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Flint RiverQuarium Third Thursdays are back!

In celebration of the longer, lazier days of summer, the Flint RiverQuarium is bringing back the popular Third Thursdays program. In May, June and July, visitors can enjoy the RiverQuarium and a movie in the Imagination Theater for only \$5 on the third Thursday of each month from 5-8 pm. The summer program offers visitors a chance to explore the RiverQuarium during evening hours.

Third Thursdays kicks off May 17 with special guest filmmaker Michael Watchulonis of 3DigitalVision. He will discuss the filmmaking process followed by a screening of one of his films in the RiverQuarium's Imagination Theater. Two of his productions, *Fire Ants: The Invincible Army* and *Alligator Kingdom* are currently showing at the Imagination Theater. Watchulonis recently filmed a segment of his latest project, *MicroPlanet 3D*, at the RiverQuarium. That film will premiere at the Imagination Theater later this year.

The Third Thursdays program continues June 21 with speaker Stan Diffie of the Department of Entomology at the UGA Tifton Campus. His program will focus on fire ants, including some that he will bring with him for an up-close look at the fascinating creatures. His talk will be followed by a screening of *Fire Ants: The Invincible Army* in the Imagination Theater.

On July 19, the RiverQuarium will feature the arts with an evening of art inspired by nature. Artists will be on-hand giving demonstrations and offering their wares for sale. Children and families also will be able to try their hands at creating with a variety of art-related activities.

The Flint RiverQuarium is southwest Georgia's premier aquarium, featuring more than 1,000 animals that call the Flint River watershed home. The Flint RiverQuarium is located at 101 Pine Avenue in downtown Albany, Georgia. Regular operating hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; closed Mondays.

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