

Blueberry Festival August 28th

The *Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry/Huckleberry Harvest Festival* for 2004, sponsored by the *Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce*, is in the early planning stages. The *Festival Committee* is using the successes of last year's event as a base and attempting to add even more exhibits, artisans, craftspersons, entertainment (Bob Lusk, The Carl Richards Band, the Brats, and Looney Ballooney have all agreed to return performances), food, and vendors. Again, a *Blueberry Pancake Breakfast* will precede the festivities

Rain date for street festival is Sunday the 29th, 12 – 6 PM, but folk music, conservation exhibits, and pie sale will be held rain or shine on Saturday (indoors if it's raining), with the option to return Sunday. Over 3000 persons attended in 2003.

Since the core of this festival is the celebration of the heritage of the blueberry/huckleberry pickers and their environs, plans are to expand the Blueberry cultural exhibits and the Shawangunk Mountain exhibits. (If you have something you would like to contribute or would like to participate, please contact the committee.)

The committee would also like to revive something like the old *Art in the Square* as a separate exhibit of local artists and/or of local subject to be held in conjunction with the Festival. If anyone would be interested in coordinating this project, assisting with it, or contributing to the exhibit please contact the committee. This exhibit could add so much to our event.

Festival Committee meetings are held the **third Wednesday** of each month at **5:45 PM** at the *Chamber of Commerce* office on the **Berne Road, 647-4620**. Join us.

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