

Hills Garlic Festival 2012

The 20th annual Hills Garlic Festival, sponsored by the Hills Recreation Society, will be held **in New Denver** on **Sunday, September 9th** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Once again the Garlic Festival will be at Centennial Park by beautiful Slocan Lake and will feature 165 vendors, great food, live music, and kids' entertainment. Our website is www.hillsgarlicfest.ca.

Our theme is "**Homegrown, Homemade, Organic**". Your products must be grown, produced, or crafted in Canada. (If you are unsure as to whether you meet these criteria please contact the Coordinator). **Any vendors selling imported products will be asked to remove them immediately without refund.**

We expect to welcome over 5000 people to the 2012 event. **We keep the total number of booth spaces the same** as we want to maintain the flavour and keep it worthwhile for vendors. A few things to keep in mind:

- The Village of New Denver controls overnight **camping** at the site and have agreed to accommodate extended vendor camping on-site Saturday night. This is not included in vendor fees. **All campers are required to pay the Village campsite attendant for using this facility.** Check the website for other local accommodations.
- Vendors may **set up** on Saturday after 3:00 pm, although the site is not secure, or from 6:30 am on Sunday **with vehicles off the site in Vendor Parking by 9:00 am.** Please check in with the Coordinator on arrival. Food vendors with mobile units are asked to arrive for Saturday set up in order to avoid congestion on Sunday morning.
- We highly recommend including a **large sign** identifying your business name along with a supply of **business cards.**
- In order to **minimize waste**, please bring products to the Festival in reusable boxes/containers and sell products in packaging that can be recycled or composted.
- **Product Requested for Garlic Festival Raffle:** Again this year the Hills Recreation Society will be holding a raffle of Garlic Festival produce and products. Your donations are assembled in attractive baskets and raffled during the Garlic Festival. All proceeds will go to supporting the development of recreation facilities for our local community. **We are asking all vendors to contribute a product sample that is identified to help promote your business.** Your samples will be collected the morning of the festival during set-up, so these beautiful baskets can be displayed throughout the day. Your help and generosity is greatly appreciated. Food vendors are requested to donate meal coupons or a boxed meal, bottled beverages, etc., that will be offered to volunteers.

To guarantee a spot from last year, 2011 vendors should register by **sending in the appropriate booking form and payment in advance by March 31st.** After that date, any unpaid spaces will be available to new vendors. If you would prefer a different space, please indicate the new section, and we will try to accommodate changes after March 31st. **If you cannot meet this deadline, please contact the Coordinator.**

If 30% or more of your sales is from prepared, consumable-on-site food, you must register as a food vendor. **Food vendors are required to send a copy of their temporary or mobile food service permit (or a letter from the Interior Health Authority indicating a permit is not required) by August 31. They can be faxed to 1-250-358-7925. Please refer to the IHA guidelines linked from our website.**

Please indicate your requirements and send the appropriate booking form with a cheque or money order, payable to the **Hills Recreation Society**. Send to:

**Ellen Kinsel
Hills Garlic Festival Co-ordinator
4480 Highway 6 Hills
New Denver, B.C. V0G 1S1
(250) 358-2459 email: coordinator@hillsgarlicfest.ca**

A receipt will be mailed to you when space has been assigned.

Please note we cannot accept post-dated cheques. You will be charged \$10 for any cheques that “bounce,” to cover the bank fees we have to pay.

NEW!

Sharing Booth Space

The booking form includes a request for information regarding all vendors sharing a space. If you register as a single vendor and decide at a later date to share your space, you must inform the Coordinator. Some products may not be accepted for sharing (for example, we don't want to end up with too many people selling pottery), and we want to be fair to those who have been on the waiting list for a long time. You are responsible for ensuring all products in your booth meet our policy for no imported goods. An additional registration fee is charged for each vendor in the shared space.

NEW!

Waiting List

We carry over our waiting list from last year and have a number of potential vendors in each product category. We reserve the right to manage the waiting list so as to maintain our current product mix and limit competition in any product category. Priority is given to vendors from the East/West Kootenays and Boundary region. **Notice will be posted on the website if/when the waiting list is open for new applications.**

NEW!

Refund Policy

Our fee structure now includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee. Refunds of remaining fees paid are issued when the booth space is filled with another vendor from the waiting list. No refunds are available to vendors who cancel within 48 hours of the event.

Friends of vendors other than those directly involved in sales should pay the Festival entry fee at the gate.

Due to Health Regulations NO DOGS are permitted on site.

It is annoying to other vendors and customers to listen to barking dogs when they are left in the parking area or other space outside the festival.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME.