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Preparations Underway for 78TH Dover Days Festival

COLONIAL ARTISANS NEEDED TO EXHIBIT AND SELL THEIR WARES

DOVER, DE – If you say to a teenager today..."she's a spinner," they immediately think of a person who enjoys "spinning" classes at a gym. That version of spinning is when fitness instructors guide participants through a series of workout routines done on an exercise bike. But when it comes to celebrating Dover Days, "spinning" takes on a whole new meaning!

Are you an artisan who practices an age-old craft such as spinning wool, chair caning, basket making, quilting, broom making, rope making or instrument making? Do you like to demonstrate your talent so that your craft is conserved? If you can answer yes to these questions, the Dover Days Committee would like to hear from you.

"This year we are hoping to expand our Colonial crafters so that we can continue to promote the age-old traditions," said Linda Kurtz, Chairman of the Committee. "In 2010, we had bobbin lace makers, a Colonial potter, theorem painter, a chair caner, spring pole lathe operator and wool spinner," she said. "For 2011, we would like to double the number and feature some of them on The Green and in the park area near the Old State House, a beautiful historic backdrop."

Dover Days will be held May 6-8, 2011, and Colonial artisans are invited to participate on Saturday, May 7. Those come dressed in period costumes, demonstrate their craft, talk to Dover Days attendees about their age-old art, and in exchange, may participate free of charge, and are welcome to sell their wares.

"The Dover Days Festival is all about weaving the old and the new together," said Ms. Kurtz. "This is an opportunity for young and old to see skilled artisans demonstrate a variety of Colonial techniques, and learn how things used to be done. Many children today have no idea how fabric is made, or how it used to be made years ago. Our goal is to help preserve that part of history so that our young people can learn from it."

Colonial artisans are encouraged to contact Kent County Tourism, producers of the Dover Days Festival at 302-734-1736 or via email at csmall@visitdover.com.

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Photo Caption: Colonial artisans, such as Cyndi Angermeier of Dover, are needed to participated in the 2011 Dover Days Festival on Saturday, May 7.
