

Blueberry Festival Schedule

Saturday, August 23rd, 2003

☛ **Blueberry Pancake Breakfast: 6:00 to 9:00 AM**
(with all the fixin's) Fundraiser for *Pioneer-Engine Co. #1*
(Norbury Hall, Center St.)

The Blueberry Harvest Festival –
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Market Square Venue – (Behind Town Hall / M&T Bank)

- ☉ I Can Climb (Climbing Wall)
- ☉ Chainsaw Bears (by George Formanek)
- ☉ Native Plant Sale
- ☉ Shawangunk Garden Club
- ☉ Historian/Naturalist Marc Fried, author of *The Huckleberry Pickers*, will be available for tales, book sales and signing.

☛ **Shawangunk Mountain Exhibits:**

- ☉ *Sam's Point Preserve* (Shuttle Transportation – provided by UCRT – to the Preserve to see the Blueberry Shacks and the View.)
- ☉ Open Space Institute
- ☉ *Cragsmoor Historical Society*
- ☉ *Mountain Wings* (Hang Glider)
- ☉ Dr. Heinz Meng (Falconer)

☛ **All Blueberry Bake Sale -- from 9:00 AM** until they're gone... Come early so you don't miss out... scrumptious homemade goodies including blueberry pies from Maury Rubins Bakery (author of *The Book of Tarts*) and from *Saunderskill Farms*.

☛ **Music – 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM**
Folk Musician Bob Lusk
Kurt Henry Acoustic Guitar Trio

☛ **Blueberry Pie Judging for the Best Pie – Noon**
(Entries Accepted Until 10 AM)

☛ **Blueberry Pie Eating Contest – 2:00 PM**
(Adults Only – 15 Minutes of Blueberry Fame)

Canal & Market Streets, Liberty Square Venue –

☛ **Street Fair** – A variety of artisans, craftspersons, and vendors of general merchandise including handmade items, ceramics, woodworking, needlework, jewelry, handmade soaps, stained glass, dolls, plastercraft, clothing, T-shirts, leather goods, skin care, florals, hats, collectibles, Imperial Schrade knives, homemade candy, and more. *Village businesses will also be participating.*

- ☉ Face Painting
- ☉ "Blues Clues" Bounce Room
- ☉ Looney Ballooney (clown/stilt walker/balloon animals)
- ☉ Dunking Booth Fundraiser
- ☉ Gyro Ride
- ☉ *Ulster County Sheriff's Department* will be doing child finger printing and safety education.
- ☉ *Ellenville Lioness Eyeglass Collection*
- ☉ *Ellenville Regional Hospital Mini Health Fair*
- ☉ Other local service organizations will be represented.

☛ **Horse Drawn Wagon Ride – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**
(Hermance/Canal) Rick Gray's popular team offers a glimpse of the past

☛ **Music on the Main Stage (Liberty Square)**
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM – *The Brats* (Cragsmoor Favorite)
12:30 to 2:00 PM – *Lil' Sammy Davis Blues Band*
2:00 to 4:00 PM – *Carl Richards Band* (Country Music)

☛ **Good Food! (Liberty Square)**
AAMA BBQ Chicken & Ribs, UMC Sausage Peppers, Chamber Dogs, Udder Ideas, Fudge-Candies-Smoothies, Pretzel Lovers Pretzels & Fried Dough, Frankie's French Fries. *Many of our local eateries will be participating.*

☛ **50/50 Drawings:**
Noon – Market Square
3:30 PM – Main Stage (Liberty Square)

☛ **Everything Blueberry Basket Drawing**
3:45 PM – Main Stage (Liberty Square)

Friends of the Festival

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The Bottom Line
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Ellenville Dodge
Farm & Granary
Lucille Hand Real Estate
Hydro Aluminum
James' General Store
Sylvia Kalipolites
Matthews Pharmacy
The Nature Conservancy
Open Space Institute
Optimum Window
Reed Systems Ltd.
Rock and Snow
Skyway Camping Resort
State Farm Insurance (Mickey Squillante)
Stewarts Shops
Ukrainian National Association
Ulster Heights Tavern
WahMei Realty (Joe Tso)
Wakefern/ShopRite
Wendel Asphalt Paving

Some Blueberry Facts (compiled by Devon Craft):

- ☛ When blueberries are in season, wild bears have been known to travel 10-15 miles per day to sniff out a blueberry patch. These bears will eat nothing except the juicy blueberries when in season.
- ☛ Cousins of our native North American blueberries are found around the world. Asia, Europe and South America all have berries similar to our blueberry.
- ☛ American Indians valued the wild blueberry, due to the fact that the blossom end of each blueberry forms a five-point star. They believed the "Great Spirit" sent these star berries to relieve the hunger of children during a famine. Indians also used blueberries for medicinal purposes.
- ☛ Lewis and Clark wrote of Indians smoking wild blueberries to preserve them for winter use. A meal served to them by the Indians had wild blueberries pounded into the meat - which was then smoked and dried.
- ☛ The first commercial use of blueberries involved canning them for the military.