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## **Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Beverly Kerr**

Cambridge, Ohio (July 24, 2019) What began as an art festival on the courthouse lawn became a popular summer event over the years. After that first successful venture, a committee was formed to begin an annual event called The Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival. After 50 seasons, it still creates excitement at the Cambridge City Park. This year that event takes place from August 9-11.

Criteria set up for that first Salt Fork Festival is still maintained. It was to be a juried art show with only quality handmade items being on display and sold. Fine entertainment occurred every day, creative craft classes were taught, and a great selection of food items was available. All those criteria are still being followed today.

This year there will be over a hundred artists displaying their creative works in many different categories. The traditional art show displays of paintings, jewelry and pottery will appear in abundance. This year you will also find things like broom making, puppets, chain saw carvings and rug weaving. There's bound to be something to interest everyone in your family.

Entertainment occurs nearly every hour of the festival in either a Performing Arts Tent or the Big Pavilion at the City Park. Since it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, many local groups who have performed there over the years are participating. A special feature on Saturday evening will be Vane Scott's presentation of "The Many Faces of Old Glory" in conjunction with the Cambridge City Band at the Big Pavilion.

Crafts will be held every day of the festival in a small pavilion just inside the main entrance. Adults and children will find many interesting things to create. Most crafts are under \$10 with some as low as \$1.00 so are affordable for most families. The popular ocarinas, a type of flute, are back for you to decorate before attempting to play a tune. Create an animal zoo, butterfly mask, memory stone or shell-fies. Discover the artist within.

A wide variety of refreshments will also be available from those favorites Good Olde Days Ice Cream and Buckeye Concessions Kettle Corn. Head down to the Big Pavilion to pick up a meal or a snack. The endless variety includes; brisket pulled pork, wood-fired pizza, Italian sausage, gyros or roast beef and mashed potatoes. You might want to eat a couple of times!

Special tents will hold additional items to pique your interest. The Student Arts Tent is overflowing with more than 250 pieces of art from area students. Find Ohio made goods in the Market Tent and learn more about our history in the Appalachian Heritage Tent. Explore them all!

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary promises to be filled with fun and excitement for the entire three days. Make plans now to attend the Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival on August 9-11. Celebrate their golden anniversary and take home a memory.

For more information about the festival, visit [www.saltforkfestival.org](http://www.saltforkfestival.org).



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