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19th ANNUAL KRISTKINDL MARKT AT STONE HILL WINERY DEC. 3-4

The 19th Annual Kristkindl Markt at Stone Hill Winery will feature one of its best group of vendors ever, providing an opportunity to enjoy a quality Holiday experience and pick up some unique gifts and decorating items.

The market, sponsored by the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held December 3-4 and includes several "Best of Missouri Hands" artisans and offers a variety of vendors, quality entertainment, and great food. There is no admission charge and the hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Kristkindl Markt is patterned after a traditional German Christmas market and provides a great Holiday experience for all ages.

"Over the years we have earned a reputation for having a quality show with excellent vendors, and this year is certainly no exception. We have over 30 vendors, including several here for the very first time as well as some old favorites," said Aimee Viehmann, chair of the event. "The Kristkindl Markt at Stone Hill is a part of the Christmas tradition for many people and it is exciting to see the enthusiasm for this show."

Some artists will not only be selling their merchandise but also demonstrating their work as well. A strolling ensemble of costumed Christmas carolers will provide entertainment.

Vendors will be offering pottery, hand blown glassware, 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, springerle molds, German cookbooks, smoked meats and sausages, and German baked goods and cookies.

"Our group of talented artisans certainly adds to the ambience of Kristkindl this year. We are very pleased about that and very excited about continuing Hermann's Kristkindl tradition," said Viehmann."

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

Discount coupons for items at some of the booths are available at the Hermann Welcome Center, 312 Market Street.

There will be a spectacular display of approximately three dozen trees decorated by area school children, youth groups and adults. Awards for the contest will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday; The Missouri Bank is sponsor of the competition.

After the Kristkindl Markt trees will be taken to the Hermann Area Hospital and nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the county to share with residents.

Additional information is available by calling 573-486-2221 or 573-486-2744 or at www.VisitHermann.com.

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