



RE: 2020 Vandalia Gathering Postponement

As we navigate these difficult times together, we at the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History are doing our best to make the kind of decisions that ensure the safety of the public and our staff. We have decided to postpone the 2020 Vandalia Gathering. This is the most responsible decision at this time. This decision was made with a heavy heart, but one we feel is in everyone's best interest.

We must all do our part to lessen the effect of the current worldwide health crisis. This is not the end for Vandalia, nor for our people. We look forward to the time we will be back together, promoting our cultural heritage, and passing our music and traditions on.

While the Vandalia Gathering will not be happening in its usual form this year, we are still looking at alternatives to the three-day gathering that allows us to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our proud state once we are all able to get back together. One such option is a Vandalia Celebration Concert where we will feature talented West Virginia artists as well as announce the 2020 Vandalia Award Winner and the 2020 West Virginia Quilt Awards.

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope everyone stays safe during these turbulent times.

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