Stage is Set for 28th 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 28th 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 17-18 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 a replica Lewis and Clark camp, 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.

A wide range of entertainment will be featured on three stages, including music, dancing and storytelling. Here is the line-up:

Saturday, September 17

**Museum Stage - Porch of Boone County Museum**
10:00 - 11:00 Little Band of Gold - Old Country
11:00 - 12:00 Cowboy Poetry & Music
12:00 - 1:00 Professor Farquar’s Great American Medicine Show
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 Leela Grace - Folk
1:30 - 2:30 Bluegrass Brigade
2:45 - 3:45 Professor Farquar’s Great American Medicine Show
4:00 - 5:00 Mule Kickers - Dance
8:00 - 9:30 Ghost Stories presented by the Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytelling

**Maplewood Barn Theater Stage**
11:30 - 12:30 Lakota Pow Wow Dancers from South Dakota
12:30 - 1:30 Chris Camp - World Champion Whip Cracker
2:00 - 3:30 Kansas City Street Band
3:30 - 5:00 Silver Wings - Gospel

Sunday, September 18

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Museum Stage - *Porch of the Boone County Museum*
11:00 - 12:00  John & Mary - Gospel
12:00 - 1:00  Professor Farquar's Great American Medicine Show
1:00 - 2:00  Uncle Charlotte & the Swamp Rabbits - Cajun
2:00 - 3:00  Cowboy Poetry & Music
3:00 - 4:00  Professor Farquar's Great American Medicine Show
4:00 - 5:00  Green Corn Band - Traditional

Main Stage - *Behind the Maplewood Home*
11:00-12:00  Judy Domeny-Bowen - Ozark/Folk
12:15-1:15  Bottom of the Boot Bluegrass Band
1:30-2:30  Paul & Win Grace - American Roots/Folk
2:45-3:45  Ironweed Bluegrass Band
4:00-5:00  Community Band

Maplewood Barn Theater Stage
11:30 - 12:30  Chris Camp - World Champion Whip Cracker
12:30 - 1:30  Lakota Pow Wow Dancers from South Dakota
2:00 - 3:30  Kunama – African storytelling & dance
3:30 - 5:00  Allen & West

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 pm 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 17 and from 1 to 4 p.m. on September 18. The Walter’s Boone County Historical Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 17 and from 12 to 5 p.m. on September 18.

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, Courtyard by Marriott, 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).