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## **The Artisans Take Center Stage at Scarborough this Weekend!**

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (April 25, 2016) This weekend, April 30 – May 1, 2016, the Artisans take center stage at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® (one of the largest outdoor juried craft shows in the country) as we celebrate our amazing artisans and their unique wares during the third annual Artisans Showcase Weekend. There will be three Artisans' Showcase Tents at the entrance to each of the three areas of the Festival (Crown Meadow, Pecan Grove and Holly Field) that will give visitors a preview of the vast array of exquisite one-of-a-kind and handmade artwork and crafts that can be found in the 200+ Scarborough shoppes. Visitors can vote for their favorite craft/shoppe in the "Best in Show" contest and be registered for the chance to win a gift basket with a collection of treasures from Scarborough artisans. There is a shopping adventure with the Artisans' Scavenger Hunt – finding the treasures hidden in shoppes all over the Festival to win a Scarborough Souvenir Prize Pack. You also don't want to miss many of the Artisans demonstrate their age-old crafts throughout the each day of the Festival and discover guest Artisans "Thistle & Gunn" (final weekend) and "Connie Colton Jewelry" (April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> only).

Plus this weekend only you can shop 'til you drop and get a free ticket to Scarborough Renaissance Festival® when you bring \$250 worth of receipts from the Festival shoppes (\$250 per day) to the main souvenir shoppe by 6:45 pm each day.

*"We are very fortunate to have such outstanding artisans at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® providing high quality and unique products for our visitors and demonstrating crafts that you just can't find anywhere else"* says Coy Sevier, General Manager. *"We are also extremely proud of the fact that a number of our Artisans have had their artwork featured in museums and are world renowned teachers of their crafts".*

In addition, Deaf Awareness Day takes place on April 30, 2016 as Scarborough Renaissance Festival® teams up with Hired Hands, Inc. to provide special signed performances at all 23 stages throughout the day for the hearing impaired.

There is interactive fun for everyone at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® as you step back in time to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century days of King Henry VIII. 23 stages of extraordinary non-stop entertainment, full combat jousting, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Grande Parade, Renaissance rides, games of skills, plus mermaids, knighting ceremonies, a human chess match, over 150 costumed performers and so much more!

Guest entertainers this weekend (April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>) include "The Danger Committee" (recently featured on 'America's Got Talent'), "Topsy Turvy" and "Queen Anne's Lace".

The April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> daily Wine Tastings will feature "Tiny Bubbles" and the daily Beer Tastings will showcase the beers of Belgium. The tastings sell out fast, so it is recommend that you purchase tasting tickets in

advance. Make sure to check out the daily specials at the Rose & Crown Inn full service restaurant, Pasta Palace and Bakery as well.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® 2016 runs every Saturday & Sunday (and Memorial Day Monday) through May 30, 2016. Each weekend has a different theme and a variety of special events. Upcoming theme weekends include the Mother's Day Brunch and Renaissance Romance Weekend May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and Live the Fantasy Weekend May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Located in Waxahachie, Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is just 30 minutes south of Dallas and Fort Worth on FM 66 off of I-35E at exit 399 B (*please note the NEW exit number*). From Austin or Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 5-12 . Children age 4 and under are admitted free. Parking is free compliments of Waxahachie Autoplex. Tickets are available on-line and discount tickets can be purchased at Tom Thumb & Albertsons stores. A '2 tickets for \$40' coupon can be found at North Texas MetroPCS stores from March 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, and discount coupons can be found throughout the season at Waxahachie Autoplex. Sponsored by Dr Pepper. For more information visit **SRFestival.com**. Facebook & Twitter (SRFestival) or on Instagram (theSRFestival).

*Hired Hands, Inc. has been providing sign language interpreting services to North Texas for over 18 years with the largest staff of certified and experienced interpreters working to ensure communication success between sign language and non-sign language users. Hired Hands is owned and operated by interpreters who rely on the feedback and support from the Deaf community and consumers. The agency is honored to again partner with Scarborough Renaissance Festival® for Deaf Awareness Day at the Festival. [www.hiredhandsinc.com](http://www.hiredhandsinc.com)*

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