

FACE OF FILLMORE

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In just a matter of days, September 9 and 10 to be exact, one of my favorite events in Fillmore will come around for the 25th time. The Old Capitol Arts and Living History Festival is fast becoming a rival of the Fourth of July in size with literally thousands of people in attendance over the two-day period, beginning at noon on Friday and lasting until 8 p.m. on Saturday. A variety of activities are available to the public. These not only are entertaining and fun, many are also educational and promote a feeling of kinship with our early settlers.

The festival has grown by leaps and bounds and for good reason. Last year visitors from eleven states came with 27 of the 29 Utah counties represented along with 96 zip codes.

In the Living History area, you can watch a variety of demonstrations, participate in hands-on activities, and look at interesting displays, includ-

ing: a mountain men camp, a blacksmith, broom-making, barrel-making, spinning, cooking, and many more. You can enjoy the horse-drawn wagon and stagecoach rides. Original handmade items are also available for purchase. This is really a step back into the past.

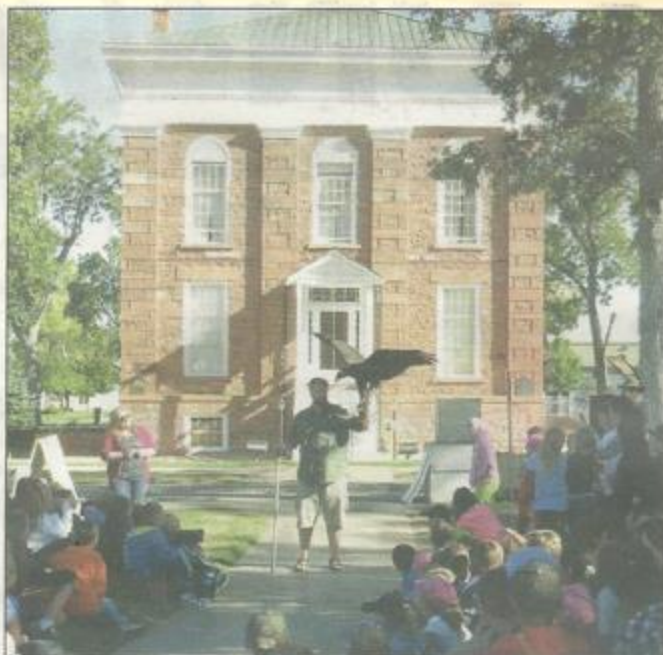
New this year will be four Native American demonstrations located east of the pavilion.

Handmade arts and crafts are for sale with dozens of artists and crafters in the park selling a variety of handmade items.

The Fine Art Show features the original work of many local artists as well as a quilt show with many beautiful quilts created by members of the local Quilt Guild will be on display in the Pod.

The food court attracts long lines of people with appetites for a variety of foods from many cultures.

The festival will feature a



display of historic guns, but not the regular gun show of the past.

Evening entertainment this year includes The Current Creek Country Band, Los Hermanos, Kirby Heyborne who entertains with singing, guitar and storytelling, Pistol Rock Band, Heidi Bieri, The Ride (band), and Many Strings and Company.

Bird of Prey will present their informative and fasci-

nating demonstration featuring live birds that will amaze the crowd.

Popular from past years are a display of old photos, Nora Healy will entertain visitors with her honkytonk and ragtime piano playing and a silent auction. There will be free admission to the museum on those two days.

Popular among the younger set are the Lincoln logs where they can build their own full-

size log cabins.

I have some great personal memories of times spent at the festival – sitting in a comfortable lawn chair, eating some excellent food from a vendor and drinking an ice cold soda while I watch my grandkids build their very own log cabin. One of them asked later if Grandpa was going to build them some logs so they could do it at home. I don't think that project is on his list.

Thanks to for groups who work together year after year to make this a memorable event: the Territorial Statehouse State Park, Friends of the Statehouse, Millard County and Fillmore City. Also a special thank you to Woody Johnson who knew all of the answers to my questions about exactly what was happening this year.

When you hear the cannon go off, it will remind you to go to the Territorial Statehouse Park for a great day of food and entertainment.

25th Annual



Art Show Live Entertainment

Children's Activities Horsedrawn Wagon & Stage Coach Rides

Arts & Crafts Booths Pioneer Demonstrations

Storytelling OLD TIME PHOTO DISPLAY Quilt Display

Historical Gun Display LIVING HISTORY

Silent Auction Family History

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