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20 YEARS OF PRE-FAIR FUN  
"A BLUE RIBBON AFFAIR ARTS, CRAFTS &  
CLASSIC CARS SHOW"

**Marietta, GA (June 15, 2009)** – Over 200 artists, and a fantastic Classic Cars Show will pre-open the North Georgia State Fair. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual A Blue Ribbon Affair Arts, Crafts & Classic Cars Show is being held at Jim R. Miller Park in Marietta the weekend before the North Georgia State Fair opens. This event features arts and crafts booths, demonstrations from vendors and local entertainment, delicious food, and an Antique Classic Cars Show. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, this arts and crafts extravaganza will introduce people to a taste of what the fair has to offer.

More than 200 artist and craftsmen will show and sell their wares in several indoor buildings and outdoor tents. The unique, handcrafted items will include clothing, stained glass, pottery, holiday ornaments and displays, dolls, wooden toys, furniture, jewelry and much, much more. This event provides a great opportunity to purchase some truly unique holiday gifts items.

After enjoying a shopping extravaganza, A Blue Ribbon Affair visitors can sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of various performing groups and the smells and tastes of scrumptious Southern treats such as fresh-squeezed lemonade, steamed corn, roasted pecans and apple dumplings.

This is also the time the fair accepts entries into the more than 300 competitive categories of non-commercial exhibits such as canning, painting and quilting. Competitors contend for award-winning ribbons, which prompted the name "A Blue Ribbon Affair."

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The Antique Classic Cars Show will feature cars displayed in their individual time period categories, such as the 1940s, '50s, '60s and '70s. Blue Ribbon prizes, trophies and cash prizes will be awarded for competitions such as Best in Show. These unique classic cars will roll out on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Awards will be at 3:30 p.m. In case of rain, the show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a \$20 pre-registration fee to enter a car in the show and a \$25 on-site registration fee from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pre-register on-line at [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com). Over \$1,500 in cash prizes will be presented.

Admission is \$1. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Take Interstate-75 North to Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road) and go west. Go five miles and turn left on Austell Road. Turn right on Callaway Road. Jim R. Miller Park is on the right. For more information, visit [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com) or call (770) 423-1330. After September 7, call (770) 528-8989.