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**CELEBRATE FALL BY LEARNING APPLE AND PUMPKIN DRYING AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM**



**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Nothing says autumn quite like ripe red apples and plump orange pumpkins! Using these fall favorites, the St. Charles County Heritage Museum in St. Peters is celebrating the season with “Hands-On Heritage: Apple and Pumpkin Drying” from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14.

Participants will learn how to dehydrate apples and pumpkins, taste homemade pumpkin candy, and pick an apple from the museum’s own orchard to carve an apple doll head to take home!

Carving apples and drying them to make dolls is a tradition traced to Native American cultures; it was later adopted by the pioneers, who used whatever materials were available to make toys for children.

This program is free and open to participants of all ages; recipe handouts and all materials are included. Participants should arrive at the museum at 1630 Heritage Landing by 10 a.m. to enjoy the program in its entirety! Pre-registration is encouraged. To register, call the museum at 636-255-6000 or visit <http://bit.ly/2019AppleAndPumpkinDrying>.

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**About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department’s mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 15 parks and consists of 3,643 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there’s something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org).