fair featuring affordable art from over 50 artists based here in the St. Louis area. Fri 5-10pm; Sat 10-10pm; Sun 12-4pm <http://schlafly.com/events/calendar/2014/09/05/art-outside>

LouFest, 9/6 - 9/7 Forest Park; A sustainable music festival for all-ages featuring national and local bands on multiple stages, plus a food and retail area. <http://www.loufest.com>

Annual Kirkwood Greentree Festival, 9/12 - 9/14, Kirkwood Park, Enjoy more than 200 arts and crafts booths, fine food, live entertainment, and specialty events. Friday 5pm to 10pm, Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm, 314-822-5855. <http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/content/2025/greentree-festival.aspx>

Great Forest Park Balloon Glow and Balloon Race

9/19- Glow, 9/20- Race & Prep, Central Field in Forest Park (between the Jewel Box and Steinberg Rink), 314-993-2468, www.greatforestparkballoonrace.com

Taste of St. Louis, 9/19 – 9/21, Chesterfield Amphitheater, free admission; tastes for a small charge. St. Louis' top restaurants will serve "tastes" from their menus, plus national music acts, the Taste of St. Louis Culinary competition, Artist Village, Marketplace, Kids Zone, and much more. 314-853-6257, www.tastestl.com

Old Webster Jazz Festival, 9/20, Old Webster Historic District, Gore & Lockwood. A free jazz festival featuring live bands, 314-961-4656, www.oldwebsterjazzfestival.com

Pioneer Days, 9/20 - 9/21, Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village (Defiance). 9am – 5pm. A pre-1840s Folkways Festival and Encampment. Artisans, music, historic encampment, and good food make this a glorious day in the beautiful Femme Osage Valley. Step into the past to experience life on the early Missouri frontier and learn about the Boone legacy, 636-798-2005, http://www.lindenwood.edu/boone/special_events.asp

Folk Festival, 9/20 - 9/21, Faust Park Historic Village, 10am – 5pm Cost: \$5.00; 4 and under free. Faust Historic Village goes back to its roots for an old fashioned Folk Festival held exclusively in The Historic Village. The 19th century homes will be abuzz with period dressed staff and traditional arts and crafts such as blacksmithing, rope making, pottery firing and other historical arts and crafts demonstrated and available for purchase. Food vendors and hands on activities for children, including rope making, historic games and butter churning. Hay wagons carry visitors around the parking lots from the main entrance. 314-615-8328, <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/Faust>. Please visit <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/Faust/CalendarofEvents.pdf> for a 2014 Calendar of events.

Greater St. Louis Hispanic Festival, 9/26-9/28, Souldard Park. Fair activities include authentic Hispanic foods, Hispanic arts and crafts, live Latino bands, folkloric dancers, children's pavilion, giveaways, information booths and more. 314-837-6100, www.hispanicfestivalstl.com

You may also visit the following websites for more fun St. Louis activities:

<http://www.explorestlouis.com>
<http://www.riverfronttimes.com>
<http://www.townplannerstl.com>
<http://www.stlouisattractions.com>

<http://www.alivemag.com>
<http://familyattractionscard.com>
<http://www.visitmo.com>
<http://www.stlmag.com>

<http://kdhx.org>
<http://www.KEEPARTHAPPENING.ORG>
<http://www.stl250.org/event-calendar.aspx>