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3rd Annual Appalachian Heritage Seed Festival Set

The State Street Farmer's Market in conjunction with the Appalachian Farmers Market Association will present the 3rd annual Appalachian Heritage Seed Festival on Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. The event will be hosted in the Slater Center located at 325 McDowell Street.

The festival celebrates the close of the 2011 Farmers Market season. A season which by any standards was recognized as one of the best by all of the markets represented in the market association. Much of the success was credited to the realization of what it means to buy local. "We are finding that our market make-up is changing constantly, this year we saw younger people with families attending the market in greater numbers than in the past," said Terry Napier, Director of Parks and Recreation, the department that oversees Bristol's market operations. "With all the contamination concerns coming to the forefront in the past few years, I think people like knowing where their food is coming from. Knowing the actual person who grows it makes a lot of difference," Napier continued.

The annual "seed swap" is an exciting event within the festival which allows even the novice backyard farmer to participate in planting a garden that has all types of new vegetables and flower varieties. Farmers representing farmers markets from throughout the region will be on-hand with plenty of seeds and advice. This year's event will feature a presentation by Ira Wallace of the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange entitled "heirloom Seeds-Sow, Savor, Save."

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