

HERMANN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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17th ANNUAL KRISTKINDL MARKT AT STONE HILL WINERY DEC. 5-6

The 17th Annual Kristkindl Markt at Stone Hill Winery will feature its best variety of vendors ever, providing an opportunity to enjoy a quality holiday experience and pick up some unique gifts and decorating items.

The event will be held on December 5-6 and includes several “Best of Missouri Hands” artisans. It is sponsored by the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce and Stone Hill Winery, offering a variety of vendors, quality entertainment, and great food. It is a great way to observe the season. There is no admission charge and the event runs from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Sunday.

“Over the years we have earned a reputation for attracting quality vendors and this year is certainly no exception. We have 32 outstanding vendors, including several here for the very first time and some old favorites,” said Kay Schwinke, chair of the event.

“We are so pleased to have this great group in 2009 that will continue to make the Kristkindl Markt a big part of the Holiday tradition for many people.”

Some artists will not only be selling their merchandise but also demonstrating their work as well.

At the Kristkindl Markt there will be a spectacular display of 33 trees that were decorated by area school children, youth groups and adults. Awards for the contest will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday. Bay-Hermann-Berger Bank is sponsor of the competition.

After the Kristkindl Markt is over the trees will be taken to the Hermann Area Hospital and nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the county to share with residents. “We were overwhelmed by the response to the tree contest this year and believe it exemplifies the spirit of giving in the hearts of citizens of our community,” said Schwinke.

Vendors will be offering pottery, hand blown glassware, hand painted china and bisque (porcelain) ornaments, stained glass, creative items made from gourds, original hand made ornaments, beautiful hand-crafted jewelry, candles, and hand-woven items such as scarves, table linens and shawls.

Also on sale will be pewter ornaments, metal art, hand painted glazed pottery pieces, wood carvers, metal craft, German import items, springerlie molds, German cookbooks, smoked meats and sausages, and German baked goods and cookies.

“Our great group of talented artisans are adding to the ambience of Kristkindl this year. We are very pleased about that and very excited about continuing the Kristkindl tradition in Hermann,” said Schwinke. “Quality of vendors and entertainment is so important to having a successful Christmas market.”

The Victorian Carolers will perform throughout the day on Saturday, the Herman High School Kammerchor will perform at 2:30 Saturday, and Weinwood Strings will play at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Pelze Nichol and Santa Claus will be greeting visitors both days.

Homemade German soups, brats, homemade cookies, hot mulled wine, and other items are on the Kristkindl Markt lunch menu.

Additional information is available by calling 573-486-2221 or 1-800-932-8687 or at www.VisitHermann.com.

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