

Preview Gala Opens Mountain Makins Festival 2009

Rose Center's 34th Annual Mountain Makins Festival will open with a Preview Reception Friday, Oct. 23rd from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Prater Hall. This is an evening of fine food, live music, and the opportunity to shop early for the fine arts and crafts offered at the festival.

As always, the Rose Service Guild is providing a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and beverages and serving as hostesses for the evening. The buffet will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M., but shopping will continue until 9:00 P.M.

The Preview Reception Committee, consisting of members of the Rose Service Guild, is working hard to ensure a spectacular evening for all those who attend. Committee chair Melissa Wheeler, owner of *Megan's Corner catering*, has planned a mouth-watering menu:

Zesty Meatballs
Southern Crab Cake with Remolade Dipping Sauce
Coconut Shrimp Skewers with an Asian Apricot Sauce
Artichoke Stuffed Mushrooms
Harvest Cheeseball with Crackers
Polenta and Cranberry Chicken Tartlets
Cranberry Brie Bites
Marinated Italian Vegetables
Pumpkin Pie Dip with Gingersnaps and Pears
Caramel Fountain with Pretzels, Apples and Marshmallows
Tapenade with Vegetables and Toasted Baguettes
Pumpkin Pie with Caramelized Pecans
Gourmet Cheese Tray with Olives and Crackers
Chocolate Orange Cups
Chess Cake Bars
Favorite Brownies
Punch, water and coffee stations

Members of the Rose Service Guild hold Preview workshops to help prepare some of the food items for the buffet. Vicky Green will be decorating for this year's Preview night.

Another highlight of Preview night is the live music performed throughout the evening. This year, "Favorite Strings" will be the special guest. Enjoy a variety of traditional Appalachian melodies played on unique instruments, including lap dulcimer, banjammer, and marimbala.

Preview is open to anyone who wants first choice of the high quality, juried arts and crafts available at this year's festival. The artists are on hand to greet Preview patrons, and perhaps discuss custom work.

The ticket price has been lowered to **\$20** for this year's festival, and serves as a weekend pass to the festival in addition to the Preview evening.

For Preview Reception tickets, which must be purchased in advance, come by the Rose Center office, 442 W. Second N. St. in Morristown. For more information, call Rose Center at 581-4330, or email postmaster@rosecenter.org.



Preview evening guests enjoying the lavish buffet.