

The Fifth Annual Big Horn Basin Folk Festival will be held August 3 & 4 2019, in Hot Springs State Park. The Festival celebrates the handwork and creativity of Wyoming's own artists, craftsmen and musicians. It is the only festival of its kind in Wyoming that focuses on Wyoming folk artists.

Festival events on Saturday and Sunday include musicians at the Pavilion in the Park, artisan demonstrations, hands-on activities and the very popular Storytelling Circle.

The theme for 2019 celebrates the rich history of Wyoming women, presented as *Women in Herstory*. Enjoy stories about women who settled Wyoming and women who contributed to the growth of our state through politics, medicine, homesteading, and as entrepreneurs. A story or two may even be told about female outlaws and other female ruffians.

Our stories flow into the evening hours, when the shadows begin to form and things start to go bump in the night. That's when we'll gather around for a fun but chilling evening of ghost stories. Join us if you dare. Young and old alike will love the Storytelling Circle with professional and amateur storytellers. Many scholars consider storytelling as the oldest art. Professional and semi-professional storytellers are sure to entertain.

Folk art demonstrations during the two days include goat soap making, polymer clay sculpture, lampwork bead making, leather work, fly tying, boat making, rawhide hand drums, wood turning, repurposed textiles, rug hooking and roping. Come try your hand at one of these crafts.

Smoking Waters Art Guild will do several "make it and take it" activity.

Enjoy music all day at the Pavilion and shopping at the many vendor booths including books written by Wyoming Authors and books about Wyoming.

Check the website at [www.wyomingfolkfestival.com](http://www.wyomingfolkfestival.com) for updates on participants and activities.