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Supporting sustainable agriculture in the Southern Appalachians through educational programs and outreach.

1st Annual True Nature Country Fair September 28-30

Come have fun at the fair!



A beautiful setting, workshops and demos for adults, fun activities for kids, great music and more - it's all a celebration of life in connection with the Earth.

Just \$5 per day and \$3 for kids.

Bring your friends, family, neighbors, the kids, and grandma for the first ever True Nature Country Fair. Vendors of local, organic, and sustainable products and resources from throughout the southern Appalachians, workshops on all facets of sustainable living, a children's program and live music, all in a pristine mountain setting at the Deerfields retreat in Mills River, North Carolina.

A weekend-long event, the daily entrance fees are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12, free for children 2 years and younger. Gates open at 9 am and close at 6 pm daily.

From the East or the West...

- Follow **I-40 to I-26**.
- **Take I-26 East** towards the Asheville Airport, then ...

From the North or the South...

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Music at the Fair

Relax to the vibe and groove to the beat - check out these bands at the fair!

Friday: 2-3-45pm, Elam Blackman (folk singer-songwriter); 4: 15-6pm, WiseApple (driving bluegrass with tight vocal harmonies)

Saturday: 10-11: 45am, Utah Green (soulful; purely genuine folk); 12: 15-2pm, Dehlia Low (Asheville band with fresh energy and old timey sound);

- **Take I-26 to Exit 40 (Old Exit 9, Asheville Regional Airport Exit).**
- **Take 280 West towards Brevard (go past the airport).**
- **Go exactly 4.5 miles from the Airport Road Exit and turn right on South Mills River Road. It's the next right past the turn for North Mills River Campground.**
- **Stay on South Mills River Road for 5 miles to the dead end.**
- **Turn right on the newly paved (Watagnee Trail)...**

you'll see the Deerfields Sign

[Visit our website for full details](#)

New! Sunday Puppetry at the Fair

The True Nature Country Fair is pleased to announce a puppetry show by the award-winning Red Herring Puppets - fun for families, kids, and everyone who loves a good show!

Rowby's Travels Sunday at 1:30pm

A lively spectacle of music, dance, story, and silliness. Rowby is an alien hand puppet who brings the audience through a tour of planet Earth from his own unique perspective.

2:30 - 4pm, Ian Thomas (Dylan-like strength in voice and words); 4:30-6pm, Galen Kipar Project (classical, jazz, blues, soul, folk and world beat)

Sunday: 12-1:30pm, Brian McGee & the Hollow Speed (unique country driven sound); 2-15-3:45pm, Ian Thomas (Dylan-like strength in voice and words); 4:15-6pm, The New Familiars (roots-driven, foot-stomping rock n' roll)

[Click here to hear all musicians clips on My Space!](#)

Sponsors

Many thanks to our generous sponsors!

The True Nature Country Fair is sponsored by: Blue Moon Water, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, Early Girl Eatery, Mountain Xpress, Organicfest, New Life Journal, North Star Diner, and Reems Creek Nursery.

The Organic Growers School organization receives ongoing support from its major donors, the OGS Growth Partners: The Beattie Foundation, Carolina Farm Credit, Earth Fare and Greenlife Grocery.

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Last Minute Exhibitor Sign-Up!

Interested in being an exhibitor, but waited late to tell us? That's okay - there is plenty of room and the more the merrier . . .

Types of exhibitors sought for the fair:

- ◆ Craft artists: 'homestead' type crafts and items produced using local, sustainably gathered materials. Craft artists are also encouraged to demonstrate.

- ◆ Local businesses that feature products that support sustainable living, including grocers, builders, textiles, herbal medicines, etc

- ◆ Social, political, and environmental action groups, working to maintain the quality of life in our region

- ◆ Farmers practicing sustainable agricultural and animal husbandry methods

- ◆ Health and healing practitioners: offering samples and healing sessions.

- ◆ Food vendors that focus on local and organic ingredients

Anyone interested in participating in the fair as a vendor/exhibitor, should contact Program Manager Karen Vizzina at 828.342.1849 or email her at the following link.

[Email Karen Vizzina](#)

Don't miss our 15th Annual Organic Growers School Spring Conference

March 8, 2008
Blue Ridge Community College

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. We'll notify you of details/registration as we move closer to the date.

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[Organic Growers School Web Site](#)

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