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Fall Heritage Festival at the
SC State Museum

Columbia, S.C. – With mouth-watering barbecue, some of the best of South Carolina’s musical talent, a plethora of folk artists demonstrating their skills and a return guest appearance by renowned topiary artist Pearl Fryar, lovers of fall and folk culture will enjoy a day filled with fall activities for the whole family at the South Carolina State Museum’s annual Fall Heritage Festival & Pickin’ Party on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

An old-fashioned pig pickin’ will offer festival-goers three different styles of South Carolina barbecue prepared by award-winning cooks. Succulent and savory Midlands-style mustard, light tomato, and vinegar and pepper will be prepared by three gentlemen who have wowed the crowds with their “Q” for many years: Jim Hayes of West Columbia, Buddy Rogers of Marion and David Elliott of Hemingway.

Hayes also will add his outstanding barbecued chicken to the menu this year. Barbecued chicken (a half chicken!) plates with fixin’s are \$10; sampler plates with 3

styles of pork barbecue plus fixin's \$10; one-style pork plate with fixin's \$7; sandwiches and chips \$5.

More "pickin'" continues with the lively sounds of popular local bluegrass musicians and up-and-coming singer-songwriter Angela Easterling of Greer, S.C. on the museum's front grounds. Also included on the entertainment bill are musical selections by the Suzuki Strings at USC, a 40-piece group of children ages 3-12; the energetic Capital City Cloggers; and Indian dancers from the Hindu Temple of South Carolina.

Aside from great music and food, guests also will get the chance to purchase folk art and traditional handcrafted items and see craft demonstrations by artists from across the state. Nearly 20 artists will display, discuss and sell their creations in pottery, jewelry, soaps, paintings, gourd art, blacksmithing, cinnamon art and more. Craft demonstrations include soapmaking, spooncarving, blacksmithing and much more.

"Plus, the State Museum is very excited to offer a screening of the acclaimed documentary 'A Man Named Pearl' and a chance to meet Bishopville's Pearl Fryar and hear his inspiring story in his own words," said Director of Operations Meika Samuel. The screening and talk will take place at 2 p.m. in the museum's auditorium.

Other family activities include face painting (\$2) and other fall crafts.

The Fall Heritage Festival and Pickin' Party begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, outside events are free of charge. Events inside the museum are included with museum admission or membership.

For more information, call (803) 898-4952, e-mail publicprograms@scmuseum.org, or visit the Museum's Web site at southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

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CUTLINE FOR FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Music, barbecue, crafts and much more will highlight the annual Fall Heritage Festival and Pig Pickin' at the South Carolina State Museum Nov. 5. It'll be fun for the whole family!

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