

West Virginia State Folk Festival

Belle Committee Office – Attn: Sandy

P. O. Box 397

Glenville, WV 26351

www.wvstatefolkfestival.com

March 16, 2021

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 tentatively scheduled for June 17-20, 2021. We welcome a Belle for each county and are striving to provide a safe and comfortable experience for them during this time.

As we approach June, we may be forced to modify some scheduled events for the safety of the participants. We hope everyone understands the uncertainties we face during this time.

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 **April 20, 2021**
- **Photo Release Form** should accompany a photo of your county Belle in costume submitted no later than **April 20, 2021**. 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 Belle sponsor's fee of \$130 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 an **additional \$130.00.**

Thank you for your help and support! I am the Chair of the Belle committee and treasurer of the West Virginia State Folk Festival Committee. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (304)462-5741 (x205) The best time to call is weekdays between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and ask for Sandy.

Sincerely,



Folk Festival 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

Glennville, in the heart of central West Virginia. The festival is held at various downtown locations and on the campus of Glennville 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

Noon, Friday June 18th through Noon, Sunday, June 20th , 2021.

Due to COVID-19, this is a tentative schedule.

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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:

West Virginia State Folk Festival
C/O Sandy Pettit
P. O. Box 397
Glennville, WV 26351
www.wvstatefolkfestival.com

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.

Please know that all schedules are tentative due to COVID-19.

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:

**West Virginia State Folk Festival
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P. O. Box 397
Glennville, WV 26351**

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: _____

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Photo Release

We ask that you send us a **4x5 color photograph of yourself**. If you would like to send a digital photograph you send it as an attachment to sandy.pettit@wacowv.com

The photo does not have to be in the dress you plan to wear for the festival. If you do not have your sash for the photo, please be sure to include county name in the mailing or email!

Folk Festival Outfit: Please be sure you have a dress that replicates the old fashions of a bygone era. This dress may be handmade or purchased. It may be in the fashion of a county woman or a Southern Belle.

SASH: You will need a sash bearing the **Name of your County**. **The Letters should be 3 (THREE) inches so it can be easily read. The sash will be worn diagonally from the right shoulder during the festival.**

Clothing to bring for the festival: In addition to your Belle Dress, you may want to bring a short sleeved blouse, with cool slacks or a skirt. During your free time and some meal times, you should be comfortable, but we would like to you wear your Sash and Name tag at all times.

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

**West Virginia State Folk Festival
Sandy Pettit
P. O. Box 397
Glennville, WV 26351**

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: _____

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RETURN ITEMS CHECKLIST

_____ Pages 3-7 Belle Application Packet

_____ Photo 4 x 5 (color is preferred)

May be emailed to sandy.pettit@wacowv.com

_____ Payment for Belle \$130.00

Make payable to WV State Folk Festival

_____ Payment for Companion \$130.00

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