

# Bethinking of Old Orleans

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## OLD TIMERS FAIR

The Cobblestone Museum in Childs, N.Y. at Routes 104 and 98 will present its first Old Timers Fair on Sunday, September 1 from noon until 5:00 p.m. Rain or shine, the interior settings of the six historic buildings making up the Cobblestone Museum Complex, will serve as background for this unique fair. The purpose of the Old Timers Fair is to show and demonstrate various old time skills. A number of guest artisans have been invited by the committee in charge to be present to perform and discuss their individual skills. At the time of this writing the following people will be participating: Rug Hooking by Florence Albright, Stenciling by Betty Madafferri, Taxidermy by Judy Russell, Blacksmithing by Don Newcomb, Tin Piercing by Dave Snyder, Saw Sharpening by Marlin Shawver, Calligraphy by Barney Odgen, Printing by Harry and Sandy Hemlock, Basketry by Marie Schultz, Weaving by Kathy Almekinder, Chair caning by J. Howard Pratt, Needlepoint by Barbara Kaminski, Quilting by Bertha Wells and Candle Wicking by Sandy Zimmerman.

Janice Thaine and Ellen Jean Pickett will conduct crafts for children at the cobblestone school in Childs. Several farm implements and tools will be demonstrated at the Farmers Hall. Many of these old time skills were once a way of life for our ancestors and are now kept alive by only a few skilled individuals whose talents have been used to embellish common everyday skills and techniques of yesteryear.

Obviously, it would be impossible to describe the various skills in detail here. You are however, invited to attend the Old Timers Fair to learn more about our heritage. Food will be for sale on the museum grounds throughout the afternoon.

At 3:00 p.m. Affiliate Artist Allen Krantz will provide a recital of classical guitar music in the Cobblestone Church. A \$2.00 donation for adults, and \$1.00 for students will cover admission to all six buildings, including the demonstrations and guitar recital. You may begin your visit to the Old Timers Fair at any one of the six buildings at the Cobblestone Museum Complex this Sunday.