Fall ushers in Easley fest

Event set for Monday in downtown

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Residents and visitors alike will soon flock to downtown Easley in hopes of unearthing antiques of all kinds, tasting some of the local cuisine and watching artists display their talents.

The combination of antiques, art, food and more is a part of the Autumn in Easley Arts and Antiques Festival, planned for Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., said Sam Norris, owner of Uncle Sam's Antiques and Collectibles and treasurer of the Easley Downtown Business Association, which is putting on the event.

"It's mainly to bring people downtown for a good time and just to let them know who we are and why we're here," Norris said. "Maybe they will want to come and shop here, visit our stores."

He said the festival, which is free to attend, will be on Main Street and said vendors will be set up selling everything from antique furniture to pottery and glass.

Norris said there will also be an area for artists where they will perhaps sell art, paint, create pottery or pass out information about what they do.

Local restaurants and caterers will be selling food and handing out samples, according to Norris, and in front of Doodle Station Mitsubishi is sponsoring a venue that will include local middle school children's artwork and a selection of Mitsubishi's new vehicles.

Scott Buckhiester, vice president of operations for DunBurks Premier Events and president of the business association, said the festival will also have a wine tasting, beer tasting and an art crawl that will send people on a walking tour of galleries and other art highlights around the downtown area.

In conjunction with the autumn festival, Buckhiester said the day will culminate with a Battle of the Bands that will go from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on a stage on Main Street.

The Battle of the Bands was supposed to be two Saturdays – Oct. 3 and 10 – but has been changed to just run this Saturday. Buckhiester said four bands will perform 25-minute sets each, and the audience will vote by ballot to determine the winner.

"We're really proud of the downtown area of Easley, and we'd like for people to come and see it," he said.

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