

Dallas Harvest Festival is celebrating its 10th year

Event set for Sept. 16 in and around Main Street in Dallas Borough.

The Dallas Harvest Festival Steering Committee announces plans for the 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival to take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16 on and around Main Street in the borough.

It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years since a small group of Back Mountain residents got together to discuss visioning in Dallas. Weeks later, an even smaller group came up with the idea for a "street fair" in downtown Dallas and ultimately ran with the ball to put a local festival together in a matter of weeks.

Whether through divine intervention or sheer luck, the first event took place on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003 and played out without a hitch, laying the strong foundation for the award-winning event that continues to bring the Back Mountain together for an afternoon of community and celebration of the region's rich agricultural heritage. In observance of its decade-

long tradition, the Dallas Harvest Festival seeks to interact with the community in a special way this year - a "give back" to the thousands of people who visit Main Street each year.

Among the planned commemorative activities will be "Best of Kiss the Pig" which will pit winner against winner to see who can garner the most votes (and the most dollars for charity). Vying for the privilege of kissing Dallas' favorite potbelly pig are Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll (2003), Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson (2006), Back Mountain Community News Publisher and past Dallas Rotary President Lisa Pretko (2007) and Dallas Middle School Principal Tom Duffy (2008).

District Judge James Tupper will announce the winner during the festival. Meanwhile, watch for those pink-labeled jugs to appear in Back Mountain businesses and vote with a single \$1 for the winner/charity of your choice.

For further information, call the festival hotline at 675-1950 and leave a message or visit www.dallasharvestfestival.com.



Members of the steering committee planning the 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival are, from left, seated, Owen Faut, secretary; Rich Fufaro, chairman; Liz Martin, marketing; Kiss the Pig Contest. Standing, Judge Robert Opel, grounds; Karen Fiorello, vendors; John Cybulski, grounds and vendors; Dallas Borough Manager Tracey Carr, children's activities; and Carol Wall, development. Absent at the time of the photo were Gina Major, entertainment; Maryann Ochman, co-chair, Kiss the Pig Contest; Carol Carroll, flower box competition; and Darcy Brodmerkal, volunteers.



Art exhibit celebrates Hillside

Hillside Farms ice cream is a favorite at the Dallas Harvest Festival and this year's festival-goers can enjoy even more of Hillside Farms on Main Street, Dallas.

The artists from Sue Hand's Imagery have been painting and drawing scenes from The Lands at Hillside Farms for a special exhibition at Sue Hand's Imagery art studio to coincide with the Dallas Harvest Festival.

Hand and artists of all ages will exhibit oils, watercolors, graphite drawings, ink drawings, pastels, acrylics and colored pencil renderings of the distinctive buildings, beautiful flowers and much loved farm animals at The Lands at Hillside Farms.

Hand will exhibit four full-sized watercolors of a young calf, a horse on a sparkling winter's day, several sheep and Hill-

side chickens. Subjects by other artists include the personable llama, the amusing donkeys and several other animals plus various buildings and scenery throughout the seasons.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the special exhibition area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main St., Dallas.

This watercolor by Sue Hand of the chickens at Hillside Farms will be featured in an exhibit during the Dallas Harvest Festival.

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