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Columbia Harvest Festifall Returns

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce hosts its 32nd annual Harvest Festifall October 8 and 9 on the streets of Columbia State Historic Park. The event runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"I am looking forward to a fresh corn on the cob and some harvest Cheer," said vendor Peg Reza, who will sell her "Butterfly Earwings."

Amongst fall decorations, more than 40 vendors dressed in period costumes sell handmade crafts. Products include birdhouses, yard art and candles from Bonnie's Baskets and The Bird's Nest; jewelry organizers, rocking horses, puzzles, hiking sticks, and toys from Danda Wood Creations and KC Enterprises; jewelry from Elliott Designs and My Silver Lining; glass work from Mary Kenedy Bead Art; candy from Louella's Toffee and Treats; and much more.

"As crafters and artists we enjoy showing and sharing our work with people that appreciate them as much as we do," said vendor Kathie Peery, who sells stained glass, vases and woodcarvings.

Jude Hyman, who will sell her glass jewelry, described the event as a "step back in time in a quaint setting." The old-fashioned harvest festival on the shady streets of Columbia is for all ages, with free admission. Local musicians perform in the gazebo and on the street, and there are activities for the children, who can have their faces painted and search for the perfect Halloween pumpkin.

"The Harvest Festifall in Columbia is a long-standing tradition," event organizer Leslie Davis said. "Some vendors will demonstrate to the public how they make their crafts. An especially interesting booth is that of the Mother Lode Spinners & Weavers, who set up spinning wheels and weaving looms to teach folks about these age-old skills, and especially encourage the children to try spinning and weaving themselves."

Nonprofits WATCH Resources – selling their well-known ceramic fish – and Sonora Cat Rescue – with kittens up for adoption – also have booths. And the Harvest would not be complete without caramel and candy apples from Nelson's Candy Kitchen.

For more information about this event, call [209-536-1672](tel:209-536-1672) or visit visitcolumbiacalifornia.com.