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The Gathering
P.O. Box 123 Bluemont VA 20135

Let the Spirit of The Gathering Catch You

Non-Profit Educational Celebration of Agri-Culture October 30 – November 1, 2015 Clarke County Fairgrounds

What is The Gathering? The Gathering is an experiment in humanity. The Gathering is: a traditional Native American Harvest Dance; Virginia Gourd Festival; Military Veteran & Uniformed Services Tribute; Multicultural Thanksgiving; Kidz Harvest Fest; Trader's Village; and Living History Exhibitors – with invitation to all to participate. The Gathering is a Seed of Thanksgiving and new possibilities being planted in the hearts & minds of the people. The people of this and neighboring (regional & international) communities are the Land. The sponsors, participants, partners, teachers, musicians, dancers, volunteers, exhibitors and hopefully you are the Planters of this all-exciting seed of possibilities. The Gathering is October 30 – November 1, 2015 (launching Native American Heritage Month) at the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Northern Virginia along the Blue Ridge Mountain Shenandoah Valley.

What the seed produces is determined by the level and caliber of commitment to Thanksgiving and humanity that the Planters bring. We are not seeking to recapture the Spirit of the first Thanksgiving. That was then. This is now. Creating space for a new and elevated “spirit in humanity” with level and intensity fueled by deep personal questions: “How can I participate? How much can I contribute of myself and my resources? Who do I know that would want to be part of this all exciting ‘seed of possibilities’ in Thanksgiving and humanity? Response defines the “state of community” within our community and greatly impacts the fruit of the Harvest.

We are trying to be cost sensitive to large families by keeping the entrance fee low; providing honorariums to our Native American dancers, singers and performing artists who travel great distances to support The Gathering; utilizing volunteers to bring The Gathering; and keeping registration fees low for our living history exhibitors and trading post vendors.

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Together we can plant seed to transform the ideal of “Thanksgiving” within our communities; while bringing back traditional harvest festivals like The Gathering, helping create a new legacy.

Our goal is an attendance and transformation not to make a money.

News media interested in covering preview events or for more information about The Gathering check out the Harvest Basket online magazine at www.HarvestGathering.org or contact our Executive Director René White SanctuaryontheTrail@yahoo.com.

Press Kits are available online <http://harvestgathering.org>.