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Flower Power!

Shawnee Town Hosts 4th Annual Garden Parties

June 2, 2010 – Shawnee, KS / Guests will have a bloomin' good time at Shawnee Town's Garden Parties on Saturday, June 26. Sun-drenched hollyhocks, sweet-smelling peonies, dainty daisies and more await young ladies and their dolls at this year's event.

Guests will enjoy rose bud cupcakes, a garden tour, crafts and a petal parade. Girls are welcome to bring their favorite dolls along as Garden Party Hosts serve refreshments, help the guests with a floral-inspired craft, lead the garden tours and parade.

Shawnee Town, a living history museum that tells the story of life in a 1920s farm community, will host two parties. The first is from 10:30am-12:00pm. The second party is from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

"Flowers are at the heart of Garden Parties," said Shawnee Town Museum Director, Gay Clemenson. "We think the girls, moms and grandmoms are really going to enjoy some of our flower-inspired touches."

Shawnee Town's curator of collections, Shannon Hsu, explains that Garden Parties have been a popular way for people in small communities

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to socialize for decades. In the past, ladies would gather for refreshments and conversation as they strolled through their host's well-tended gardens.

“The Garden Parties have become a yearly tradition for my daughter Emma and her friend Alexa,” said Susan Wilhoit of Shawnee. “It’s such a fun way to combine their love of dolls and tea parties.”

Tickets are \$18 per person (or \$15 for Friends of Shawnee Town members). The cost includes the refreshments, garden tour, craft project and doll parade. Children must be at least six years old and accompanied by an adult. The Doll Cradle and Family Tree Nursery are sponsoring the event.

For more information on the Garden Parties call 913-248-2360 or visit www.shawneetown.org .

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Shawnee Town is an outdoor museum interpreting small town rural life in the 1920s. For more information on Shawnee Town call 913-248-2360