27th Annual Chincoteague Blueberry

Festival

The 27th Annual Chincoteague Island Blueberry Festival held July 25-27, 2014 at the beautiful Chincoteague Center enjoyed comfortable summer weather and record-breaking attendance. The Fine Arts & crafts event at the heart of the Blueberry Festival brought exhibitors from 14 states with a jaw-dropping display of unique, creative hand made works of art. Stunning jewelry, woodwork, paintings, decoys, quilts, doll clothing, glasswork,leather work, pottery and other items too numerous to mention were there for purchase. The Christmas in July shopping experience was in full gear.

The musical offerings were greatly expanded at this year's event starting with the smooth sounds of the Suds Brothers, Gus the Bardic Troubador, and singer- songwriter Winship on Friday.

Hemlock Hollow captivated the Saturday morning music lovers and the charismatic,"Thank you very much," Black Elvis rocked the house on Saturday Afternoon.

Sunday morning the Festival was treated to the Roadhouse Country Sound of Rick James and the amazing voice and guitar of Deedra Ervin and accompanist Daisey Crockett who mesmerized legions of Fans even during the light drizzle of rain. Finally, the romanticeclectic sounds of Moonstruck Music and Michael Hawker rounded out the jam-packed musical line-up at this years Festival.

Delicious food was provided by Pepper Jack Grille including a blueberry pancake breakfast and blueberry greek salad as well as crab and avocado tacos among many other menu items. Delicious, organic coffee and green tea was provided by Roberta Webb's Organic Gold Coffee

Festival favorites like the Island Creamery Blueberry Ice Cream, Sugarbaker's Ultimate Blueberry Pie, Dianne James' Old-fashioned blueberry shortcake and of course, the delicious, succulent, fresh gourmet blueberries were center stage. Other features included Jamel the Magician, Against the Wind Farms Pony rides and much more.

The 28th Annual Chincoteague Island Blueberry Festival will be held July 24, 25 & 26, 2015. For more information please visit www. Facebook.com/ChincoteagueFestival or <u>www.ChincoteagueBlueberryFestival.com</u>