Heritage Fest FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Here are the most up to date answers to your questions about Heritage Fest. We will update some of these answers as the event planning becomes more firm. Be sure to watch this spot for updates! If you have additional questions, please submit them using the "Contact Us" section of this website.

1. Tell me about the movie on Friday – what will be shown, how much does it cost?



We will present the Martin Scorsese film "**Hugo**." This adventure drama tells the story of a boy who lives alone in a train station in 1930s Paris. He is determined to solve a mystery involving an automaton that had belonged to his father. Clues and luck lead him to Georges Méliès, a real historical figure who was pioneer of early filmmaking. Kids will love following the adventures of the leading boy. Don't miss the ending, which features real accounts of the early days of movie making. There is no charge for the movie!

2. What food trucks will be there? Will they take credit cards?



Kurt's Concessions will be on hand for the Community Night on **Friday evening**, with hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, desserts, etc. La Belle Bouchée (The Beautiful Bite) will be selling desserts including Springerle cookies. Ice cream from The Strasburg Creamery will served free of charge at the Ice Cream Social!

On **Saturday**, Joe on the Go will be there with coffee, What's for Supper will bring a variety of food staples, and La Belle will be back with desserts desserts. There will be trucks to serve lunch items, but we don't have specifics yet, as we're still in the process of booking them.

Methods of payment will be up to the individual food vendors. At this time, we do not have information about which vendors will accept credit cards.

3. Where do I park?

There will be parking available for persons with disabilities in the Strasburg Presbyterian Church parking lot. A small amount of additional general parking will be available there as well. There will be no charge for parking. Once this lot is full, visitors will have to find onstreet parking. If you are able to walk to the event, please do so!

4. Are there bathrooms?

The Strasburg Heritage Society has a restroom facility with flush toilets and sinks with running water. There are separate rooms for females and males. This facility is on the east side of S. Decatur St., near the Shroy house and the Tent. On Saturday, restrooms will also be available at the Presbyterian Church.

5. Are pets allowed?

Service animals are allowed, but please do not bring your pets.

6. What if it rains?

Both Community Night (Friday) and Heritage Fest (Saturday) are "rain or shine" events. Most activities will be held under cover in the tent or in the Presbyterian Church hall, but

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some outdoor activities might be limited in the event of rain. Carriages rides will be offered rain or shine.

7. How much does it cost?

There is no admission charge for either Community Night (Friday) or Heritage Fest (Saturday). Both events are free! There will be a charge for the carriage rides.

8. What about the carriage ride? How much does it cost?

The carriage ride costs \$10 for each adult, \$5 for each child. Tickets will be sold in the Presbyterian Church hall, where you can pay using cash or credit cards. Rides last about half an hour. Boarding will be next to the church on Franklin St. A guide will be on board to point out interesting historical places.

9. Will there be things for my children to do?

Children can work on various crafts designed for different age groups. The crafts will be things that were popular 50 years ago – in the 1970s! There will be face painting and games.

10. What heirloom items should I bring? Will they be displayed indoors?

You can bring anything of historical interest. We are especially interested in Strasburg or Lancaster County items, but other interesting items are welcome too. Items should be at least 25 years old.

Heirlooms will be displayed in the Presbyterian Church hall. Tables will be set up to display them. We will have people on duty all day to monitor the displayed items and prevent visitors from touching them. We'll use a "hat check" system to make sure that the person who brought the item is the person who takes it home. We will take these precautions to protect the items that you bring, but ultimately, you assume the risk of damage or loss. You are welcome to stay with your item to look after it and to discuss it with visitors.

11. What happens to photos scanned at the photo scanning station? What can I bring?

The photo scanning station is very important to the Strasburg Heritage Society! The purpose of the scanning station is to collect images from Strasburg's past, to help build and preserve the story of Strasburg. The scans will become part of the Strasburg Heritage Society's collection. After scanning, we can give you copies of the image files if you bring a USB "flash drive."

You can bring prints, negatives, or slides. Also, please bring information that can give meaning to the photographs; perhaps you could come prepared with written notes to share with us. Don't worry that your photos are not old enough! Don't worry if they are faded. There are *many* gaps in our photographic documentation of the 20th century.

If demand for scanning is high, we may need to limit the scanning to the most interesting photos from each contributor. Personnel at the scanning station will wear gloves to protect your precious photos.

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12. What happens at the oral history recording station?

This is another way for us to capture the stories of Strasburg. We know that there are stories and details of history that have not been told, and we want to hear them! At this station, an interviewer will record you as you tell your stories or describe memories of people, places, and events around Strasburg. Think of school days, former businesses, big or small events for the town or for your family. Like the scanned photos, these recordings will become part of the Strasburg Heritage Society's collection. If you bring a USB "flash drive," we can give you a copy of the recording.

13. Can I help with the event?

Yes! We are looking for volunteers to help on the days of the event, and we need people to assist with the planning and preparation that are now underway. Contact us if you can help!