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**Heritage Festival Seeks Coordinating Committee Volunteers**

***Planning soon to begin for 2019 Heritage Festival and Wild Turkey 5K***

Monroe, NC – The Union County Heritage Festival is seeking volunteers to serve on the Coordinating Committee of the 2019 festival, September 21. The festival is hosted by the Union County Extension Master Gardeners. This is a community driven festival strengthened by the input and ideas of members involved in various arenas within the community.

Committee members work on various components of the event including entertainment, exhibitors, marketing, the 5K and more. Planning meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 1:30pm at the Union County Agricultural Center, 3230 Presson Road. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11 in the Ag Center Conference Room. Individuals interested in participating are welcome to attend the meetings. Any questions may be directed to Tina Sagartz, cgsagartz@carolina.rr.com.

The Heritage Festival and Wild Turkey 5K Trail Run will be held Saturday, September 21, with the 5K starting at 8am and the Heritage Festival 9am to 4pm. The Heritage Festival will again enjoy a collaboration with the Union County 4-H Expo held simultaneously at the Union County Ag Center.

The Heritage Festival aims to educate and inspire citizens to attain and sustain a healthy lifestyle, community and environment. Attendees encounter exhibits and presentations about Union County’s natural, cultural and historical heritage. The Heritage Festival includes a vendor fair, art and craft exhibitors, live entertainment, kids’ art and science activities, raffle prizes, food trucks and free talks and cooking demonstrations. The 4-H Expo has the goal of cultivating the next generation of leaders and will feature club displays, a horse show, rabbit and poultry shows, among others, a creative arts exhibit, safety demonstrations, and a talent showcase.

**The Union County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association** mission is to foster a partnership to create a sustainable community through education and implementation. They offer Successful Gardener classes to the public, maintain a website of useful gardening information, monitor a call system called the Growline at 704-283-3822 or ucmgwebsite@gmail.com and offer three sales events per year.[www.mastergardenersunioncountync.org](http://www.mastergardenersunioncountync.org)

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