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The nights are cooler and the days are progressively getting shorter, which means soon the leaves will be changing and fall will once again be upon us.

This is a troubling reality to some, who view fall as a precursor to the winter that follows, but to fall babies like myself, it's the best time of year.

In our region of the country, fall can be a rather quick season, with only a few weeks to enjoy it before temperatures drop to the point where staying outside for long periods of time can be rather unap-

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, on the historic grounds of the famed 1969 Woodstock Music Festival.

Just make sure to check it out as soon as you can, because fall will be over in the blink of an eye.

At Harvest Festival, family fun will be in abundance. Take the kids to the corn maze, peruse the many one-of-a-kind items for sale from an assortment of vendors, and enjoy everything the season has to offer.

While the live entertainment, unique vendors and family activities will likely take up most



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The challenge of the corn maze is always a favorite for adults and children alike.

# Celebrate the season at Bethel Woods By Joseph Abraham

peeling. For this reason, you may have noticed many stores putting out pumpkin-themed items.

So how does one celebrate fall in Sullivan County?

Luckily for us here in Sullivan County, we can enjoy the spirit of Autumn for several Sundays through the Harvest Festival at

of your attention, we hope you'll walk the historic grounds and enjoy the fall foliage.

As you flip through this preview section, you'll learn about Harvest Festival and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' offerings in the weeks ahead.

If you are visiting the county

for a quick getaway in the near future, we hope you enjoy the bounty of our area's fall harvest. We can't wait to meet you and hope to see you at Bethel Woods and beyond.

For those who live in the area, like myself, we can't wait to continue to make great memories

here in the Sullivan Catskills.

The Woodstock Festival's themes of peace and love can be applied to anything in life, and in my opinion, it is present around a campfire with friends, taking in the sights and sounds of fall ... maybe even with a cup of apple cider in hand.



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Kaizen Snacks, pictured at last year's Harvest Festival, is returning with their variety of nuts, seeds, and dried fruit spiked with herbs and spices.

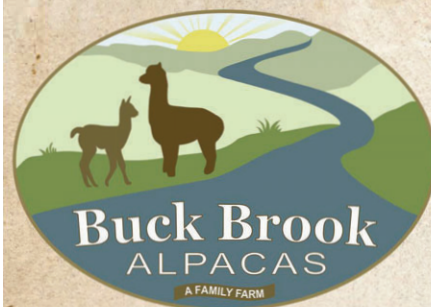


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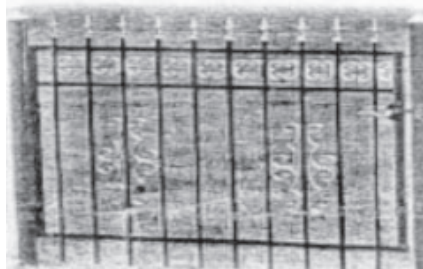
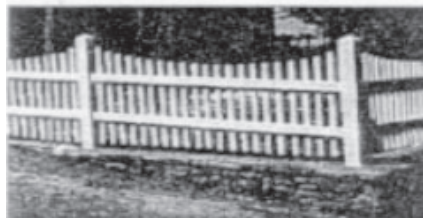
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Live music fills the air at the Harvest Festival.

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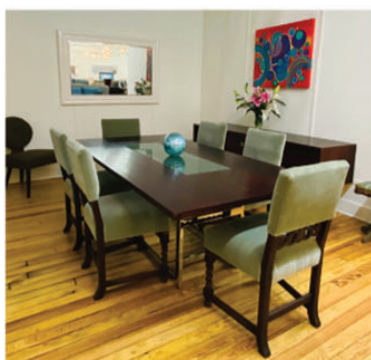
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# Fall line-up lookout:

## What to expect for Bethel Woods' autumn season

BY DEREK KIRK



Although the sounds of summer are nearing their final notes as Bethel Woods Center for the Arts prepares to host its final few shows of the 2022 summer pavilion concert season, the excitement of autumn-themed adventures perseveres into the Fall season with returning events including Peace, Love, and Pumpkins, Harvest Festival, and Event Gallery concerts.

Returning for its second year, Peace, Love, and Pumpkins brings with its reappearance spooky special offers and themed nights throughout the event, and will run from October 14 to 30. The event is open nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the last entry at 9 p.m.

The event includes a family friendly walk through the Bethel Woods garden venue decorated with Halloween ornamentation, which includes thousands of unique hand-carved jack-o-lanterns and glowing pumpkin art.

Brave the pumpkin-lit path with weekly night specials, such as Friday Night Frights on October 21 and 28, Back-to-Ghoul Student Tuesdays, and Wear-Wolf Wednesdays. Other special events include a Sensory-Friendly Experience on October 24, the Night Markets at Peace, Love, and Pumpkins running from October 28-30, and Boos and Booze on October 29.

Tickets are currently \$18 for adults, \$8 for youth (3-17), and children 2 & under are free entry. Early bird ticket pricing ends on Sep-

tember 5, so don't wait around like a scarecrow and purchase yours today! This is a rain or shine event.

### Escape Room and Venue/Backstage Guided Tour

Looking to challenge your Woodstock wisdom and to see more of the venue at Bethel Woods? Then look no further than the new Behind the Scenes guided tours and Escape Room.

This tour gives guests an exclusive backstage Pavilion access and grounds tour via golf cart, and includes an Escape Room experience in the Museum at Bethel Woods Special Exhibit: & Art Fair.

This event is limited to up to seven guests and is not available on concert days. Tickets for adults are \$25, \$15 for students, and free for children 12 and under.

Act now as this is an extremely limited time event, running on Wednesdays throughout September only from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.!

### The Big Sip

Lovers of wine and spirits are invited back to 'the Garden' to participate in the second-ever Big Sip, a weekend celebration that highlights and features wineries from around the Hudson Valley, Finger Lakes, Long Island, and more.

The event runs two days, October 8 and 9, with general gates opening at 1pm and closing at 5pm. VIP tickets get noon entry.

A general ticket includes entry into the festival plus unlimited sampling, a commemorative tasting glass, live music on the Festival Stage, and access to the food court and shops from local craft, artisan, and specialty food vendors. General Admission tickets are \$50 on Saturday, and \$45 on Sunday.

On Saturday, taking the stage is performer Mike DelGuidice & Big Shot, and on Sunday, Bethel Woods welcomes the musical group Ripe.

VIP tickets give guests a little extra peace, love, and wine, with early entry to the venue, access to a private lounge sponsored by Makers Mark, a non-public dining experience with exclusive wines and spirits, and complimentary admission to the Museum at Bethel Woods. VIP tickets are \$90 on Saturday, and \$85 on Sunday.

To help ensure the safety of guests after enjoying the variety of craft and artisan wines and spirits, Designated Driver tickets are also available at a lower price.

See the Bethel Woods website for more information on The Big Sip!

### Visit the Museum!

2022 Special Exhibit: & Art Fair:

If you're looking for an indoor adventure, take a step into the Museum at Bethel Woods for a visit to the 2022 Special Exhibit: & Art Fair, which highlights an often overlooked but integral part of the original 1969 Woodstock music and art festival - the art festival.

### Meet Me At Woodstock

Take a look into the flower-power past with the augmented reality tour to experience the history of Woodstock festival first-hand.

The tour is hosted on a tablet and narrated by the voices of Nick and Bobbi Ercoline.

The Museum and Special Exhibit are open daily from 10 am to 5 pm.

### Peace, Love, and Lights

Don't blink! The holiday season will soon be here once again, and Bethel Woods has just the event to bring the family to for winter-themed festivities, various local markets, and a jolly car ride through the even bigger and brighter Holiday light show at Peace, Love, and Lights powered by Healey Brothers.

The light show will run from November 25-27, December 1-4, and then 8-11. On December 15, the event will be open nightly until January 1, 2023.

When open, it will run from 5 pm to 10 pm, with last entry being at 9 pm. It is one ticket per car load.

If you would wish to walk through the illuminated winter wonderland, Monday nights are dedicated to the Sullivan 180 Walk-thru, where no drive-thru will occur.

To purchase tickets for the paid admission events and see what else Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has to offer in the upcoming months, check out their website at [www.bethelwoodscenter.org](http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org).



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At top left: Nothing says fall more than Peace, Love and Pumpkins' dazzling displays.

Bottom left: Get lost in history by strolling through the Museum at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. See the story above for info about current exhibits.

At left: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is a great place to enjoy any of the four seasons, including Autumn.

Above: Lovers of wine and spirits should mark their calendar for October 8-9, when the Big Sip returns. Enjoy your favorites and come willing to explore something new.



# Meet some of the vendors

BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

Each year the Harvest Festival attracts a number of unique vendors offering one-of-a-kind products (see a list of August 28 vendors in this section).

With that said, a few of these vendors recently chatted with the **Democrat** for a brief interview about their business' involvement with the Harvest Festival, and thoughts on the annual event.



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## Do Good Spirits

Roscoe-based Do Good Spirits will be back at Harvest Fest for another season, and have participated in the event for about six years.

They'll have a variety of their spirits available each week from vodka, gin and the very popular Beaverkill Bourbon Cream.

They will have another treat for attendees come Labor Day weekend. Using strawberries from Mountain Sweet Berry Farm in Roscoe, they'll be debuting strawberry liqueurs.

Do Good Spirits Owner Brian Facquet said

the new liqueurs will be called "Fruit of the Labor," and is a tribute to farmers.

"We're always honored to be at Bethel Woods," said Facquet. "It's such a great part of the Sullivan County community."

He added that like any farmers' market, he enjoys engaging with people willing to try local, New York products.

"It's beautiful," Facquet said of the event, "the diversity of vendors ... all-around it's a really positive thing."

## Lori Rae Jewelry

Lori Rae Jewelry offers original pieces (like the bracelet pictured top right) that will add to any outfit. Stop by her booth and ask about her "Peace, Love and Pearls" collection, which fits the theme of Bethel Woods and the iconic 1969 Woodstock Music Festival.

Lori Rae Silvers has participated in the Harvest Festival for over a decade.

"The vibe is incredible," she said. "The music ... the variety of goods. Bethel Woods brings in a lot of people and they do a great job with the



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festival. It's so well run. It's the most beautiful, lovely day out ... a giant craft and farmers' market."

## Muthig Farm

Muthig Farm, located in Parksville, has been a staple of the Sullivan County market community since the late 1950s.

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Meeting the great variety of people is what Dennis Muthig, who owns the farm with his mother Dorothy, enjoys the most.

"You get three-to-five thousand people [each weekend], of all ages from all over," said Muthig. "There are so many artisans and it's just a wonderful day."



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# Pre-festival wellness

Before exploring all that Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has to offer, as well as checking out the assortment of festival vendors, entertainment and more, arrive a tad bit early for an outdoor wellness class on the Terrace Stage.

Led by a rotating local teacher each week from 10-11 a.m., practice self-care and become grounded on the historic grounds.

The class schedule is as follows ...

- August 28 : Yoga with LeeAnna Maniace of The Yoga Space
- September 4: Yoga with Kyle Goldstein of A New Breath Health & Wellness
- September 11: Yoga with Cecilia Castro of Fusion Flow Yoga
- September 18: Meditation with Amanda McCormick



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LeeAnna Maniace is offering a yoga class on August 28 on the Terrace Stage.

- September 25: Yoga with Susan Mendoza of The Chi Hive
- October 2: Slow Flow Vinyasa with Rebecca DeRosa



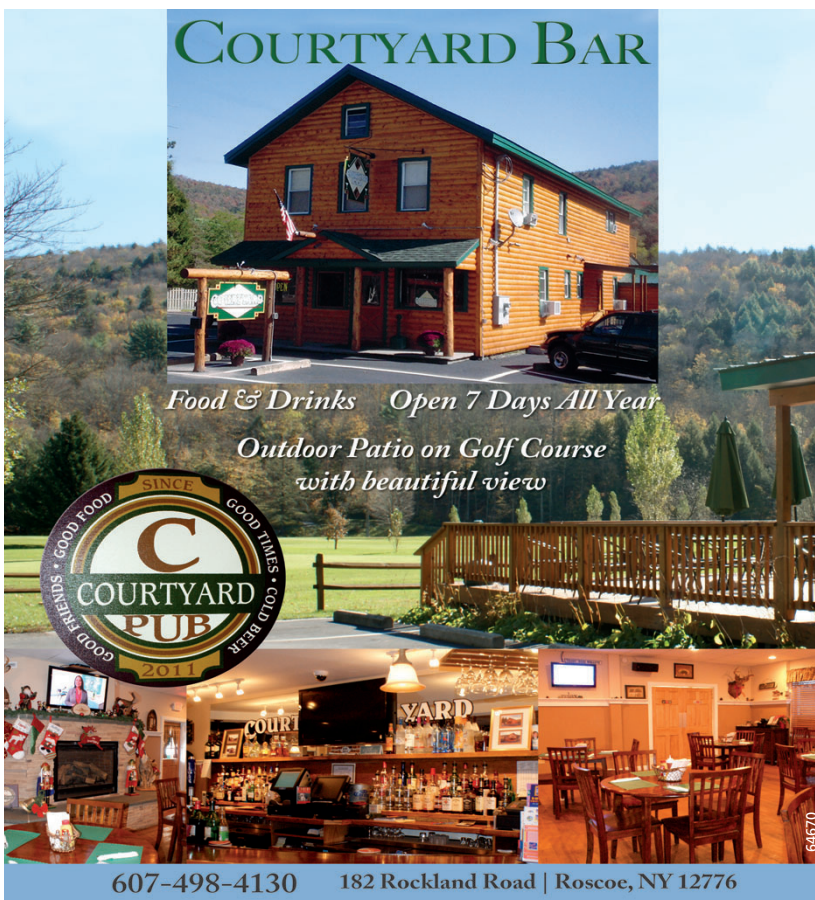
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Catch Kyle Goldstein of A New Breath Health and Wellness on September 4.

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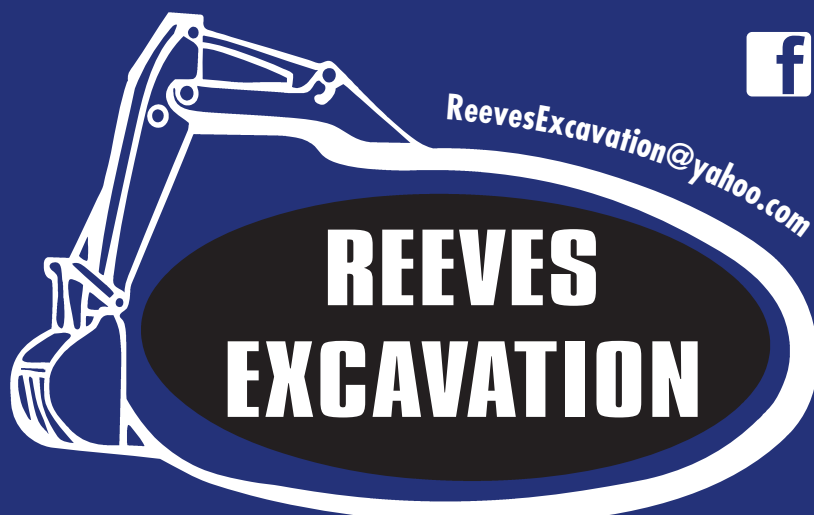
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# Harvest Festival returns for 24th year

STORY BY DEREK KIRK

**T**he time is nearing once again for the 24th annual return of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' long standing autumn farmers' market, the Harvest Festival.

"The Harvest Festival is the core of our fall festival offerings," said Eric Frances, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts chief executive officer. "More than two decades ago, we transformed the accepted farmers' market model, giving visitors, residents, growers, and makers a cherished place to interact as a community. Today it still attracts locals and tourists, bringing commerce and comradery to the region, while spawning new specialty events throughout the year at Bethel Woods."

The festival will be celebrating locally produced goods from Sullivan County farms, the sounds and sights of artisans from around the

area, and a taste of the Catskills' local food and drinks.

The festival also invites guests to listen to live music as they shop and

explore, indulge themselves with treats from various food trucks, curate their own creativity with crafts, and more!

The festival is expecting over 80 regional vendors to join in the celebration. Be sure to bring your excitement for a sense of an autumn-aesthetic adventure, as the corn maze will also be making its reappearance this year.

Also, on September 18, the Harvest Festival will be debuting its first-ever Pie Eating Contest for youth and adult competitors. Head to the welcome tent prior to the contest to register for this free event.

The Harvest Festival, in total, runs for six consecutive weekends starting on Sunday, August 28 from 11 am to 4 pm. The event is free admission with a \$5 parking fee (with parking in Lot A). Pets are not permitted at the event.

Please keep in mind that a portion of West Shore Road (from Perry Road to Hurd Road) will be closed from 11 am to 4 pm on each Harvest Festival date.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS PER WEEK

### August 28

Live Music on the Festival Stage:

12:00 - 1:30 PM: The Bergkamp Brothers Band

2:00 - 3:30 PM: The Electric Chords

2:00 - 3:30 PM: The French Woods

Jazz Ensemble

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### September 4

Live Music on the Festival Stage

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2:00 - 3:30 PM: Chris Raabe Band

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### September 18

Live Music on the Festival Stage:

12:00 - 1:30 PM: Delaware Valley

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2:00 - 3:30 PM: The Other Band

- Pie-Eating Contest

- Bier Garden

### September 25

Live Music on the Festival Stage:

12:00 - 1:30 PM: A Girl Named Genny

2:00 - 3:30 PM: Billbilly Parade

- Bier Garden

### September 11

Live Music on the Festival Stage

12:00 - 1:30 PM: The French Woods

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### October 2

Live Music on the Festival Stage:

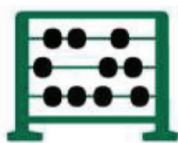
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