

Homeplace on Green River

April 2018 Special Plow Day/Spring Festival Edition



The Time Has Come and You Are Invited

It's about here and it looks like the weather will be perfect. It is Homeplace on Green River's Plow Day and Spring Festival this Saturday, April 21.

A record number of plow teams, owners of antique tractors, Kentucky artists and crafters, exhibitors and demonstrators are committed to making this year's festival at the historic farm the biggest and best yet. And not to worry, there will also be more food vendors than in the past serving everything from tenderloin to fried fish with all the trimmings. Add Mayfield Ice Cream for dessert.

As in the past, there will be lots of family activities for all ages, including a petting farm, hay rides and a barrel train for the youngsters. There will be live music in the newly restored bank barn throughout the day provided by The Foster Children, Renetta and Friends, The Folk Project, The Carousel Stampede and Chris Anderson. Their music includes country and western, folk, bluegrass, gospel and just about any other type music you might want to hear.

Among the many exhibits and demonstrations will be a grist mill and butter-making, colonial re-enactors, horse shoeing, hands-on pottery making for the younger set, pocket knife whittling, draw knife and a shave horse demonstration, discussion on barrel racing by a professional woman barrel racer, arrowhead crafting, and a blacksmith. Margie and Paul Phipps from Barnett Creek Farms will have their alpacas and alpaca wool products at the festival and Darlene Campbell will be displaying and showing native American languages, culture, customs and crafts.

The \$10 per car for admission includes all the activities except for products purchased from vendors. The festival is from 9:00 until 5:00 **Eastern Time**.

Homeplace is located at 5807 New Columbia Road (KY Highway 55) between Columbia and Campbellsville. Signs mark the entrance. The farm was first established in 1804 and is being restored as a reminder for Kentuckians of the role agriculture has had in the commonwealth and as a research site for promoting sustainable agriculture. It is a joint venture of Adair, Green and Taylor counties supported largely by grants, private gifts and crop leases. It has been named by the state as "Kentucky's Outdoor Classroom" and regularly hosts student groups from all three counties. More information about Homeplace can be found at www.homeplacefarmky.org.

Music in the barn all day

The Foster Children

The Foster children are well known in South Central Kentucky, as they have been playing their traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel for the past 35 years.

Based in Greensburg, KY, the band plays songs by Bill Monroe, J.D. Crowe, Rhonda Vincent and many other famous bluegrass artists. They also include a few old folk tunes and string band tunes in their music.

The band features Ronald Curry on banjo, guitar and vocals, Gerald Foster on guitar and vocals, Andrea Smith on vocals, Lizi Durham Witcher on mandolin, Grant Curry on mandolin, guitar and fiddle, and Mike Mills on upright bass.

Renetta and Friends

Renetta and Friends play classic country, bluegrass gospel, and southern rock. They are a delightful group, filled with experienced musicians from all over the area.

Renetta handles lead vocals and guitar.

Carthel Franklin does vocals and acoustic guitar, while Donna Franklin specializes in background vocals. Bobby Mann both sings and plays the mandolin.

Ken and Ruth Griffin team up with Kenny on drums and Ruth does lead vocals, bass, and acoustic guitar. Mike Blair sings and plays guitar.

The Folk Project

Hannah Coomer and Eric Scott are old friends from high school in Campbellsville. They take traditional folk influence and mix it up with modern indie rock, making sure their harmonies are a perfect blend.

The Carousel Stampede

Easton Bryant, Neil Goodin, and Nick Kemp are old friends who like to have fun playing music. Their sound is mellow and smooth, until they throw in a surprise.

Chris Anderson, our impressive soundman, is also a singer and songwriter. Chris has been performing praise and bluegrass music for 30 years, and focuses on the positives in life.



Demonstrators at Plow Day

Rhonda Arnett—grist mill with hit and miss engine
Shae Burden—retired professional barrel racer and her horse
Darlene Campbell—Native American language, culture, customs and crafts
Butter making
Laura Farrar--riding side-saddle in period clothing
Ken Hill—colonial reenactors
Ed Huffman—flint knapper, arrowheads
Mast Petting Farm
Howard Moran—whittling
Bryan Pennick—lard rendering
Robin Plank—Red Stone Forge, metal forging and horse shoeing
David Waltz—master potter and sculpter, hands on pottery making with youngsters
Sam White—white oak shingle riving
Chris “Peanut” Wilson—flint knapper, arrowheads
Warren and Karen Wolfe—shave horse work

Vendors at Plow Day

Alisa’s Attic—Alice Smith
Barnetts Creek Farm—Margie and Paul Phipps with their alpacas and alpaca wool products
Campbell’s Hollow Ranch LLC, soaps—Kathy Campbell
Custom crocheted gifts,—Linda Beach
From Scratch Bakers,—Melissa Cundiff
Living Simple Art—Peggy Redmon
Peaceful Place Candles—Jenifer Beams
Pens to Remember—Fred and Peggy Spoon
Picture This Photography—Dorothy Belcher
Simply Blessed— Mattie Sullivan
Scrimshaw Art—Jay Rose
Sunlit Moments Photography—Carrie Peterson
Ugandan Handicrafts—Derrick Kisita, Lindsey Wilson College
Usborne Books and More—Amanda Rudd
Jackie Pierce—vegetable plants
Meg Januski
Bonnie Stanbury
Joy Pryor
Diane Roution
Renea Wright
Brandy McCubbin

More Food and Variety This Year Than Ever Before

Sugarfoot Farm Rescue - cotton candy and popcorn to benefit the cats and dogs at Sugarfoot;
Waffle Street—You guessed it, waffles, and waffle king Kellis Booth practiced all last year at the Adair Farmers Market and at last years HP festivals, and he’s got it down;
Eunice Church of God—tenderloin from the folks who have served HP festivals from day one;
Smokin’ Joe Creason—tenderloin, from Green County’s king of grilled tenderloin. Joe has also been at the HP festivals since the first one.
Columbia First Baptist Church—fried fish, beans and slaw. And these folks can fry fish and cook beans and slaw.
Mayfield Ice Cream—You guessed this one too, ice cream by Mrs. Mayfield and Chris and Marie Anderson
All American Foods—Not quite all, but a nice sampling of items
Breeding Country Mart—very good BBQ from the BBQ capital of Adair County

And.....Don’t forget the Hayrides, barrel train, trail hikes, Petting farm, hands-on crafts for kids, horses, mules and other animals and activities that will be there.

New Performing Arts Theater Inaugurated at Homeplace

The rainy weather did not stop about 80 area business representatives, volunteers and actors from attending the Inaugural *Shakespeare in the Barn* performances at Homeplace on Green River Saturday evening, April 14.

The newly renovated barn at Homeplace hosted singing and acting performances by students from Lindsey Wilson College, Campbellsville University and Adair County High School. Performances included skits and songs by Campbellsville U's Harlequins; excerpts from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, a monologue and songs, and *Precipice*, a student directed one-act play, all by Lindsey Wilson students; and songs from The Sound of Music by Adair County High School students.

Those attending also were treated to a fish dinner prepared by the Columbia First Baptist Church. The purpose of the evening was to involve local performers and local residents in the opening event at the historic barn.



The Shakespeare in the Barn concept was the idea of Lindsey's director of theater, Robert Brock and Lindsey Wilson professor and Homeplace board member, David Goguen. Plans call for three stage plays this summer as part of the Shakespeare in the Barn program. The plays will be performed in June and July by Lindsey Wilson theater students and directed by Brock. The new stage in the barn, designed by Brock, is part of Homeplace's effort to provide a unique venue for the many talented performers in south central Kentucky. Four groups will also be performing in the barn April 21 at Homeplace's Plow Day/Spring Festival. More information on the Shakespeare in the Barn program and the Homeplace Plow Day/Spring Festival can be found at

www.homeplacefarmky.org or at 270 789 0006.



Homeplace President Billy Joe Fudge welcomed about 80 guests and performers to the inaugural show.

Opportunities to support Shakespeare in the Barn include sponsorships of individual performances as well as season long sponsorships. Sponsors will receive free tickets to the performances and pre-show fish dinners and will be recognized in the programs. All who sponsor shows for this initial season will be considered founding donors and will have their names on a permanent plaque mounted in the theater.

This year's performances will be Shakespeare's The Two Gentlemen of Verona on June 23, Smoke on the Mountain June 30, and a children's play, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe July 28. The first two shows will include a fish fry. All shows will begin at 6:00 p.m. EDT with the dinners being served at 5:30 EST. The dinners and the show are informal.

The Homeplace Board of Directors thanks those friends who have already supported the Shakespeare in the Barn programs with their time, talent, and financial support.