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Bluegrass, Art, Barbecue
Highlight State Museum's
Fall Heritage Festival

Columbia, S.C.--- South Carolina's traditions of mouth-watering barbecue, home grown bluegrass musicians and backcountry arts and crafts are all celebrated at the South Carolina State Museum's annual Fall Heritage Festival and Pickin' Party on Saturday, Oct. 10.

An old-fashioned pig pickin' will offer festival-goers four different styles of South Carolina barbecue prepared by award-winning cooks. Mustard, light tomato, vinegar and pepper, and Cheerwine barbecue will be prepared by Jim Hayes of West Columbia, Buddy Rogers of Marion, David Elliott of Hemingway, and Stokes Collins of Simpsonville, respectively. Barbecue sampler plates with all styles plus fixin's are \$10. A one-style plate with fixin's is \$7, and sandwiches and chips are \$5.

"More 'pickin'" continues with fiddles, guitars, mandolins and banjos on the museum's front grounds," said Director of Education and Programs Meika Samuel. "Bluegrass and folk enthusiasts will delight in the sounds of popular local musicians Bill Wells and the Blue Ridge Mountain Grass, the Carolina Hayride, the Sugarloaf Mountain Boys and silhouette artist Clay Rice, showing his musical side. As an added treat, the Capital City Cloggers will perform their lively routines at the festival."

Aside from great music and food, guests will also get the chance to purchase folk art and traditional handcrafted items and see craft demonstrations by artists from across the state. Nearly 20 artists will display and sell their creations in pottery, jewelry, soaps, paintings, gourd art, blacksmithing, Native American beadwork and more. Craft demonstrations include chairmaking, tatting, spinning, rughooking, needle felting, tombstone carving and much more.

"Other family activities include face painting, nut cracking, an antique tractor parade, children's activities and other fun events," said Samuel.

“Plus, nationally-known silhouette artist Clay Rice will create silhouette portraits from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in addition to his performance. Reservations are required and only a few spaces remain. People can visit our Web site, www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org or call (803) 898-4968 for reservations or information.”

The Fall Heritage Festival and Pickin’ Party begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, outside events are free of charge. Events inside the museum are included with museum admission or membership.

For more information, call (803) 898-4952 or (803) 898-4982.

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CUTLINE FOR FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND PICKIN’ PARTY

Bluegrass, folk arts and mouth watering South Carolina barbecue will be the order of the day Saturday, Oct. 10 at the South Carolina State Museum’s annual Fall Heritage Festival and Pickin’ Party. Metal artist Herman Thompson will demonstrate his skills at cutting painted metals into fanciful items, along with potters, painters, turkey call carvers and much more.

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