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Community Calendar

March 8-10: Southern Women's Show, Agricenter. Coupons for \$1 off admission can be found on MLGW's Facebook page at facebook.com/mlgw1 or at MLGW's Bird on a Wire blog. For info: www.SouthernWomensShow.com.

April 6: Memphis City Schools, 4th Annual Arts-Fest, 2597 Avery Avenue. For info: www.mcsk12.net/artsfest.

April 20: Down to Earth Festival at Shelby Farms Park, benefiting Shelby Farms Park and Shelby Farms Greenline. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For info: 901-767-PARK or shelbyfarmspark.org.

April 27-28: Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Sponsored by the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society, Agricenter. For info: www.theearthwideopen.com or 901-743-0058. E-mail: info@theearthwideopen.com.



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