

Premiere Miss Indian Summer Festival pageant debutes Thursday

Eight young ladies will be vying for the title of Miss Indian Summer Festival Thursday evening at 7:30 at Perquimans County High School.

New to this year's festival, the pageant is jointly sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and Per-

quimans County Schools.

Teens ages 13-18 will compete in poise, beauty, talent and impromptu response areas.

According to Brenda Dail, Perquimans High School Industry Education Coordinator and one of the pageant's coordinators, the contestants have a variety of talent. Singing, dancing,

gymnastics and more is on tap for those who attend the pageant.

Support our youth and the Indian Summer Festival by attending this first annual pageant.

Crafts, crafts...
and more crafts
Festival will
have it all!

If you like crafts, the Indian Summer Festival is the place to be on Saturday. The Chamber of Commerce has reserved 40 spaces for talented artisans. Seventeen of those spaces will be filled by Perquimans County crafters. Others will travel to Hertford from as far away as Bedford, Va. and Tarboro.

A wide variety of wood crafts will be available. Stools, ducks, cradles, toys, chests, tables, swings, chairs, gliders, rockers, shadow boxes, doll chairs, shelves and more will be on sale at the festival. Whether it's a cradle for a special doll or a chest to hold treasures, those with young girls on their Christmas lists can find that just-right gift. Every child needs a stool to climb on, and who can resist sitting on hand-crafted lawn furniture and enjoying the afternoons of Indian Summer?

In addition to the wood items, those whose decorating tastes run to country will need to bring a large basket to take advantage of all the country crafts offered. Pillows, wall hangings, handpainted wood items, floral arrangements, tin, hats, wreaths, dried apple baskets, raffia swags, dried flowers, rugs, pepper strings and knick-knacks will be up for grabs.

For the child in all of us, several crafters are offering dolls, decorated bears, rabbits, balloons, ducks, and dinosaurs. Doll clothes and accessories will also be on hand.

Jewelry will also be in good supply. Indian, silver, leather, sterling silver, shell, potpourri, plastic and wood items will be on display. Hair bows and leather items to complement the fall wardrobe will add to the finds at the festival.

Hand-knit sweaters, ceramics, flags, toys, crocheted novelties, tole painting, crockery, cross stitch, felt items, magnets, watercolor lithographs, plaster plaques, holiday ornaments, lamps, art - you name it, you can probably find it at the Indian Summer Festival Saturday. Craft booths will open at 10 a.m.

You might want to come early while the selections are at their best!



Arts and crafts are the order of the day on Saturday during Indian Summer Festival. Missing Mill Park is dotted with booths offering a wide variety of items, like these decorated hats. (File photo by Susan Harris)

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Come clap, sing and clog, y'all (For this one day only, Perquimans residents may call the Dixie Coast Bluegrass Boys "Turtle Grass".)

If you get lost, ask a turtle or call information: (804) 622-2665