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HARVEST FESTIVAL® ORIGINAL ART & CRAFT SHOW CELEBRATES 28th ANNUAL FALL SHOWCASE AT VENTURA FAIRGROUNDS

Shopping gets personal when the <u>Ventura Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show</u> comes to the Ventura County Fairgrounds October 6-8 featuring over 24,000 handmade original creations.

Close to three hundred artisans join in the 28th annual Ventura showcase that combines shopping and entertainment for limitless fun with live entertainment, contests, strolling performers, demonstrations, and a Kidzone with a pumpkin patch.

Treasures range from stunning jewelry, ceramics, and blown glass, to hand-turned wood, leather goods, clothing, specialty foods, eclectic art pieces, seasonal décor, ornaments and more. While crafting demonstrations inspire DIYers, many artists can also personalize items for the perfect gift. As the largest and most prestigious indoor showcase on the west coast, the Harvest Festival features artists and crafters who push the boundaries of creativity to spark excitement and new trends.

"We work year-round to create the quintessential shopping encounter that engages our patrons at every level," says Harvest Festival owner Nancy Glenn. "It's a feast for all the senses, whether you're an avid art collector, a DIY devotee, or on a quest for that special handmade gift you won't find anywhere else."

The celebration gives back to the community by partnering with Food Share and the Boys & Girls Club of greater Ventura. Patrons who bring canned goods for donation receive \$2 off general admission. Macaroni Kid and My Gym host the Kidzone complete with make "n" take crafting and a pumpkin patch for romping, courtesy of Green Thumb Nursery. Lowe's of Ventura hosts an interactive "build it" area.

The outdoor stage comes alive with performances from Southern California's favorite party band, <u>HyJinx</u>, and comedy entertainer <u>John Park</u>, featuring his funny waiter antics with audience participation.

Harvest Festival general admission tickets are \$9, while seniors (62+) and military are \$7, youths ages 13-17 are \$4, and kids 12 and under are free. Tickets are good for the entire weekend and return visits. Information is available at www.harvestfestival.com or by calling 925/392-7300.

Festival Hours: October 6-8

Friday: 10:00am to 5:00pm; Saturday: 10:00am to 6:00pm; Sunday: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Ventura County Fairgrounds:

10 West Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001