

33RD ANNUAL SANDY SPRINGS FESTIVAL

HISTORIC WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

HELD IN THE WILLIAMS-PAYNE HOUSE GARDEN ROOM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Moonshiners in the Mountains
11:00 am - 2:30 pm	Jim Carey: Wood Carving
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Teresa Hammett & Alice Adler: Wool Rug Braiding
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Sylvia McAdam: Raising Chickens

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Moonshiners in the Mountains
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Elliott McNally: Weaving & Spinning
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Peachtree Squares: Square Dancing

Throughout human history, people from different cultures all over the world have carved wood. As part of our Festival, one of Atlanta's wood carvers, Jim Carey, will demonstrate how to use traditional wood carving tools. Jim will show how wood carvers safely use hand tools, including axes, knives, adzes, shave horses, bench hooks, and gouges, to make beautiful and functional objects starting with both logs and boards.

Discover an American tradition dating back to colonial times. A combination of well-established traditions of spinning and weaving among colonists, Native American fiber work, availability of raw products, creativity, ingenuity and need all came together to create the art of braided wool rugs. The thrifty colonists used woolen scraps left over from local clothing manufacturing and worn woolen clothing to create beautiful new, functional rugs. These rugs served as both a source of durable warm covering on cold flooring and as home decoration. As pioneers moved westward, so did braided wool rugs and thus the tradition spread throughout the US although these rugs remained most popular in the colder regions of the northeast.

Today these same qualities of creativity and thriftiness combine with a renewed interest in traditional artisanship and good stewardship of our resources have combined to see a resurgence of interest in handmade wool braided rugs. Although commercially braided rugs are now widely available for purchase, handmade heirloom rugs are a one-of-a-kind artful addition to your home or the home of a special friend.

Come visit our exhibit and see how it is done from start to finish! An expert crafter who has been braiding wool rugs for over 30 years and relatively new comer to the craft will demonstrate the art of braiding rugs from used wool clothing. See examples of each step of the process and have a look at several completed rugs.

Have you ever been interested in having chickens in your backyard? Want to know the secrets to catching escaped hens, how to avoid predators and vermin, and how to have healthy, happy hens to produce an egg a day? The best kinds of chicken coops? (Hint - it isn't a strawbale house...)

Come hear veteran chicken keeper Sylvia McAdam on how to get started and how to manage your flock. Sylvia has kept chickens in her backyard in Sandy Springs for 9 years. The pitfalls of neighbors' dogs and the rewards of organic homegrown compost are just some of the lessons she and her family learned along the way.

Curious about hand weaving on a loom? Stop by to learn a bit about weaving on a 4-harness loom. We will go over the parts of the loom, a little history, and then you can try your hand at weaving yourself on a 4-harness table top loom!

The Peachtree Squares is a diverse square dance club that has held square dance lessons and dances at Peachtree Presbyterian in Buckhead since the 1970s. They love audience participation demonstrations like the one they will be doing at the Sandy Springs Festival. Square dancing is great for the mind and body, so plan to come out and get moving!

You probably know by now that moonshine was all the rage in the 1920s. The ratification of the 18th amendment in 1919 outlawed alcohol substances throughout the country. As the Great Depression worsened, ironically, it was the alcohol industry that provided jobs in the cities and on the farms. Farmers and rural residents who initially voted in favor of Prohibition saw a backlash on the agricultural business. Through it all, moonshine stills persisted in the wooded areas of Sandy Springs, and Roswell Road was a major artery for runners delivering the goods to Atlanta. We will be joined by Moonshiners in the Mountains who will be bringing their own miniature museum dedicated to the history of moonshining. Check out their corn shucker too, and see what it took to create the mash!