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## **Kite Flying Event for the Whole Family May 19 at Dickson Mounds**

LEWISTOWN, IL –Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting “Let’s Fly a Kite” – a family event on the grounds of the museum on Saturday, May 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Visitors of all ages may enjoy learning how to fly pole kites, wind resistance exploration, trying out “wings,” fun with bubbles, and making their own kite craft to take home. Kids may also have their face painted. The program will be presented by Heather McMeekan, founder of the annual Macomb Kite Festival. She has been an avid kite enthusiast for more than 25 years and promotes kite-flying as a recreational, motivational, and therapeutic activity suitable for all ages and ability levels.

Enjoy live music performed by the Bug Trotters, a group of friends who get together to play Old-Time Square Dance music. Together, they represent more than a half-dozen Central Illinois bands, but for Illinois State Museum events they perform under the Bug Trotters name. They will be providing lively tunes played on fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, and harmonica.

This event will be held outdoors, but may be moved inside in the case of inclement weather. Participants should dress appropriately for this outdoor activity, and bring their own sunscreen, hat, blankets or lawn chairs, and water if needed. Dickson Mounds is hosting the event with help from the City of Lewistown, the Emiquon Partnership, and the University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information, call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at [www.illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org).