

Appalachian Art in Heritage Arts Tent at Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival by Beverly Kerr

Cambridge, Ohio (July 18, 2017) An important part of the Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival is keeping alive art skills from ages gone by. On August 11, 12, and 13, the Heritage Arts Tent at the Cambridge City Park will feature special talents from those early years that are still used today.

Spring Creek Psalteries

One popular feature will be Terry and Sharon Kirby playing their Spring Creek Psalteries, which create the most beautiful and peaceful sound. Every psaltery is handcrafted by Terry at their shop near Massillon. They produce a full, rich, resonating sound as you draw the bow across each defined string.

The psaltery can be played by young and old alike and is one of the easiest instruments to learn. You play one string at a time and don't need to know how to read music to play. They hope to bring the joy of playing the psaltery to all who love music.

Seneca Lake Pottery

Watch pottery being made by Chuck Fair from Seneca Lake Pottery, who took a special interest in pottery after he retired. Chuck focuses on wheel throwing with strong lines. He embellishes his pots by altering the thrown forms, adding texture and finishing with bold glazes.

His wife, Shana, will be demonstrating dyeing handspun wool by using natural materials, such as marigolds, onion skins, walnut husks, Queen Ann's Lace or insects. There will be samples of the colors she has produced as a result of using materials the early settlers could have found near their homes.

Guernsey County History Museum

The Guernsey County History Museum will have a station in the Heritage Arts Tent with a large screen computer display showing local historic scenes. Scheduled talks will include presentations on one-room schoolhouses, old stereoscopic pictures, and photo digitization techniques.

New Concord Quilters

Quilters from the New Concord Arts and Recreation District, NCAARD Quilters, will have their quilts on display. They will be on hand to discuss patterns and will be working on quilts at the festival. Those early Appalachian women often spent time in the evenings making warm quilts for their family.

Stop by and relax with the sights and sounds of the Appalachian area in the Heritage Arts Tent at the Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival on August 11, 12, and 13. Enjoy outstanding art work, fantastic entertainment and delicious food as you stroll through the Cambridge City Park. Enjoy the walk.

For more information about the festival, applications to participate or programs, visit saltforkfestival.org or call 740-705-6866.