

Please join us this July as the annual Phelps Mill Festival celebrates its 26<sup>th</sup> year. The Festival will be held on July 10 & 11, 2010. The Phelps Mill Festival welcomes about 20,000 visitors each year, from all across the United States. They come to browse and shop through the 140 fine artists and crafters that the Festival has to offer. There are also a number of different food booths available, something that will please any palate. The Phelps Mill Festival is set in the historic Phelps Mill Park, creating a picturesque view for everyone to enjoy.

While some people come to enjoy the many wares that are provided by the exhibitors, others come to enjoy the variety of acts provided on the main stage. The Children's Activity tent is available both days, with Turtle Races held on Sunday, something for children of every age. Ashby Lions will be serving a pancake breakfast both Saturday and Sunday, opening at 8:00 a.m. Join us at the main stage Saturday for Heart O'Lakes Harmony Barbershop Chorus, a group of 20 men who sing together in beautiful four part harmony. Also on Saturday is the bluegrass styling's of Boundary Water Boys from the north woods of MN, featuring Pat Surface of Spiritwood Music. Sunday welcomes the juggler Tuey, who performs wonderful juggling acts for all ages. Marshall Star Band, a country western based band, will be following Tuey's act with a wide variety of both new and old country music.

The Phelps Mill Festival will be held rain or shine in the shaded Phelps Mill Park, near Underwood, MN and is sponsored by the nonprofit group Phelps Mill Country. Parking is free, and a shuttle will be provided by the local Lions clubs.

The area is handicapped accessible and will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 9am to 4pm on Sunday. Admission is \$3, with those under the age of 12, free.

For more information about the Phelps Mill Festival, please call 218-739-5377 or check our website at [www.phelpsmillfestival.com](http://www.phelpsmillfestival.com).

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People will travel a long ways for good art work...to show it, browse it or buy it.

That's what organizers of the Phelps Mill Festival have found out over the years, and it's one of the reasons the annual festival has been so successful. It's developed a reputation for having top-quality artisans from throughout the upper Midwest. There'll be approximately 150 of them on hand for this year's festival, Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th.

Festival organizers have two things in mind when they begin to assemble their package of exhibitors for the festival:

- 1) They want top-quality artists and artisans.
- 2) They want a balanced combination of arts and crafts, to appeal to a wide variety of festival-goers.

The quality and variety of displays has proved to be extremely popular with the crowd at Phelps Mill, helping to draw them from far and near.

But it's not just the artisans that attract people to the Phelps Mill Festival, because it also features a full lineup of entertainment and food.

There are four main-line performances each of the two days of the festival, in addition to a children's activity area.

Saturday begins the day with a welcome from one of our OTC Commissioners. Starting at noon will be the Boundary Water Boys, followed by Heart O'Lakes Harmony Barbershop Chorus.

Community Service will open our day on Sunday with entertainment starting at 12:30pm. Juggling from Tuey will start the day, followed by a performance by the country western band Marshall Star.

And the food booths are crowd-pleasers. They're sponsored by area civic groups, church groups and community clubs. If you go to the Festival hungry, you'll leave satisfied.

This year's Phelps Mill Festival takes place Saturday, July 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, July 11th from 9:30 a.m. till 4 p.m. It's held at the Phelps Mill Park, southeast of Otter Tail Lake, and is sponsored by the nonprofit group Phelps Mill Country.

Admission is \$3.00 for people 12 and older. Free parking is also available in the nearby parking lot, with shuttle service provided by the Underwood and Dalton Lions.

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