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ANNUAL GREENING TO BE HELD AT LOUISINA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM

Begin this holiday season at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport, La.! Secretary of State Tom Schedler, Museum Director Wayne Waddell, the Friends of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier are announcing that the 24th Annual Greening of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum will take place on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "Home Grown: Louisiana Artists" sponsored by Citizens National Bank, Capital One Bank, The Attaway Foundation, WK Health Systems, Advocare and Dr. and Mrs. Ragan Green.

Each year third grade students from Caddo Parish schools visit the museum for a day of holiday celebration. Students enjoy the traditional tree decorating contest in which classes from each school will decorate a tree with ornaments they have constructed in art class. After decorating their tree, students will enjoy a performance by the Opera Express. The morning ends with the announcement of the holiday tree contest winners which will be judged and awarded a first prize of \$150, a second prize of \$100, a third prize of \$75 and a fourth prize of \$50.

The museum holiday tree and the students' trees will remain on display throughout the holiday season. The public is invited to view these holiday tidings during regular museum hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum will be closed from December 23-26 for the holidays.

The museum is located at 3015 Greenwood Road, between Hearne Avenue and Jewella Streets. Admission is free and tours are available by appointment. For more information about the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, call 318.632.2020 or visit <u>www.sos.louisiana.gov/lsem</u> or <u>www.friendsoflsem.com</u>.

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