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39th Annual Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival set in Ocean Springs

(Ocean Springs) - The Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce - Main Street – Tourism Bureau is proud to host the 39th Annual Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival presented by Blue Moon on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout downtown Ocean Springs.

This award winning, long standing arts festival attracts nearly 400 vendors from around the continent that display everything from the finest pottery, paintings, jewelry, and sculptures to woodwork, metal work, and handmade tile pieces. Attendees will enjoy plenty of the best sounding southern music and tastiest, southern food around in this family –friendly outdoor event.

The annual festival makes a significant contribution to developing the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a regional arts destination. The event has grown to become known as the **largest fine arts festival in the state** attracting an attendance in excess of 120,000 to the local area. In 2011, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government and Community Development in partnership with the Mississippi State University Extension Service, worked to determine the **economic impact totaling \$23 million to the local economy** confirming that the Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival serves both as a tool to bring in new revenue into the community, but also serves to enhance the culture of the region.

The event has been recognized as “Festival of the Year” by Southeast Tourism Society, “Southern Traveler Treasure” by AAA *Southern Traveler’s Magazine*, and “Best Special Event” by Mississippi Main Street and is presented by F.E.B. Distributing Company/Blue Moon.

For more information on this award winning event, please contact the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce - Main Street – Tourism Bureau at 228-875-4424 or visit www.peterandersonfestival.com.

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