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**JURIED ARTS AND CRAFTS MAKERS' MARKET  
POPS UP AT BARTER SQUARE FOR  
THE 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL  
TEN DAYS OF ARTS AND CULTURE  
FESTIVAL DATES: July 26 - August 4**

ABINGDON, Va./June 17, 2019/ – The “Best in Virginia” Juried Arts and Crafts show returns to the beautiful Barter Square at Barter’s Smith Theatre. Browse our booths and meet some of the most talented makers and artisans from Friday, July 26 to Sunday, August 4. Hours are from 10 AM - 6 PM daily.

The Festival gathers artisans from throughout the Southeast US and beyond to showcase their handmade crafts. Guests can browse, shop, enjoy the Festival’s live craft demos, and find one-of-a-kind items for themselves or as gifts. The show is open rain or shine under the tents.

The Festival is pleased to partner with the following events also taking place throughout Abingdon:

**Quilt Show** – Holston Mountain Artisans presents a display of new and vintage quilts from Southwest Virginia and upper East Tennessee featuring work by the Wolf Hills Quilters. Friday, July 26 through Saturday, August 3 from 10 AM – 4 PM. daily. Admission is free.

**5th Annual Sawdust Festival** – The 5th annual Sawdust Festival will be held at the Holston Mountain Artisans Craft Shop. Enjoy live demonstrations of Appalachian arts with a focus on woodcrafters. Admission is free. Enter for a chance to win raffle items from artisan vendors. Saturday, July 27 from 10 AM – 4 PM.

For a complete listing of the 250 Festival activities happening from July 26-August 4, including registration requirements, advance ticket purchases, parking and trolley info, and more, visit [www.vahighlandsfestival.org](http://www.vahighlandsfestival.org) or pick up a program guide at Food City locations near you.

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**About the Virginia Highlands Festival:** Founded in 1948, the Virginia Highlands Festival is an annual, ten-day event devoted to the celebration of Southwest Virginia heritage and rich Appalachian tradition. Held in historic Abingdon, Virginia, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Festival attracts thousands of visitors each year. The Festival was selected as the “Best Art Event” by the readers of *Virginia Living* magazine in 2019, recognized as a Top 20 Event by the Southeastern Tourism Society and was named as Blue Ridge Country’s Best Non-Music Festival in 2018. The 71<sup>st</sup> Virginia Highlands Festival will run from July 26-August 4 (Antiques Market July 27- August 4) and feature live concerts, a juried arts and crafts show, and an antique market, as well as workshops, lectures and tours. To learn more about the Virginia Highlands Festival and this year’s events, please visit <http://www.vahighlandsfestival.org>