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## **TECHNOLOGY HERITAGE DAY AT SHREVEPORT WATER WORKS MUSEUM**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and the staff of the Shreveport Water Works Museum are announcing the "Technology of the Past" celebration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21. The exhibition will give visitors a chance to marvel at old technology and engineering innovations that were cutting-edge in their time.

The exhibit is in honor of National Engineers Week, which is celebrated during the third week of February and creates awareness of the contributions engineers make to society. It coincides with Presidents Day to celebrate the first United States president and engineer, George Washington.

All activities will occur at the museum, a National Historic Civil Engineering landmark, where visitors can see massive rare steam engines of the Victorian era and learn the story of how the community came to have clean water often taken for granted. On the agenda are presentations of blacksmithing skills by the Red River Smiths, demonstrations of the vintage machine shop tools and blowing one of the old steam whistles for the first time in decades. Volunteers worked hard to bring the whistle back to life. Guides will provide information about the technology to guests.

Admission is free. Water, soft drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information about the Shreveport Water Works Museum, visit our Web site at [www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums/swwm](http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums/swwm).

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