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Press Release

Area resident participates in 67th National Folk Festival

Abingdon, Virginia: Leslie Shelor of Meadows of Dan demonstrated her fiber spinning skills at the 67th National Folk Festival which took place in Richmond, Virginia on October 7, 8, 9, 2005. Festival organizers estimated over 80,000 people in attendance at the oldest multi-cultural traditional arts celebration in the nation. The festival will be held in Richmond for the next two years during the same weekend in October.

Leslie participated in the demonstration area of 'Round the Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network exhibit as well as in the Patrick County booth. In addition to tending her herd of German Angora rabbits, Leslie travels to craft shows and other events to demonstrate her craft and creates originally designed hand crocheted luxury items from the yarn she spins. Selling fiber, yarn and bunnies has grown into a small business for Leslie and she is planning a shop near the family home place to expand the business, which will also include antiques, books and fine hand crafted merchandise.

'Round the Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network is a non profit organization who's mission is to promote sustainable economic development of the region's communities by assisting local artisans with marketing, educational, and entrepreneurial opportunities. In addition to the demonstration area, that Leslie participated in, Round the Mountain brought a sampling of hand crafted items from around the region as well as information and brochures from artisan studios, galleries and creative points of interest in Southwest Virginia. Round the Mountain serves the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe, and the cities of Bristol, Galax, Norton and Radford.

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