

West Virginia State Folk Festival

Belle Committee

3196 Sycamore Run Road

Glennville, WV 26351

www.wvstatefolkfestival.com

October 2, 2017

Greetings!

The WV State Folk Festival is a long and proud tradition held in Gilmer County, West Virginia. Being recognized as a WV State Folk Festival Belle is an honor that we are hoping to share with your county this year.

Our WV State Folk Festival is scheduled for June 22nd through 24th. We are working diligently to recruit a Belle from each county and would love to have a representative from your county.

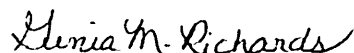
Enclosed you will find:

- **An Information Flyer** with the basic information regarding selection criteria and festival details that can be copied and distributed to **CEOs clubs, senior centers, chambers of commerce, or other community organizations** to help in selecting a Belle to represent your county.
- **Registration and biography form** for the chosen Belle and companion, if needed. Registration and fees are due no later than **May 1, 2018**.
- **Photo Release Form** should accompany a photo of your county Belle in costume submitted no later than **May 1, 2018**. These are published, along with a short biography in a souvenir booklet. Digital pictures, Polaroids, and those sent electronically do not print as well as standard 4X5 photographs.
- An **"Extra Guest" Order Form** should there be family or friends who wish to attend the Friday Belle Banquet or Saturday Evening Dinner. Copies of this form may be made and distributed to interested people.

A sponsor's fee should accompany the enclosed registration form. This will help defray the cost of all lodging, meals, and transportation from Friday through Saturday. If a Belle requires the assistance of a companion, her husband or another woman, may accompany her at the companion's own expense of **\$130.00**.

Thank you for your help and support! I am the Chair of the Belle committee and a member of the West Virginia State Folk Festival Committee. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (304)462-7533 or by email at: geniarichards@yahoo.com. The best time to call is after 6:30 pm on weekdays or anytime during the weekend.

Sincerely,



Genia Richards, Chair of Belle Committee

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Belle

Who

Each County may select one “Belle” who:

- Is past her 70th Birthday
- Possesses qualities consistent with the spirit of the pioneer woman
- Will enjoy the festival and make new friends
- Participates in Saturday’s Parade (walking three level blocks) in her own period costumes

What

The West Virginia State Folk Festival is the oldest celebration of our Appalachian roots. The music is the primary focus; visitors also enjoy crafts and demonstrations, square dancing downtown, an old fashion spelling bee, gospel singing and much more.

Why

Belles represent their county and are honored guests at Friday’s Banquet and all other meals and receptions. These “Good Will Ambassadors” are a unique feature of the Festival. New friendships are formed and old acquaintances renewed. Don’t miss out!

Where

Glenville, in the heart of central West Virginia. The festival is held at various downtown locations and on the campus of Glenville State College. Accommodations for Belles in the residence halls are included in the sponsoring agency’s fee, as are all meals (except for Saturday night).

When

Friday June 22nd through Sunday morning, June 24th, 2018.

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Belle Registration and Biography Form

Please complete this form and give it to your sponsoring agency/group so that they may send it to us with the fee of \$130.00. Make checks payable to: West Virginia State Folk Festival and mail to:

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Belle's Name: _____

County Name: _____

Name as you want it to appear in the program: _____

Name as you want it to appear on your name tag: _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact (someone not at the Festival)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Phone #: (_____) _____

Medical Information

Please let us know of any medical conditions, medications, or allergies that would help us make your stay more enjoyable and help us if an emergency should arise. Let us know if it would be a hardship to walk the three block parade route or have any health issues that we may need to know about.

County _____

Belle Name _____

Sponsoring Club/Group: _____

Husband's Name: _____ Living or Deceased: _____

Number of Children: _____ Grandchildren: _____ Great Grandchildren: _____

Schools attended, other education or special training: _____

Work Experience: _____

Organizations, clubs, etc.: _____

Hobbies, talents, or special skills: _____

Important contributions, interesting or extraordinary biographical information: _____

What advice do you have for the young women today: _____

What would you like others to know about your county? (i.e. local festivals, points of interest, historic or cultural attractions, etc.): _____

Other information you would like for us and others to know: _____

Belle Companion Form

If you are planning on having a companion to accompany you as a Belle, the fee is \$130.00 for your companion. This includes all accommodations that the Belles receive over the course of the weekend such as meals and lodging. A companion is not required, but is an option. Please fill out this form, include a check payable to: West Virginia State Folk Festival and send it to:

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3196 Sycamore Run Road
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County: _____ Belle Name: _____

Companion Name: _____

Companion Address: _____

Companion Phone #: (_____) _____

Other Information of Companion (i.e. medical issues, allergies, walking, past belle, etc.):

Emergency contact for Companion: _____

West Virginia State Folk Festival Friday Night Banquet for Belles

If you have family and friends who would like to attend the Friday night banquet, they must make separate reservations. Each meal is \$18.00 per person. Please make check payable to and send:

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County: _____ Belle Name: _____

Guest Name: _____ Payment Enclosed: Yes or No

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Photo Release

We ask that you send us a 4x5 color photograph of yourself in costume. If you would like to send a digital photograph you send it as an attachment to geniarichards@yahoo.com.

The costume may be handmade (by you or someone else) or purchased. It should reflect the old fashions of a bygone era. You also need to have a sash bearing the name of your county for the parade. We suggest the letters be approximately three (3) inches so viewers can easily read it. The sash should be worn diagonally from the right shoulder.

Please fill out the form below and return it with the photo to:

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I hereby give my permission to use the enclosed photograph for display purposes during the West Virginia State Folk Festival, for any current and future publicity purposes, and publication in the Belle Book.

Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



BELLE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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JUNE 22-24, 2018

Friday, June 22

- 10:30-12:00 – Arrive at Goodwin Hall – Registration – Lunch
- 12:15 – Lunch and Orientation Meeting – In Costume
- 1:00-2:00 – Visit to Country Store and tour of Glenville
- 2:00-3:00 – Tea and group photo at the home of Ike and Sue Morris
- 3:00-4:30 – WACO Center Tour/Free Time
- 5:00-6:30 – 2017 Belle Banquet – Gilmer County Senior Center
- 7:00 – Evening Concert at Fine Arts Auditorium – Glenville State College – Belles sing “WV Halls” and will be recognized

Saturday, June 23

- 8:30 – Breakfast for Belles at Glenville Presbyterian Church
- 11:00 – Folk Festival Parade -Downtown
- 12:00 – Lunch for Belles and Companions at Glenville Baptist Church
- 1:00 – Gospel Sing at Methodist Church - Downtown
- 2:30-5:00 – Several Options available: Demos at Holt House, Country Store, Basket Weaving, Storytelling Tent, Judging for the Baby Bell, Pageant and Talent Show
- 5:00 – Dinner downtown for belles and companions on your own
- 6:00 – Belle Recognition Ceremony –Square Dance Platform Downtown
- Evening free to Enjoy Festival Events

Sunday, June 24

- 7:00-8:15 – Breakfast for Belles and Companions at Goodwin Hall
- 8:15 – Depart for Job’s Temple Church Service
- 11:00 –Lunch at Gilmer County Senior Center and Departure

Shuttle service will be available during the Festival

Steve Kirkpatrick – Driver

Genia Richards – Belle Chair – (304) 462-7533 or by email-

richards2010@frontier.com. If you need to, leave a message-I will get back to you as soon as possible. (The best time to call me is after 6:30 pm on weekdays or anytime on weekends.)