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Macon County's  
*Heritage* comes

**ALIVE...**

at our annual



**Franklin  
Folk  
Festival**



*A Celebration of  
Appalachian Heritage*

We are taking a break in 2015 and  
currently working to resume the  
festival in 2016.

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Folk Heritage  
Association of  
Macon County



Purpose: To provide living  
history experiences and to  
preserve the heritage of  
Macon County for  
generations to come.

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## Our Story - FHAMC

The Folk Heritage Association of Macon County (FHAMC) is dedicated to preserving and sharing the culture and folkways of our Southern Appalachian Mountains. In this world of instant gratification and communication, unique and important lessons can be learned from the lives of those whose survival depended on ingenuity, hard work, and mutual help and support from their neighbors.

The founding members understood that with the increasing development and changing life-styles in our county, this priceless heritage was in danger of being lost, simply by our indifference and neglect.

As one of the founders of the FHAMC, Shirley Ridge, said, "Heritage is the living part of us; more than just reading or learning, it is a part of who we are." The FHAMC was organized to preserve this "living heritage" of Macon County.

Our immediate goal was to develop a showcase for demonstrating the everyday skills, crafts, and music of our ancestors. With wide community support, the Franklin Folk Festival was launched in 2004, and it has become one of the leading festivals in the region. Other goals of FHAMC include partnering with like-minded groups to promote heritage through hands-on activities.



Although we are taking a break in 2015, we hope the festival will return in 2016.

### **MACON COUNTY HERITAGE**

*We encourage others to step forward and become part of our effort. For it is about each of us, both native and newly arrived; those who lived it, and those who wish to understand it; working together to preserve our heritage for future generations.*

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