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## **Celebrating the Heart and Soul of Silver Dollar City ~ American Craftsmanship Silver Dollar City's *National Harvest Festival* September 11 – October 30**

(Branson, Mo. 9/10) **In recognition of Silver Dollar City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the US Congress recently proclaimed the 1880s theme park "The *Home of American Craftsmanship.*" This fall, Silver Dollar City welcomes the season with the granddaddy of all its festivals, the one that has made Silver Dollar City what it is today: *The National Harvest Festival*, Sept. 11 – Oct 30.**

Said to represent the heart and soul of the park, this event has been showcased nearly as long as the park has been in existence – since the early days when the founding family wanted to share the ways of the Ozarks with visitors to the Ozark Mountains. Today, the two-month event is a cornucopia of American crafts and demonstrating craftsmanship - celebrating the handwork, the foods, the music and the long-established camaraderie of the harvest, known as a time to gather and share the bounty.

**This year's festival presents the finest and most unique works in American Craftsmanship as the theme park hosts the *Craft in America Exhibit* from the creators of the highly-awarded PBS documentary series, plus a reunion of renowned craftsmen previously featured at the park, Best of Missouri Hands artisans, the Caricature Carvers of America Showcase and over 100 visiting craftsmen, all within the setting of harvest-time activities and foods in the 1880s-style theme park.**

### **Festival Highlights Include:**

- **NEW: *Craft in America Exhibit*, from the creators of the highly-awarded PBS documentary series and created exclusively for Silver Dollar City, an exhibit featuring 50 works from unique American artists, such as nationally-acclaimed glass blower Dale Chihuly**
- **NEW: Craftsmen Reunion Showcase**, featuring renowned artisans previously featured at SDC returning in a special exhibition, from woodcarvers to furniture makers
- **NEW: Caricature Carvers of America Showcase** with some of the nation's top carvers
- **NEW: Learn-How-To-Do-It-Yourself Craft Workshops**
- **Largest ever gathering of demonstrating craftsmen from the Best of Missouri Hands juried artists**
- **130 Visiting craftsmen from around the country**, from stained glass artists to copper sculptors
- ***Headin' West*, an international award-winning original musical production**
- **Missouri's Largest Barn Dance** daily in the park's largest presentation hall, with live bands
- **The Food! Fall harvest foods are served up throughout the park**, with smoked turkey legs, roasted corn on the cob and hearty skillet meals cooked on open grills

The festival at the theme park near Branson, Missouri, runs Sept. 11 – Oct. 30, Wednesdays - Sundays, 10 am - 6 pm, Saturdays, 9:30 am - 6 pm. Information: 800-831-4FUN or [www.silverdollarcity.com](http://www.silverdollarcity.com).

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