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Bethel Woods Center for the Arts celebrates 25th anniversary of Harvest Festival

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts—a non-profit performance venue, museum and site of the 1969 Woodstock festival—announced the opening of the 25th annual Harvest Festival.

An annual farmers market taking place for six consecutive Sundays from August 27 through October 1, Harvest

Festival celebrates the wonderful offerings and essence that Sullivan County has to offer – the product of local farms and makers, the talent and creativity of artisans, the entertainment of local and regional performers, the quality time spent with family and friends, and the sense of summer turning to autumn. The

Harvest Festival has proven to be a mainstay event and source of strength for this community.

This year's celebration is especially monumental, as it marks the 25th year of the farmers market. The first Harvest Festival, originally entitled "The Fall Garden Harvest Festival," took place in 1999 with the goal of extending the summer visitor season into the fall.

In 2008, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts took over management of Harvest Festival and now hosts the event annually. With fewer than 12 vendors participating in the inaugural festival, Harvest Festival's scale has since expanded, currently showcasing over 110 regional vendors each Sunday, along with showcasing live music performances, vendors, an eclectic food court, beer garden, craft-making, and corn and hay mazes.

Special attractions will be featured from week-to-week in honor of the silver anniversary, including a tortoise sanctuary, Rosehaven Alpacas, a live mural artist, circus performers, axe-throwing, a live giant pumpkin carving, and more to be announced. Bethel Woods will be producing 6 collectible acrylic pins unique to each date of the 25th anniversary series – the pins will be given away to the first 200 guests on each date.

Opening remarks, awards to vendors who have been with the event for all 25 years, a silver ribbon cutting, and a marching band performance will kick off the first event of the series (August 27).

"In many ways, Harvest Festival played a significant role in shaping the vision for Bethel Woods as it was being established," said Eric Frances, CEO, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. "While it made sense to lean into the



Harvest Fest

'Enjoy a day at Bethel Woods'

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Opposite Page: The Harvest Fest is an excellent time to get ready for Fall – and Halloween. Check out all the vendors.

Fresh air, great food, great music and pleasant surroundings make the Harvest Fest a great way to spend the day.

festival in Bethel, NY, the lush 800-acre campus includes a Pavilion Stage amphitheater with seating for 16,000, an intimate 422-seat indoor Event Gallery, the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods, and a Conservatory for arts education programming.

Through the in-depth study and exhibition of the social, political, and cultural events of the 1960s, as well as the preservation of the historic site of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, Bethel Woods educates individuals about the issues and lessons of the decade while inspiring a new generation to contribute positively to the world around them. The not-for-profit organization relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to develop and sustain programs that improve the quality of life in the region and beyond. For more information, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.

significance of the site of the 1969 Woodstock Music & Art Fair, Harvest Festival was the inspiration for how we would build community programming, support local growers and artisans, and showcase up-and-coming musicians.”

Confirmed performers for the 2023 Harvest Festival include Delaware Valley Raptors, and music by the Street Beat Brass Band, Jak Lizard, Cold Weather Company, Black Dirt Bandits and many more.

Sponsors for the 2023 Harvest Festival include Beam Suntory, Builders FirstSource, Eldred Preserve, Oak Ridge Winery and Johnston’s Toyota. Underwriting

is provided by the Patricia & Stuart Salenger Foundation.

“With deep, historical roots in the Sullivan Catskills, this 25th anniversary year of Harvest Festival offers an opportunity to both commemorate a milestone and celebrate the progress and growth that the festival has accomplished since its inception,” said Frances. “From talent and cuisine to a diverse range of activities, the festival provides a little something for everyone, bringing together friends and families during the most beautiful time of year in our region.”

Festival attendance is free of charge. Starting this year,

parking can be purchased online in advance at the discounted price of \$5 at www.BethelWoodsCenter.org. Day-of pricing increases to \$7 and can only be purchased at the gate.

About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts inspires, educates, and empowers individuals through the arts and creative learning by presenting a diverse selection of culturally-rich performances, popular artists, and community and educational programming. Located 90 miles from New York City at the site of the 1969 Woodstock



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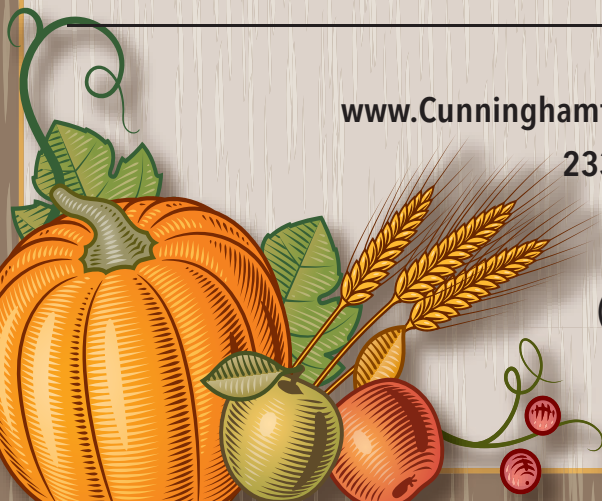
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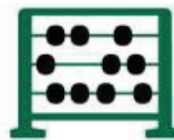


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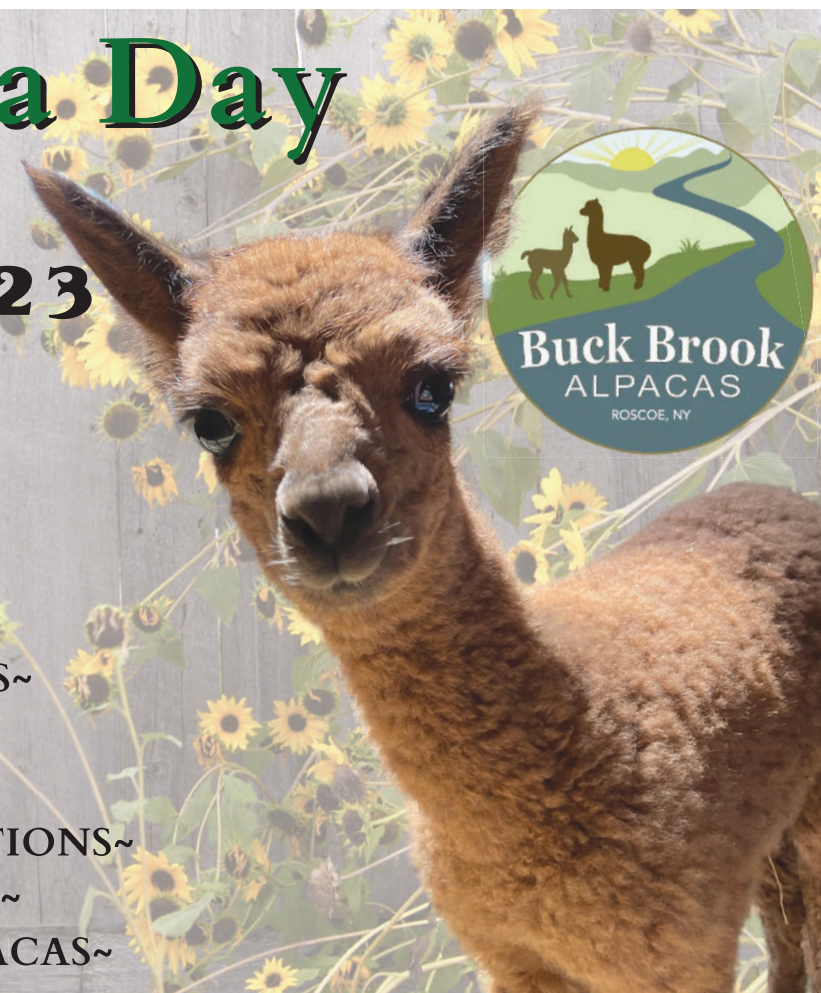
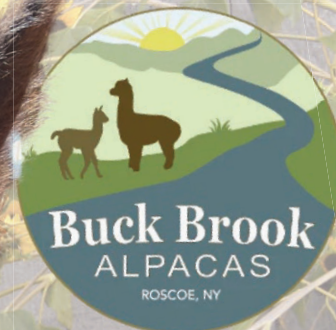
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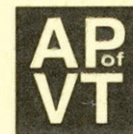


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A guide to events in Fall and Winter 2024

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Aug. 27th thru Oct. 1st: Harvest Festival every Sunday (Aug. 27th, Sept. 3rd, Sept. 10th, Sept. 17th, Sept. 24th & Oct. 1st)

Wednesday, Sept. 13th: Horizon Happy Hour: Molly Tigre @ 5PM

Thursday, Oct. 5th: Jethro Tull's Martin Barre: A Brief History of Tull | 8PM in the Event Gallery

Saturday & Sunday Oct. 7th and 8th: The Big Sip featuring Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, Back to the Eighties Show with Jessie's Girl & more!

Presented by Bethel Woods & with Hudson Valley and Valley Table - 1:00 thru 5:30 PM (VIP Entry at 12PM)

PEACE LOVE AND PUMPKINS

The Night Market | Oct. 13th and 14th, 20th and 21st, 27th and 28th. 6:30 - 9:00PM

No tricks, only treats here! Join us for the Night Market at Peace, Love & Pumpkins featuring 50+ craft and

specialty food vendors! Admission to the Night Market is FREE, however, please note that this does not include admission to Peace, Love & Pumpkins.

Spooky Sunday Crafting

Oct. 15th, 22nd, and 29th. 6:30 - 8:30PM

October 15th: Trick or Treat Bag Decorating: Join us for the first experience of our Spooky Sunday crafting series (appropriate for children ages 3 - 13). On this date, each child will decorate and take home their very own trick-or-treat canvas bag to use on Halloween! Tickets are \$15 per child and includes the bag and materials to decorate.

October 22nd: Costume Mask Decorating: Need a last-minute costume for Halloween? Come check out our Spooky Sunday crafting series (appropriate for children ages 3 - 13) On this date, each child will decorate and take home their very

own Halloween costume mask! Tickets are \$15 per child and includes the mask and materials to decorate.

October 29th: Potion Making: Have you ever wanted to make your very own Halloween potion? Come check out our Spooky Sunday crafting series (appropriate for children ages 3 - 13) On this date, each child will create, decorate, and take home their very own potion! Tickets are \$15 per child and includes the potion and materials.

Meet the Maker Guided Tour

Oct. 19th and 26th @ 7PM

Embark on a guided tour with one of the makers of our trail and discover the creation of Peace, Love & Pumpkins at 7:00 PM on the first and second Thursday.

Friday Night Frights

Oct. 20th and 27th from 6:30 - 11PM (last entry 10PM)

The walk-thru experience gets

a spooky makeover as the ghosts and ghouls come out to roam the grounds. A dark, terrifying experience that will leave you trembling as you exit - If you can make it out alive, that is!

Boos and Booze

Oct. 21st and 28th from 6:30 - 9PM

A boozy add-on experience on one special night for our 21 & over guests! As part of this experience, guests will have access to exclusive stations throughout the walk-thru route to sample Halloween-themed cocktails.

This experience is an add-on to standard admission and does not include entry to Peace, Love & Pumpkins. You must purchase a general admission ticket to Peace, Love & Pumpkins in order to enjoy this experience.

Sensory-Friendly Experience | Oct. 23rd @ 4:30.

Individuals of all ages with autism, complex developmental disabilities, or sensory sensitivities are welcome to experience our enchanting Halloween walk-thru experience during special sensory friendly early hours before opening to the general public. Trained sensory friendly staff will be present on the walk to offer assistance as needed. This experience will take place from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM on Monday, October 23th only.

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the same day. Must be purchased in person.

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Trick-Or-Treat Bag (For 4):

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The Museum at Bethel Woods is open every day 10 AM - 10 PM. After 5 PM, enjoy \$5 admission to our Main Exhibit (special exhibit will be closed) with your valid Peace, Love & Pumpkins ticket for

Holiday Market Pop Up | Saturdays Dec. 9th, 16th and 23rd @ 12PM

A Holiday Market pop-up single day market experience will take place on 3 Saturdays in December. This daytime into nighttime market gives guests the chance to shop a wide selection of unique holiday gifts and support regional vendors this holiday season, before or after your Peace, Love & Lights visit! Each Saturday will feature an entirely new selection of vendors, encouraging guests to return from week-to-week.

Dinner with Santa

Dec. 15th & 16th @ 5PM
Santa Claus is coming to town... and your table! Enjoy a gourmet all-you-can-eat buffet dinner in the intimate Event Gallery before or after your drive-thru experience!

Gingerbread Build & Sip

Dec. 17th @ 6:30PM
Gather your friends and put

your decorating skills to the test! Enjoy constructing your dream candy creation while sipping delicious regional wines. Each ticket includes your gingerbread materials, sweet treat decorations, and two glasses of wine.

Santa's Workshop

Dec. 21st & 22nd @ 5PM

-Enjoy crafting activities alongside Santa and his helpers as he gets ready for Christmas! Children can enjoy meeting with Santa, light refreshments, building holiday inspired crafts and more. The fun starts at 4PM and will run until 8PM in the beautiful Event Gallery.

Cookie Decorating with Santa

Dec. 23rd @ 5PM

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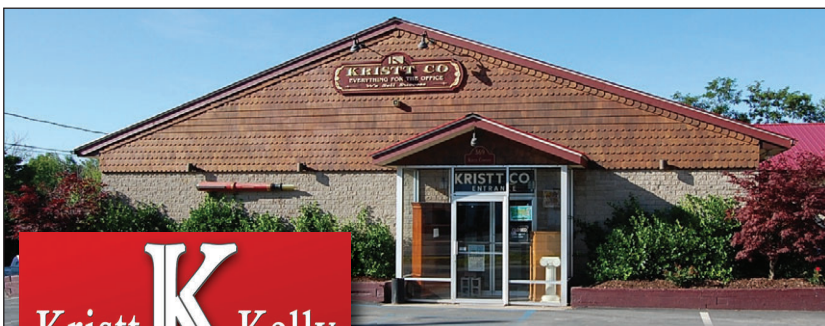
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- Tortoise Sanctuary
- Mural Painting by Kayli Husey
- Sports Lounge
- Corn Maze
- Custom Pin for the first 200 people
- Live Music by Street Beat Brass Band & Debra Devi

SEPTEMBER 3

- Rosenhaven Alpaca
- Mural Painting by Kayli Hussey
- Sports Lounge
- Custom Pin for the first 200 people
- Live music by Jak Lizard & Cold Weather Company

The first day of each weekend holds unique special attractions that will give each visit to the Harvest Fest its own flair. Here is a quick look at what each of the six weeks will showcase to help you plan out your trips to the 25th annual Harvest Fest!

SEPTEMBER 10

- Pie-eating contest
- Chainsaw carving demonstration
- Sports Lounge
- Horse-drawn wagon ride
- Custom Pin for the first 200 people
- Live Performances by Delaware Valley Raptors & Black Dirt Bandits

SEPTEMBER 17

- Axe Throwing from Hudson Valley Hatchet
- Roaming Magician Sports Lounge
- Corn Maze
- Custom Pin for the first 200 people
- Live Music by the Outcrops and Chris Raabe Band

SEPTEMBER 24

- CirqOvation Live Circus & Stilt Walker
- Live Balloon Twister
- Sports Lounge
- Corn Maze
- Horse-drawn wagon ride
- Custom Pin for the first 200 people
- Music by Dan Brother Band & Scott Wolfson & Other Heroes

OCTOBER 1

- Live GIANT pumpkin carving demonstration
- Roaming Magician
- Sports Lounge
- Corn Maze
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Aug 27: (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) and Debra Devi (2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Jak Lizard

Sept 3: (Noon - 1:30 p.m.) and Cold Weather Company (2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)

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Sept 10: (Noon -1:30 p.m.) and Black Dirt Bandits (2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)

The Outcrops

Sept 17: (Noon -1:30 p.m.) and Chris Raabe Band (2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Dan Brother Band

Sept 24: (12:00PM-1:30 p.m.) and Scott Wolfson & Other Heroes (2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

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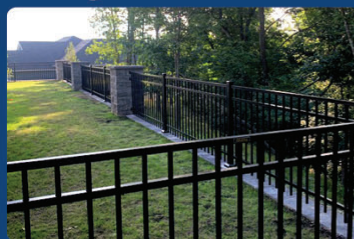
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