

Lone Star Iced Tea Festival to be held in Lewisville on Saturday, Aug. 13

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The second annual Lone Star Iced Tea Festival celebrates “the house wine of the South” in a spacious indoor, air-conditioned venue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13. “Acti-teas” will include tastings, talks, demonstrations, samples, book signings, and a best iced tea contest. Live music, dancing, vendors and shopping round out the festival.

The Houston Tea Festival in, a non-profit organization, is bringing tea culture to North Texas. The Second Annual Lone Star Iced Tea Festival will be held at the Premiere Event Center in Lewisville’s Lakeland Plaza, located off I-35.

The first 100 adult ticket buyers will receive a “swag bag” with tea samples, magazines, and promotional materials. Advance tickets are available through the website.

See www.icedteafest.org for more details and a full list of participants.

This year’s theme is “Texas Tea,” a reference to the Lone Star State’s oil and gas heritage as well as a modern reference to the delicious beverage.

The iced tea contest is open to any businesses and will include 3 categories: traditional, specialty, and ready-to-drink, bottled tea. Businesses may enter 1 tea per category. Entry fee is \$25 per tea.

Sponsors at press time include Fresh Cup Magazine, TeaTime Magazine, The Tea House Times, The Tea Mistress, LLC; and JB Hagan Home Inspections of North Texas.

Speakers at press time include Boston-based tea sommelier Cynthia Gold (author of Culinary Tea), US League of Tea Growers members Mark Adams of Adams Tea Company and Josephie Dean Stanton of East Texas Tea Company, Dallas-based Certified Tea Sommelier Marzi Pecen, Adrian Hernandez, Owner of Houston-based café chain The Drink Station, Certified Tea Master Amanda Vermillion, and Dallas-based tea purveyors Ann Ranson (By the Grace of Tea) and Brenda Meyer (Sterling Tea). Vayne Thomas Jr, ‘The Relationship Guru’, will give a motivational talk.

Performers include Anderson’s Good Medicine, a folk and Americana duo featuring Michael Anderson (former member of internationally known bluegrass band Country Gazette), cowboy

poet Smokey Culver (poet laureate of Pasadena, Texas), Reggae/World Beat/Hawaiian music by Watusi, R&B/jazz/blues vocalist Dana Jones and her trio, Star Sterclaw, owner of The Yoga Tree in Plano, will perform a belly dance show.