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Stage is Set for 29th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show

Listen, learn and see history as it comes alive at the Heritage Festival! The schedule of events has been set for the 29th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, which is coordinated by the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. The two-day event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 16-17 at historic Nifong Park. Visitors are encouraged to either park on-site or park at nearby Ice Chalet and take a shuttle to the park.

Features of the Heritage Festival will include Bob Hamm, world champion gun spinner; fiddlers' contest; a replica Lewis and Clark outpost; an 1859 town with more than 30 shopkeepers' tents; American Indian drumming and dancing; and artisans and tradesmen dressed in 19th century attire demonstrating their trades and selling their wares.

The National Marionette Company of Chicago will perform at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day by the animal barn. A roaming bagpiper will entertain the crowds throughout the weekend. In addition, a wide range of entertainment will be featured on three stages, including music, dancing and storytelling. Here is the line-up:

Saturday, September 16

Museum Stage - *Porch of Boone County Museum*

11:00-11:50 Cowboy Poetry & Music
12:00-12:50 Cowboy Poetry & Music
1:00-5:00 Taylor McBaine Memorial Fiddlers Competition

Main Stage - *Behind the Maplewood Home*

11:00-12:00 Nashville Country Church Band - Gospel
12:15-1:15 Bluegrass Brigade
1:30-2:30 Jenna Crispin - young Branson entertainer
2:45-3:45 Bob Hamm - World champion gun spinner
4:00-5:00 Mule Kickers - Clogging
7:00-7:45 Paul Baum - Native American flute
8:00-9:30 Ghost Stories presented by the Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytelling

Maplewood Barn Theater Stage

11:30-12:30 Thunderheart Singers - Native American Drum and Dance
12:30-1:30 Bob Hamm - World champion gun spinner
1:45-3:15 Norm Ruebling Band - Big band and more
3:30-5:00 Chump Change - Jazz

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Sunday, September 18

Museum Stage - *Porch of the Boone County Museum*

11:00-11:50 John & Mary - Gospel
12:00-12:50 Curreykorn - Folk
1:00-1:50 Cowboy Poetry & Music
2:00-2:50 Cowboy Poetry & Music
3:00-3:50 Melissa Purvis - Celtic harpist
4:00-5:00 For the Irony - Country

Main Stage - *Behind the Maplewood Home*

11:00-12:00 Judy Domeny-Bowen - Ozark/Folk
12:15-1:15 Kelly Jones and the Swamp Rabbits - Cajun
1:30-2:30 Bob Hamm - World champion gun spinner
2:45-3:45 Ironweed Bluegrass Band
4:00-5:00 Community Band

Maplewood Barn Theater Stage

11:30-12:30 Bob Hamm - World champion gun spinner
12:30-1:30 Thunderheart Singers - Native American Drum and Dance
1:45-3:15 Afi Ama - African music/dance
3:30-5:00 Kansas City Street Band - rock and soul

The Heritage Festival will offer more than just entertainment. Visitors can pick up some early holiday gifts in the large contemporary, handmade craft area. Saturday evening ghost stories from 8 to 9:30 p.m. will offer thrills. Children will enjoy numerous activities in the Fun for Young'uns Area and hayrides are fun for the entire family.

In addition, the historic Maplewood Home will be open for tours from 12 to 4 p.m. on September 16 and from 1 to 4 p.m. on September 17. The Walter's Boone County Historical Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 16 and from 12 to 5 p.m. on September 17.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated and sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and co-sponsored by ABC-17, Boone County Historical Society, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Hampton Inn, Metro Rotary Club & Missouri River Community Network.

Nifong Park is located at the AC exit in Columbia off of Highway 63 south. For more information, call 573-874-7460 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com, (Enter GoWord: GoHeritageFestival).