and baby quilts. Three Hawks will be selling home-blended spices and preserves. Ladybug Arts and Crafts will have wreaths and wall hangings. Handmade sopas, lotions and bathbombs will be available at this festival. Wooden Santas, scarecrows, rustic art and furniture are just a few of the items that will be available at the festival.

These artisans are among the approximately 100 crafters and vendors who have committed to display arts and crafts at the Ozark Heritage Festival Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20.

Gates will open to the public Friday evening at 5 p.m. and again Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The craft booths will be open Friday evening and all day Saturday until the festival draws to a close.

Festivalgoers will have a large array of craft items to select from. Numerous new crafters are slated to be at the festival, as well as many who have been displaying their wares for many years. Each year, about 5,000 potential buyers attend the festivities.

Crafters report that they come to the festival because they sell their wares. Sponsors are hoping that this year's festival will have the same results.

Artisans and crafts people are coming from all over Missouri and Illinois to show their wares at the festival. Many of the crafters have been at the Heritage Festival for many years. In fact, many crafters are so committed to being at the festival that, when one festival ends, they pay their fees to be at the next one.

If you are looking for a unique item, the festival will be the perfect place to shop. The Ozark Heritage Festival is one of the largest craft fairs in the area.

There will be many booths set up geared for kids. These include face painting booths, sand art booths, balloon twist booths, and more.

There will also be several booths that are related to politics, trade, and church groups. They will be handing out a variety of literature to festivalgoers.

Applications are no longer being accepted for craft booths. Starner said that there she will have a waiting list in case a cancellation occurs. Contact her at the Piedmont Chamber office at 223-4046 for booth rental information.



There are many areas in Piedmont to park. Find a parking place for the parade and then walk to the festival grounds.



