

23rd ANNUAL FOUNDRY DAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

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The historic village of Boiling Springs, PA will be the scene Saturday, June 6, 2009, of the 23rd Foundry Day Arts & Crafts Festival. The juried arts & crafts festival is held the first Saturday of June each year in this quaint Cumberland Valley site by the Appalachian Trail.

Foundry Day commemorates the fact that the village evolved from the iron foundry established on the Yellow Breeches Creek around 1750. The remains of the forge are preserved and can be seen at the end of the lake.

The juried festival will feature the original works of 100 fine artists and craftsmen of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen as well as professional artists and craftsmen from throughout the country.

The event, running from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, rain or shine, takes over the streets surrounding the picturesque Children's Lake, spanning from the Memorial Clock Tower to the walking bridge. Admission is free. Free shuttles will be available from the Boiling Springs High School to the festival site. Handicapped parking is available.

The outstanding art and fine crafts will include fine art, pottery, furniture, fiber, jewelry, wheat weaving, handmade brooms, decorative painting, leather, enameling, woodworking, glass, doll sculpture, photography, and ironware. Entertainment will be ongoing during the festival including activities for children. A variety menu of food and drink will be available by local organizations and commercial vendors.

Boiling Springs, founded in 1845, is home to a number of historic restored homes, a 1785 grist mill, and was a site for the underground railroad before the Civil War. While retaining the historic beauty of the village, Boiling Springs is home to small shops, art galleries, bed & breakfasts, summer theatre. Gerald W. Putt, national wildlife and nature artist, annual Duck Stamps winner, has his studio there. Edward C. Campbell, master violinmaker, international gold medal winner, is located at The Chimneys. The Village Artisans Gallery, located in an 1832 church, is winner of national gallery awards. Boiling Springs Tavern, constructed in 1832, originally owned by Anheuser-Busch, is renowned for its outstanding food and wines. Allenberry Resort and Playhouse, located along the Yellow Breeches Creek for 61 years is known for its excellent menu and professional theatre.

The festival is sponsored by the Foundry Day Committee, Inc., in cooperation with Boiling Springs Civic Association and the Yellow Breeches Chapter, Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen. For information go to www.ybcrafts.org or yellowbreeches@gmail.com.