

MOUNTAIN GLORY FESTIVAL



28th Annual Mountain Glory Festival **Marion, North Carolina**

Celebrating Small-town Living in the Mountains

Marion, NC – On Saturday, October 8, the 28th Annual Mountain Glory Festival will celebrate the arrival of autumn in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The festival covers the courthouse lawn and three blocks of Main Street in Marion.

Local entertainment will be featured at three stages. Bluegrass and traditional mountain music, southern gospel, classic rock and other music are scheduled throughout the day.

Mountain Glory Festival offers an array of arts and crafts: pottery, fabric crafts, wood in all forms and many, many others. Featured this year is a great selection of custom made jewelry. Jewelry making and beading are a very popular past-times; and this year's Mountain Glory Festival features wonderful jewelry artist with many different styles. Great shopping opportunities for Christmas!!!

The Mountain Glory Quilt Show will be at the McDowell Arts Council, which is located in the middle of the festival site. See the old fashion bed turning at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM and hear the wonderful stories behind the quilts.

2011 Mountain Glory Entertainment

Gazebo Stage – North Main Street

10:00 – *Gospel Alliance*

Gospel Alliance hits the perfect balance in bluegrass gospel with modern hymns, praise songs and original pieces by adding traditional hymns and old time picking. *Gospel Alliance* won 2nd place in the Mountain State Fair Competition in September. Group members are Steve Brewer on banjo and vocals; Stella Brewer on vocals, Nancy Johnson guitar and vocals and Jerry Gillstrapp adds lead guitar and vocals. *Gospel Alliance* will bless you with toe tapping gospel music.

11:30 – *Greg Conley*

You do not want to miss the powerful performance that is Greg's signature. Known for strong vocals, Greg makes chills up and down your spine! Greg grew up in Marion singing with his family and you want to be there!

12:00 – Jack Roper and The Weatherman Band

If the name “Jack Roper” rings a bell it is because Jack was with WBRM radio in Marion 1977-1980. Jack is now the drummer and plays sax for *Jack Roper and The Weatherman Band* featuring a wide variety of music such as classic rock, R&B, beach and a little bit of country.

Formerly forecasting the weather on WSPA-TV, Jack is now the co-host of “Your Carolina”. Adding lead guitar and vocals to the band is Ronnie Hayes. On the keyboard and lead singer is Andre Kerr. And on the bass and backup vocals is Pickle Eaves. Ronnie, Andre and Pickle toured the Percy Sledge and Billy Joe Royal.

During intermission be sure to see Jack’s Magic Show!

3:00 - Addie’s Chapel Gospel Choir

If you want your heart warmed and your spirit lifted, then Addie’s Chapel is who you want to hear. Singing together for over 30 years, Addie’s Chapel is a local gospel choir that has been a mainstay at Mountain Glory Festival for many years. Always a crowd pleaser, many are original members and the wonderful harmony of years practice shines in every song. They do a variety of gospel music and hymns. We don’t want to miss this wonderful choir.

4:00 – PG Stompers & Foothill Cloggers

Family Stage, Courthouse Lawn

10:30 – Purpose

Since their establishment, **Purpose** has consistently grown into one of America's most dynamic young male quartets. Quartet four-part harmony has always been big in Southern Gospel Music, and **Purpose**, with their smooth blend and tight harmonies, does it better than anyone. They proved that by winning the Music City Gospel News Showcase Entertainer of the Year and Male Quartet of the Year this past July.

All native of McDowell County the group is comprised of Jamie Burnette with his soaring tenor; Terry Moore with his deep, rich bass; Snapper Greene has a smooth baritone; and Greg Moore brings it together with his powerful and blending lead. You will not want to miss some of McDowell County’s finest talent at the family stage.

12:00 – Best Dressed Pet Contest

A delightful part of every Mountain Glory Festival, see the innovative ideas of a “Best Dressed Pet”! An all-time favorite was a goat dressed as a ballerina! Sponsored by Creative Framing & Awards Gallery.

12:30 – Little Miss McDowell, Taylor Price

1:00-3:00 – The Troubadours

The Troubadours are a young, contemporary bluegrass band that can play the classics with the best of them. All are very talented and experienced musicians including three alumni from the highly celebrated East Tennessee State University Bluegrass & Old Time Country Music program and another young picker that has won more competitions than you can count. The Troubadours are set to become one the best young bands in bluegrass today.

From McDowell County, on bass and lead vocals, is David Grindstaff. Another McDowell County native is Colby Laney tearing up the mandolin and adding vocals. And another McDowell son is Ben Poteat playing guitar and vocals. Rounding out the band is Eric Hardin on banjo and vocals. Eric got to McDowell County as soon as he could!

Already recognized with national endorsements, The Troubadours are making McDowell County proud. www.troubadoursbluegrass.com

3:00 – 5:00 Local Talent

See some of McDowell County brightest talent. Soloist, duets and small groups, all portray the rich talent of McDowell County.

All Day In Front of McDowell Arts Council Association –

Instrumental Native American Flute & Rhythm

Enjoy the haunting sounds of these flutes and it is very relaxing and peaceful music for the patrons of the festival.

All Day Inside McDowell Arts Council Association –

The Mountain Glory Festival Quilt Show

See the mountain tradition of quilting alive and well with dozens of quilts and quilted pieces. The Quilt Show has been a beautiful and colorful addition to Mountain Glory Festival for many years and all are one of a kind works of art. Free admission and enjoy the MACA Art Gallery while you are there.

The festival is sponsored by the City of Marion. For more festival information visit, www.mtngloryfestival.com or call 828-652-3551 or 828-652-2215.

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October 8, 2011, 9:30 am – 5:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Street Festival with local entertainment

Main Street, Marion, North Carolina

Small Town Celebration of Fall and the Glory of the Mountains with crafts, food, children's events, Quilt Show and local entertainment.

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