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Highlands/Franklin - Macon County 2009 Annual Events

July

July 4 -Annual 4th of July Fun Day & Fireworks. Macon County Recreation Park US 441S. Activities begin at 11:00am and conclude at dark with the largest fireworks display in Western North Carolina! More info: 800-336-7829

July 4 - 4th of July Parade. Historic Downtown Franklin 10:00 am -1:00 pm. Parade begins at 10:30 am. Contact Linda at 524-2516 for more info.

July 17 -18 5th Annual Folk Festival. Celebration of Appalachian heritage. Downtown Franklin. Over 40 living exhibits of authentic mountain living, food, entertainment and more. Begins on Friday night at 7:00pm at the Downtown Gazebo sponsored by the Arts Council. Patton String Band and the Rye Holler Boys will be there. Arts Council contact Bobbie Contino at 828- 524-7683. More info: 828-369-7411. Sponsored by Folk Heritage Association of Franklin.

July 22-25 43rd Annual Macon County Gemboree. Macon County Community Building US 441S. One of the largest and oldest gem & mineral shows in the southeast. Sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. Hours 10:00am to 6:00pm Wednesday -Saturday Adult $2. Children under 12 - free. More info: 800-336-7829

August

August 7 & 8 - 1st Annual Mountain High BBQ & Music Festival. Friday 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm, Saturday 10am - 4 pm. Macon County Fair Grounds. More info: 828-524-3161 or www.mountainhighbqfestival.com

August 15 13th Annual Smoky Mountain Shrimp Boil. Hope you're hungry. All you can eat boiled shrimp and other goodies. Tartan Hall at First Presbyterian Church from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. To benefit Macon County Habitat for Humanity. More info: 828-369-3716

September

September 16-19 55th Annual Macon County Fair. The Fair is here! Macon County Fair Grounds, Hwy 441S. More info 828-524-3267

September 19 Dillsboro Antiques Fair. A Day long entertainment of music and storytelling, antiques and a people's choice contest for vintage car or truck. Live auction to benefit Monteith Farmstead/Appalachian Women's Museum. Local historian George Frizzell of Western Carolina University will offer a presentation of period photos documenting the history of Dillsboro and the surrounding area. More info: 828-586-1600

October

October 15-17 17th Annual Smoky Mountain Fall Art & Craft Festival. Macon County Fair Grounds. Demonstrations, music, children activities, square dancing and more. Some of the area's best Artisans will be in attendance to show their crafts. 80 hand crafted door prizes will be given. There will also be a food Drive for the areas food banks.More info: 866-372-5546

October 16-18 20th Annual Leaf Looker's Gemboree. In Franklin and sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. Gem & mineral dealers from across the US. 10:00am to 6:00pm Friday & Saturday, 12:00noon to 5:00pm Sunday. More info: 800-336-7829

October 17 4th Annual "Songwriters in the Round". High Hampton Inn Pavilion to benefit the Blue Ridge School Education Foundation. Evening of music from some of Nashville's premier songwriters as well as food & beverages.

October 17-18 Sapphire Valley Master Association Arts & Crafts Festival and Fall Colors Fine Art Show. More info: 828-743-0321

October 23-24 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival. Sponsor, the Franklin Main Street Program and Franklin Tourism Development Committee. Contact 828-524-0476. Located at the East Franklin Shopping Center. 10/24 Hayrides 3pm - 6pm. After School Treats for the kids in 3pm - 5pm. On Oct. 25 Street festival on Main Street with crafters, Pumpkin Roll, Live Music, Pie Eating Contest, Games, Costume Contest, Parade and Food. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. More info: 828-524-0476 or 828-524-0476

October 31 Harvest Festival. Dillsboro. Festival & costume parade. Enjoy the fall weather. Everyone is invited to enter the parade for prizes. Trick or Treat in downtown. Free outdoor movies: The Munsters & Ghostbusters will begin at 6:00 pm. Contest for the best decorated store. More info: 828-631-0156

November

November 7 WNC Pottery Festival. More than 35 skilled potters throughout the eastern US will be on hand. Some works will include festival organizer Joe Frank McKee of Tree House Pottery, local artisan Brant Barnes of Riverwood Pottery both of the area and other nationally known potters. More info: 828-631-5100

November 11 Veteran's Parade. Downtown Franklin. More info: 828-524-0476

November 27 4th Annual Mistletoe Magic Arts & Craft Show. Macon County Community Building U.S. 441 south of Franklin. Santa & Mrs. Clause will arrive for the festivities. Enjoy fantastic food, baked goods, music. Artistians from around the area will show their finest. 70 free hand crafted door prizes. And don't forget a food drive for area food banks. More Info: 866-372-5546

November 27 Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Clock Tower. Downtown Franklin
More info: Linda Schlott 828-524-0476

November 27-28 Mountain Artisans "Hard Candy Christmas". Art & Craft Show
WCU Ramsey Center, Cullowhee. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. More info: Doris Hunter 828-524-3405

November 29 Annual Franklin Christmas Parade. Downtown Franklin 3:00 pm. More info: Franklin Chamber 828-524-3161

December

December 4 Window Wonderland. Franklin 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. Victorian Holiday including Live window displays, carriage rides, music and more. More info 828-524-0476

December 4 & 5 Annual Festival of Lights and Luminaries. Visit Dillsboro for a winter wonderland of lights and songs. Santa will visit the children at Town Hall. Shopkeepers will have live music and holiday treats & hot cider. Join in with the carolers on your way to the shops. Don't miss on the 12th holiday fireworks. More info: 828-586-3891 or 828-586-1600

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