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GO GREEN AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL'S EARTH DAY IN AUTUMN

BETHEL, NY (September 12, 2008) – The 10th Annual Harvest Festival's Earth Day in Autumn provides festival goers the opportunity to connect with organizations working to promote environmental awareness. Throughout the day visitors can learn about renewable energy, land preservation, sustainable green building, recycling and much more! Earth Day in Autumn is sponsored by A & J Hometown Oil, Inc.

Don't miss live music by Judith Tulloch at 11:30am, followed by a demonstration of live birds of prey featuring eagles and raptors by Delaware Valley Raptors at 1:00pm, and a performance by the Arm of the Sea Theater presenting their Turtle Island Medicine Show at 2:15pm.

Local authors from the Upper Delaware Writers Collective, Catskill Area Writers will also be on hand to sign copies of their books.

Activities held for the little ones in the Children's Area will include storytelling with Friends of the Liberty Library, face painting with Brownie Troop 731, creating recycled projects and butterflies with Matt Sherman, and The Museum at Bethel Woods will teach the kids how to tie-dye. The Museum will have bandanas available (while supplies last) and children are encouraged to bring something they would like to dye.

The Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods occurs every Sunday from 11am – 4pm through Columbus Day weekend, rain or shine. Located approximately 90 minutes from New York City at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is the perfect day trip or weekend getaway. Admission and parking are free. Harvest Festival attendees can also add a ticket and visit The Museum at Bethel Woods, which explores the 60's and Woodstock, and make a full day of their visit.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of The Harvest Festival, an annual event celebrating the bounty, talent, and beauty of Sullivan County and the region. In ten years, the festival has grown from a small farmer's market with a handful of vendors and a few guest musicians who provided background music, to a full festival featuring close to 100 vendors each week as part of the farmer's market, craft village and festival food areas. The Festival also presents special events and live performances, a children's area with enrichment activities that include arts and crafts as well as corn and hay mazes, pony rides, "gathering of the scarecrows" and more.

A sense of community is reflected throughout the Harvest Festival. The corn and hay mazes are operated by local volunteer organizations that are able to benefit from this fundraising opportunity, as well as the chance to share information about their group and possibly recruit new volunteers. The Children's Area

features various activities each week that are presented by community organizations, providing an opportunity to educate others about their mission.

The tenth anniversary season of the Harvest Festival is presented by The Chapin Estate and supported by the Gerry Foundation, as well as event day sponsors which include A&J Hometown Oil, Inc., Catskill Regional Medical Center and M&M Auto Group who share the same commitment to the community and regional economic development.

The Harvest Festival schedule is as follows, for more information please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org

September 28	The Ag Experience
October 5	Cajun Festival
October 12	Chili Cook-Off (sponsored by M&M Auto Group)

About The Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods:

The Harvest Festival is one of several programs that reflect the commitment to community that serves as the fundamental mission of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The festival reflects our mission to support sustainability and continued regional economic development through this annual commitment to provide a venue for our local farmers, artisans, community organizations and businesses. A visit to the Festival offers the opportunity for people to gather and form relationships in ways that are absent from traditional retail/buyer transactions. We connect local and regional growers and artisans with the community and provide an opportunity for shoppers to buy local and support a regional economy. The benefit of being able to interact with the hard working families who produce and harvest their food and the thrill of watching artisans create their wares keeps Festival goers coming back week after week; year after year. The grown and harvested food and crafted items are acts of personal inspiration, and the festival offers visitors the opportunity to learn more about this process and to better appreciate and understand its value.

About The Chapin Estate

The 2,500± acre Chapin Estate encompasses hundreds of acres of unspoiled wilderness, including two boating and fishing reservoirs, a private trout fishing stream and miles of hiking trails which are also suitable for mountain biking and horseback riding. The Chapin Estate also adjoins more than 13,000 acres of forever wild forestlands owned by the State of New York. The Chapin Estate homes are specifically designed and built to reflect the owners' unique lifestyle and personal desires, while accentuating the natural beauty and balance with its setting. Located just two hours from New York City, The Chapin Estate provides an "Adirondack experience" all year long, offering amenities including a members only Lake Club and a community exclusive Concierge Service. For more information please contact The Chapin Estate at (866) 583-4900 or visit www.ChapinEstate.com.

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