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**PENN'S WOODS WEST TO HOST 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL FEB 14-15**

*--Western Pennsylvanian Arts and Crafts on Display at Mercer Area High School--*

**Pittsburgh, Pa. – February 2, 2009-** Has Western Pennsylvania's weather given you cabin fever this winter season? Visitors to Mercer County can escape their indoor routine when they attend the Penn's Woods West 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Folk Arts Festival on February 14-15 starting at 10 a.m. This year's event is themed "Meet Me in Mercer" and will be held at Mercer High School, located on West Butler Street.

The annual festival will feature over 200 artisans and craftsmen from several different states. Guests will experience delicious home cooked food, live entertainment, children's activities, a quilt show and much more.

Admission:

- Adults- \$4.00
- Senior citizens- \$3.50
- Children 12 and under- Free

Tickets for the festival are good for two days. If visitors bring a non-perishable item, they will receive \$.50 off of the admission fee. A shuttle service will be available from various community parking areas free of charge.

All proceeds to benefit the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce and Mercer Area School District. For more information, log onto [www.VisitMercerCountyPA.com](http://www.VisitMercerCountyPA.com) or call 724-662-4185.

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*About Mercer County:*

*Located in Northwestern Pennsylvania, along the Ohio border, Mercer County is home to name-brand outlets, boutiques and unique specialty stores for shoppers. The area is also known for its more than 25 challenging golf courses of inspired design. Golf Digest ranked Mercer County as one of its top golf destinations. Visitors can dine on mouthwatering cuisine in Mercer County's array of fine restaurants and then stay overnight in a well-appointed hotel, a luxurious bed and breakfast or a cozy country inn. Close to Pittsburgh, Erie, Cleveland and other major markets, Mercer County is easily accessible via I-80 and I-79. The County offers the perfect escape. For more information, visit [www.VisitMercerCountyPa.com](http://www.VisitMercerCountyPa.com).*

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