



Mt. Angel Hosts Oregon's Premier Hazelnut Festival
December 6 - 7

MT. ANGEL, Ore. – The “Best New Festival” of 2013 returns for 2014 with plans to make a nutty experience even better as the Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce holds its annual Mt. Angel Hazelnut Fest and German Holiday Market on December 6-7. The festival is the premier event of its kind in Oregon and celebrates one of the Willamette Valley's largest agricultural crops.

The Hazelnut Fest includes a German Holiday Market featuring regional arts and crafts, authentic & traditional German Christmas Decorations and Crafts, Oregon wineries and breweries, as well as foods that highlight hazelnuts.

The festival will be held in the Bavarian Village's warm and welcoming Festhalle, 500 Wilco Hwy. NE.

Events include the “Run For Your Nuts” 5K roadrace/walk on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m. Runners and Walkers can register at www.racenorthwest.com.

Joe Szabo – known as the Accordion Man will entertain both days. Noted musician Kathy Valdez will perform on Sunday. Santa will visit with the children on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The event received the Ovation award for “2013 Best New Festival” by the Oregon Festival & Events Association (OFEA). The OFEA members represent more than 1,200 Festivals & Events in Oregon.

“The history of the Hazelnut in the Willamette Valley of Oregon dates back to the settlement of the valley by early French settlers. Today, more than six hundred-fifty (650) growers are located in Oregon – the prime growing region for hazelnuts in the United States,” says Maureen Ernst, co-chair of the event. “There were 3,000 new acres of hazelnuts planted in 2013 and 99% of the country's hazelnuts are grown right here in Oregon. What better way to celebrate the Old World flavor of Mt. Angel than with a festival highlighting the Hazelnut and the German Holiday Markets.”

Mt. Angel, Oregon is a wonderful place to visit! Nestled between farmland and foothills, Mt. Angel is located 18 miles northeast of Salem. This little town, founded in the late 1800's by German settlers, has an Old World flavor which is heightened by the many Bavarian style storefronts and signage. Mt. Angel celebrates their German heritage each year during the Oktoberfest, one of Oregon's largest festivals. More than 350,000 people attend the four-day festival, which has been held in Mt. Angel for 49 years. Chamber members are current board members and founders of Oktoberfest. Visit Oktoberfest at www.oktoberfest.org.

The small town of Mt. Angel, population 4,000 – knows how to put on a festival. The annual Hazelnut Fest and German Holiday Market is built on a tradition of friendly, knowledgeable volunteers, excellent setting and skilled marketing. To learn more about Mt. Angel, visit www.mtangelchamber.org.

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