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# **Asheville-Buncombe County 2009 Annual Events**

### July

**July 4 Fourth of July**. Spend the day in downtown Asheville for food, music and activities. At the end of the day the Fireworks begin! More info: 828-259-5689

**July 9-12 54th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.** Enjoy the celebration of the Scottish culture and Highland games. Dancers, bag pipes, Celtic music and more. Many different activities daily. More info: 828-733-1333

**July 11 & 12 3rd Annual Bamboo Festival.** The American Bamboo Society's Southeastern Chapter. You will learn about the artistic value and functions of the bamboo. Weekend lectures, demonstrations including crafts, plant sales and raffle. Free with parking fee admission \$6 per vehicle

**July 30-August 1 Mountain Dance & Folk Festival.** Since 1928 this festival recognizes the beauty and vitality of southern Appalachian life. Irish, Scottish, African and English traditions, this culture is communicated in song, dance, and oral tradition. 2 S. Pack Sq, Diana Wortham Theatre, Asheville, NC 28801.

## **August**

**August 8, 15, 22, 29 42nd Shindig on the Green .** Bring your instruments, lawn chairs, blankets and all your family and friends. Enjoy the music, food and dance traditions of Southern Appalachia. The shindig begins around sundown (Approx. 7:00pm -10:00 pm). Located at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Marin Luther King Jr. Drive, Asheville.

**August 21-23 Goombay Festival.** A week long street festival. Music, children's village and over 60 food and craft vendors. Relax to both popular and traditional African-American, African & Caribbean gospel and other style music. Downtown Asheville.

# September

September 5 42nd Shindig on the Green (See August 8)

**September 11-20 Western North Carolina Mountain State Fair.** WNC Agricultural Center 1301 Fanning Bridge Road. Enjoy rides, animals, arts & crafts, food and entertainment.

**September 19-20 Heritage Weekend.** Southern Highland Craft Guild's celebrate heritage crafts of the Appalachian Mountains. Traditional craftspeople show craft techniques with hand tools, native materials and demonstrations in the native arts. Appalachian life will also be featured in traditional music and storytelling. 26th Annual World Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle Competition on Saturday 2:00-3:00pm. This popular tradition brings mountain toys, live music and wacky fun to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

### October

**October 15-18 LEAF (Lake Eden Arts Festival).** Celebrate Music, Discover Community, and Experience Culture at LEAF in a beautiful lakefront setting near Black Mountain. More info: 828-686-8742

October 15-18, 2009 Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands. The Civic Center in downtown Asheville. An event since 1948. The fair showcases work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Over 900 members throughout the mountain regions of nine states. Admission. More info: Craft Fair of Southern Highlands web site.

### **November**

**November 11-14 Asheville Film Festival.** This is your chance to see stories that don't always make it to the mainstream. This four day festival highlights lots of intriguing films. Also, a variety of parties, receptions, and discussions will be held. More info: 828- 257-4500.

#### December

**December 4-5-6 Dickens Festival.** First Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of December. Historic Biltmore Village transforms itself into a Victorian village. Enjoy three days of concerts, refreshments, horse drawn carriage rides, and strolling vocalists and instrumentalists in costumes of the period. Free parking throughout the Village. Most shops open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 PM.