

Several venues available at Selma Pilgrimage

FROM STAFF REPORTS

While a century of architectural styles awaits visitors to Selma's 35th Historic Pilgrimage in nine houses, other venues are available also.

For example, the Vintage Sale and Selma Shoppe will host book signings by internationally acclaimed sculptor Charlie Lucas and storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham, both of Selma.

Lucas, who lives in Selma, is a self-taught artist. Although he has always made art, an accident in 1984 saw Lucas evolve into a serious artist. He is known internationally in the field of folk art. In his book, "Tin Man," co-written with Ben Windham, former editorial page editor of the Tuscaloosa News, Lucas reveals his life and the impact it has on his art. The book is liberally laced with color photographs of Lucas at work, his art and his environment. The photos were taken by Chip Cooper, artist-in-residence in the Honors College at The University of Alabama.

If you have ever listened to Alabama Public Radio on Friday morning, you've likely heard Windham's commentaries. This Selma resident is known worldwide for her stories, books and photographs. Windham started at 12 as a journalist, writing for her hometown newspaper in Thomasville. Those movie reviews for her cousin's paper, "The Thomasville Times," turned into a lifelong love affair with words. She is the founder of the Alabama Tale Tellin' Festival held every year in Selma. Her latest book is "Spit, Scarey Ann, and Sweat Bees: One Thing Leads to Another."

Additionally, the Alabama Plein Air artists will set up at various pilgrimage venues. They'll offer their art at a Wet Paint sale on the evening of March 20.

Those who wish to see more than the nine houses on the pilgrimage might also stop by these other venues:

- Church Street United Methodist Church, celebrating its 175th anniversary.
- Kenan's Mill, built in

the mid-1800s and produced water-ground meal, grits and corn for more than a century. It was continuously owned by the Kenan family until Elizabeth Kenan Buchanan donated it to the Historic Society. The mill operates and produces products during special times of the year, such as the Kenan's Mill Festival held each November.

- Art Show and Sale, sponsored by the Selma Art Guild

- A juried art show sponsored by ArtsRevive.

Four museums—Sturdivant Hall, Old Depot, The Foundry and Vaughan-Smitherman — will be open.

One- and two-day package tickets may be purchased during the event at Pilgrimage Headquarters, Vaughan-Smitherman Museum at Alabama Avenue and Union Street. Individual tickets may be purchased at each site.

Tickets vary from \$5 for museums to \$10 for a single house or cemetery tour. The one-day package is \$30 and \$45 for the two-day package.



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Jim Wood, who was on hand during last year's festival, demonstrates how the mill works at Kenan's Mill during the annual Bluegrass Festival. Corn meal can be bought there two times a year.

House hours run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20. On Sunday,

March 21, house hours are from 1 until 5 p.m. For more information, call 334-412-8550, 1-800-45-

SELMA or visit the Web site at www.Pilgrimage.SelmaAlabama.com.

Gee's Bend author to speak, autograph books in Camden

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-JOURNAL

CAMDEN — Irene Latham, author of "Leaving Gee's Bend" is coming to Camden.

The author of the newly released book will speak to students at Wilcox Academy at 10 a.m. March 11. She'll speak to students at Camden School of Arts and Technology at 1 p.m. Then, she'll sign copies of her book from 3 until 4:30 p.m. at Black Belt Treasure Gallery.

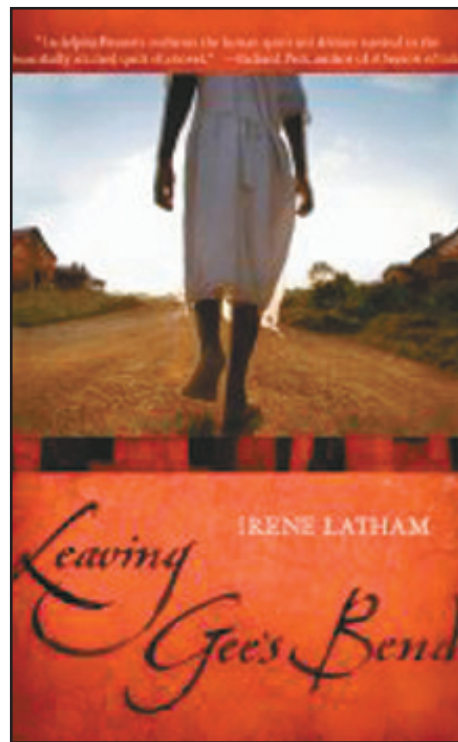
After the book signing, Latham will speak to the Black Belt Treasures Book Club from 5 until 6 p.m.

The book is set in 1932 and inspired by the rich quilting history of Gee's Bend. It is a story of a young girl who faces a brave new world as she travels from Gee's Bend to Camden.

Latham stitched her first sewing card when she was 4 years old. She lives in Birmingham. Her mama always said, "Err on the side of love," so she writes about characters who do just that.

This is her first novel. Latham didn't take a single writing course in college. In 2000 she pulled her poems and stories out of drawers and pursued publication of her work.

Since then she has published more than 120 poems.



She is working on another novel, "Escape to Fire Mountain," which is set in 1902 Martinique and tells the story of two girls who escape the eruption of Mt. Pelee. She also is working on a book of poems, "Tell Me," in which women from art and history tell truths, secrets and lies about their loves and lives.

Spring on its way, but start working in your yard today

BY ROSALIE BJELKE

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-JOURNAL

Good morning!

Spring starts officially in two and half weeks (March 20), but don't wait for the calendar to guide your yard duties.

Finish trimming roses and non-flowering shrubs now. Also the monkey grass will be sending up new shoots, so get the old, dead grass from last year cut down.

Avoid the itch to fertilize too soon. This includes lawns and shrubs.

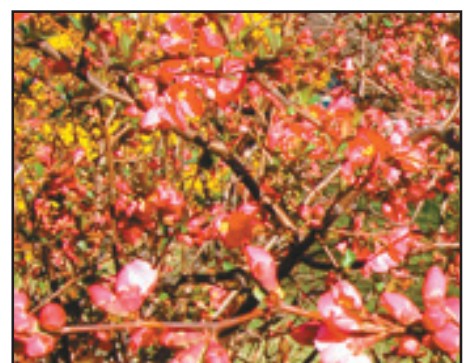
Wait until April when the plants are actively growing so they can take up the fertilizer.

If you really feel the need to fertilize something give your pansies a good dose of liquid fertilizer.

I like the Jack's Classic Bloom Booster 10-30-20. This will give them the extra boost they need to bloom beautifully into the spring.

Speaking of fertilizer, there is not one fertilizer for all types of plants, contrary to popular belief.

It may sound simple but use rose food for roses; Azaleas and Camellias need



Flowering Quince

acid and have their own fertilizer; lawns need a high nitrogen content so use, you guessed it, lawn fertilizer.

The featured plant this week is the flowering Quince. You may have noticed it blooming around town or in your neighbors yard.

This shrub has been around for a long time. The Quince is considered as one of the earliest of the spring blooming shrubs.

It comes in pink, white and red and is very easy to grow.

Quince doesn't get insects and makes pretty arrangements. Just give them plenty of sun.

Happy gardening — until next week.

Public television host to emcee induction ceremonies of Women's Hall of Fame

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MARION — Dr. Doug Phillips, producer and host of "Discovering Alabama," the University of

Alabama's Emmy-nominated public television series about the natural wonders of this state, will be the keynote speaker at the Alabama Women's

Hall of Fame Induction on March 4.

The late Mary Burks of Birmingham and Margaret Charles Smith of Eutaw will be inducted.

Burks was in the forefront of what became known as the Eastern Wilderness Movement. Her work to secure the Sipsey Wilderness in the

Bankhead National Forest was her crowning achievement.

Margaret Charles Smith was a medical pioneer who practiced midwifery

in rural settings for those who could not afford hospitalization.

In the late 1940s she obtained a permit from the Public Health Team.

HONOR ROLL

Dr. Michael Gaylor, headmaster of Meadowview Christian School would like to announce Honor Rolls for the sixth week grading period.

The Headmaster's Honor Roll consists of those students who have earned A's in all their subjects.

The A-B Honor Roll consists of those students earning A's and B's in all subjects.

The Headmaster's Honor Roll is as follows:

1st Grade: Reagan Bur-

ton, Emma DeRamus, Katie Dildy, Stone Gill, Kaylee Haskell, Emma Roberts, Morgan Wallace, Grace Wilkinson, Kennedy Wood, Brooklyn Pouncey.

2nd grade: Madison Britt, Joseph Estes, Kendall Farley, Katelee Hagan, Erin McIntyre, Corri Spiegner, Alyssa Verhoff, Philip Wood.

3rd Grade: Catherine Freine, Mary Carolyn Haugen, Dylan Roberts.

4th Grade: Mason

Kendrick, Peyton Williamson, Jordan Wiltzie, Hunter Wolfe.

5th Grade: Garrett Grantham, Bradley Hood.

6th Grade: Nicole Autrey

7th Grade: Tyler Bush, Emily Dennis, James McCray, Anna Zhang.

8th Grade: Shelton Brady, Austin Deavers, Jordan Dennis, Billinda Lolley, Austin Tubbs.

9th Grade: Nichole Dees, Hope Redd, Saman-

tha Clark.

10th Grade: Taylor McNeil, Cullen Nickles.

12th Grade, A Class: Adrienne Hitt, Shelby Irwin, Landon Nichols, Abigail Miller.

The A-B Honor Roll is as follows:

1st Grade: Drew Hisel, Grace Redd.

2nd Grade: Lauryn Wilkinson, Landen Williamson.

4th Grade: Alicia Deavers, Alek Poe, Emily

Stockman, Jon Ryan Szymanski, Sara Tepper.

5th Grade: Sam Dabit, Ivey Harris, Grace Perry.

6th Grade: Landon Curtis, Christina Dabit, Tori Grindle.

7th Grade: Morgan Grantham, Claudia Kendrick, April Posey.

8th Grade: Madison Church, Aaron Drake, Hunter Hale.

10th Grade: Christina Espinola, Katey McCl-

tyre. 11th Grade: Erica Blackmon.

12th Grade, A Class: Rebecca Chavers, Jared Dunn, Blake Jefferson, Davis Jones, Justin Mills, Morgan Owens, Josh Plummer, Kayla Summers, Jamie Wilson.

12th Grade, B Class: Kelsie Hatfield, Hank Helms, Ashley Hemphill, Shana Lenior, Zachary Mott, Hannah Patterson, Deaven Steward, Lipin Cao.