

Apple Festival in Newark Valley

McIntosh, Ida Red, Cortland, Crispin, Gala, Empire! Here come the apples and here comes the Newark Valley Historical Society's 32nd Annual Apple Festival in celebration of all that's juicy and sweet—or tart. It's all happening from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, 2011, at the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum, just one mile north of Newark Valley, New York, along Route 38.

Acoustic, Folk, Country, Bluegrass, Blues, String Band, Celtic, Ragtime, Gospel! There will be all flavors of music all day long, both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's lineup features the Tioga County Heymakers, Driftwood, Nate and Kate, Tom and Marie, the Hickory Project, C&T Bluegrass and Rosie's Ready Mix. Visit http://tom-marie.com/AF2011_Saturday.html for the schedule and details about all these performers. Sunday's lineup includes Pat Kane, Joe Crookston, the Seneca Moon String Band, Molly and the Motonix, New Appalachia, the Volsteads, and Tom and Marie. http://tom-marie.com/AF2011_Sunday.html provides Sunday's details. Or join the acoustic *Jam Session Tent* from 1 -4 P.M., with Dannielle Swart on Saturday and Eric & Melanie Rees on Sunday. Your listening appetite will not go unsatisfied.

Apple Pie, Apple Crisp, Apple Cider, Candy Apples! That's right, there will be everything apples and more: delectable BBQ beef, pork and turkey from Bob's Barbecue, buttered salt potatoes, soup from the cauldron. Come and feast the ears and the belly. Or just buy apples by the bushel or the bag to take home. Watch the cider press at work. You can even enter Saturday's Apple Dessert Contest (judging at 2:00 P.M.). All that home grown, home baked, home brewed, home cooked goodness just waiting to satisfy your hunger—or just your sweet tooth.

Tours, Re-enactments, Demonstrations, Artisans, First Person Portrayals, Animals, Rides, Gift Shop, Kids' Activities! Don't miss the free tours of the historic 1800's Bement-Billings House and witness a re-enactment of skirmishes from General Sullivan's 1779 Campaign, along with first person portrayals of historic personalities. Watch costumed guild members demonstrate open hearth cooking, spinning, weaving, woodworking, soap making, candle dipping, blacksmithing, tin punching, cider pressing, corn grinding, quilting, apple butter making, dulcimer making and more. Browse the Gift Shop and the numerous craft artisans' booths. Take a horse and wagon ride, pet the farm animals and let the kids "make it and take it." There will be primitive archery instruction and old-time skills for kids to try. Witness, do and buy to your heart's content!

Admission is \$6.00 for adults, students and senior citizens \$4.00, families \$18.00, and children 5 or under free. Parking is free.

Why just study history when you can smell it, taste it, hear it, touch it and see it? See you at the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum on October 1 and 2. For more information call 642-9516 or go to nvhistory.org.