



Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Festival - Fall Festival & Parade 2011

October 21, 22, 23

Friday Night

6:00 p.m. Viewing of Parade Floats

6:00 p.m. Friends Pickin'

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Annual Fall Festival Parade

11:00 a.m. Mississippi Sawyers

12:00 p.m. Country Fire Cloggers

1:00 p.m. Midnight Flight

2:00 p.m. Gazebo Jammers

3:00 p.m. Mississippi Sawyers

4:00 p.m. Country Fire Cloggers

4:30 p.m. Gazebo Jammers

5:15 p.m. Midnight Flight

6:00 p.m. Fall Festival Queen Voting

7:00 p.m. Coronation of Queen

7:00 p.m. Friends Pickin' at Arcadia Valley Jamboree



Sunday - Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

1861-1865 "I Dreamed My Boy Was Home Again"

An Afternoon of Civil War Music and Art

12:00 Chicken & Dumplings at the Courthouse

1:00 Artisan demonstrations open

2:00 Civil War music concert featuring Open Range

- The Pilot Knob Mountain Boys will open.

Sponsored by Mineral Area Council on the Arts

Afternoon of Civil War music & art in Ironton Courthouse Square

Drive into the beautiful Arcadia Valley. It just *looks* like a place where history happened.

To commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War - and Arcadia Valley's place in it - MACOA will sponsor a Sunday afternoon addition to the Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Festival. *"I Dreamed My Boy Was Home Again" An Afternoon of Civil War Music and Art* will take place on Sunday October 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the historic Courthouse Square Ironton, MO on the last day of the 2011 Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Festival. The festival runs from October 21 through 23 and features parades, foods, crafts, and plenty of bluegrass and mountain music. The entertainment is free and open to the public.



Open Range band. From left: Justin Dill, Julia Dill, Sharon Radford, Jim Radford.

Headlining Sunday's concert is the popular bluegrass band, Open Range. The band has prepared a concert of Civil War era music just for the occasion. Open Range plays regularly in Southeast Missouri and was recently on stage for the sold-out Hee Haw show at Bobby Powell's Arcadia Valley Jamboree in Ironton. Opening the October 23 concert is the Pilot Knob Mountain Boys, a group of young Arcadia Valley musicians specializing in the music of the era. The Pilot Knob Mountain Boys were featured this summer at the Ulysses S. Grant Re-commissioning Ceremony which was reenacted in Ironton on July 30, and attended by several Grant descendants.

MACOA was fortunate to gain the assistance of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary to the Sons in locating outstanding Civil War-era artisans to demonstrate their talents on the Courthouse Square during the music. Chris and Twyla Warren will bring their acclaimed program on military and civilian clothing during the war. The Warrens appear frequently at schools, museums, parks and Civil War activities. Norma Coplin, an accomplished spinner, will have her working spinning wheel in the Square and her husband, Keith Coplin, a blacksmith, plants to be on hand as well.

Brick Autry, of Fort Davidson State Historic Site, will demonstrate the art of loom weaving and battlefield artist Paul Cameron will perform his art which was so vital to newspapers during the war. Arcadia Valley's Jon Jones, renowned in Southeast Missouri for his hand-

crafted instruments, will be in attendance on the Square, as well.

The Piece Makers, a group of quilters drawn from Arcadia Valley churches, plan to hold a quilting bee to demonstrate this art which was an important social activity for Civil War women. Children's games will be demonstrated, too, featuring youngsters from the Arcadia Valley schools. All artisans will be in place for demonstrations at 1:00 p.m. when the concert starts on Sunday October 23.

"It's been a joy to partner with the Arcadia Valley Tourism Committee on this event," said MACOA director, Roxanne Cummings. "The Festival is all about bringing local people together to enjoy our great music, crafters and artisans."

The Our Town Tomorrow group will serve chicken & dumplings Sunday at noon in the Courthouse.

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