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## It's the Artisan's Showcase at Scarborough April 14th &15th!

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (April 10, 2018) Scarborough Renaissance Festival® showcases the extraordinary Artisans and their amazing crafts April 14 & 15, 2018 for the fifth annual Artisan's Showcase Weekend! Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is proud to host one of the largest outdoor juried craft shows in the Country. Here you will discover the largest selection and most unique crafts found anywhere in North Texas. You can also experience interactive Artisan Demonstrations by many of the Artisans throughout each day of the Festival.

During the Artisan's Showcase Weekend, there will be Showcase tents in 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 also a shopping adventure with the Artisan's Scavenger Hunt – find the treasures hidden in shoppes all over the Festival for the chance to win a Scarborough Souvenir Prize Pack.

Plus this weekend only you can shop 'til you drop and get two free 2018 single day tickets to Scarborough Renaissance Festival® when you bring \$250 worth of receipts from the Festival shoppes (\$250 per day) to the main souvenir shoppe by 6:30 pm each day.

"We are extremely proud of the outstanding artisans at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® and the Artisan's Showcase is our way showing them off! says Coy Sevier, General Manager. "Not only do our artisans have some of the most fantastic artwork and crafts you will ever see, most of their works you simply can't find anywhere else. Plus visitors have the opportunity to see how many of these crafts are made as the artisans demonstrate age-old techniques every day of the Festival season. It really makes you appreciate the hard work and artistry that goes into making these pieces. You don't want to miss it!"

Guest Artisans this weekend are Painted by U, Storm Leather Werks and SWS Cutlery. New Festival Artisans for the 2018 season include Enchanted Chains, Hang De Sign, Living Art & Lanterns, Magpie's Trick, Runaway Rabbit Press and Three Bells Tapestries.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival<sup>®</sup> is interactive fun for everyone, 16<sup>th</sup> Century Style! Visitors will enjoy full combat armored jousting, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon, a living chess match, Knighting ceremony, 150+ member performing company and 27 stages of non-stop entertainment. There are 200+ shoppes and artisan demonstrations along with Renaissance rides, games of skill and food & drink fit for a king.

Limited engagement performer this weekend (April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) is "The London Broil Show". You also don't want to miss the more than a dozen new shows and other Festival favorites on the 27 stages!

The April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> daily Wine Tastings will feature the wines of Italy and the daily Beer Tastings will feature 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 as the largest food on-a-stick selection in Texas!

Upcoming Themed Weekends and Special Events are Celtic Weekend April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Royal Ale Festival April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and Live the Fantasy Weekend May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; each with a variety of special entertainment and activities.

Come Step Back in Time for the Time of your Life at Scarborough Renaissance Festival<sup>®</sup>! Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day Monday, now through May 28, 2018 from 10 AM to 7 PM. Located in Waxahachie, Scarborough Renaissance Festival<sup>®</sup> is just 30 minutes south of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex on FM 66 off of I-35E at exit 399B. From Austin or Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399. Admission is \$28 for adults and \$13 for children, ages 5-12. Children age 4 and under are admitted free. Parking is free compliments of Waxahachie Nissan. Food, drinks, games and rides all require cash. The Festival does have ATMs on-site, but it is recommended that you bring cash with you to avoid lines at the ATMs. Most of the artisan shoppes, the ticket booth and the Rose & Crown Inn Restaurant also accept credit cards.

Tickets are available at the gate on Festival days and on-line at SRFestival.com. Discount tickets can be purchased at D/FW area Tom Thumb & Albertsons stores. A '\$10 off 2 Tickets' coupon can be found at North Texas MetroPCS stores through April 29<sup>th</sup> (offer only valid through April 29<sup>th</sup>), and discount coupons will be at Waxahachie Nissan throughout the season. Sponsored by Dr Pepper. For more information visit **SRFestival.com**. Facebook & Twitter (SRFestival) or on Instagram (theSRFestival).