

# NAFF18 UPDATES

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**THE WEEK/END AFTER LABOR DAY • STREET FAIR + LIVE MUSIC SATURDAY, SEPT. 8**

The Northern Appalachian Folk Festival is a Downtown Indiana Event • [NorthernAppFolkFest.org](http://NorthernAppFolkFest.org)



## RETURNING IN '18

**Two popular exhibitors are slated to make repeat appearances at NAFF18.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will again send a mobile unit to provide benefits information and assistance to vets and their families. Meanwhile, the Wood Center at IUP will also be back and coordinating the log-sawing contest—a breakout hit with all ages at NAFF17.

## VENDORS WANTED

**We're seeking the region's handcrafted and homegrown.** Artists and vendors are invited to join us the Saturday after Labor Day in Downtown Indiana. The NAFF art committee is currently at work making the application process easier and more convenient. To request materials be sent to you, give us a holler with your preferred contact information:

[NAFF.Vendors@gmail.com](mailto:NAFF.Vendors@gmail.com)

## Spotlight On COAL HERITAGE



**Following the success of 2017's lumber heritage theme, NAFF looks to explore the region's coal mining history and its role in building a nation.**

In collaboration with the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, NAFF18 will feature exhibits of artifacts and educational materials—including items visitors may handle, along with speakers, interpreters, and storytellers. Additional interactive components are planned to help bring programming alive. At its museum just two blocks from our Saturday street fair, HGSIC also maintains a permanent exhibit, related to mining in the county.

**NAFF also looks forward to a collaboration with the Coal and Coke Heritage Center.** Located at Penn State Fayette, the Center's museum features an extensive collection of artifacts, records, and a recently digitized collection of oral histories.

Programming includes exhibits and talks by the Center's archivist.

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania is home to the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company Collections.**

Representing over a 100 years of local history, R&P's company papers account for the largest manuscript collection in the University archives. IUP's work to preserve coal culture also includes the Institute for Mine Mapping, Archival Procedures, and Safety (IMAPS) which digitally records, archives, and preserves historic mine maps.

An on-campus exhibit, curated and arranged by university archivists and special collections librarians, will share some of IUP's extensive holdings in conjunction with NAFF.

### CHAIR POLICY REMINDER:

NAFF is a street fair venue with outdoor stages and areas for shows, demonstrations, and other activities. We cannot guarantee seating and recommend our visitors who prefer – or need for health reasons – to sit during outdoor performances bring their own chairs. Thank you for helping keep our event free to attend and manageable for our volunteers.



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