23rd Annual Rhubarb Festival May 19-20 at Kitchen Kettle Village

Intercourse (Lancaster County) PA – Whether you love it or hate it - you won’t want to miss one of the nation’s only festivals that celebrates rhubarb a hundred different ways. Thousands of people make the annual trek to Kitchen Kettle Village, where the 23rd Annual Rhubarb Festival will take over the town of Intercourse (PA) with a full roster of zany festivities May 19-20, rain or shine. A Signature Site on Lancaster County’s official roster of FlavorFest events, the Rhubarb Fest is the only place on the planet where you can make and test your own mini dragster in the World’s Only Rhubarb Race Car Derby, electronically timed for the fastest finish. . .marvel at the Pink Ladies as they lead a Rollicking Rhubarb Stroll. . .take your kids to a Rhubarb Arcade of Games. . .watch a quilting bee or cooking demonstration. . .and sample a fabulous selection of rhubarb-inspired food, beverages and desserts.

Always held the third Friday/Saturday in May, the Rhubarb Festival runs 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
Friday Only (May 19)
• 10 a.m.-Noon the festivities begin with the judging of the "Best Rhubarb Dessert in Lancaster County" Baking Competition, a benefit for the Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity. Three categories to be judged.
• Noon-3 p.m. enjoy a little oom-pah music with the Schlossman German Band.
• 3 p.m. “Time-Saving Cooking Tips Using Rhubarb Jams” cooking demonstration by Kitchen Kettle’s own “Food Guy” Tom Rothfus.

For color food and festival images, and rhubarb recipes, please contact Cathy Kornfield, Public Relations (717) 656-8379, cathy@cathyco.com

Photo Caption
Food, games, music and live entertainment make Kitchen Kettle Village’s 23rd Annual Rhubarb Festival fun for the whole family. Founder Pat Burnley (left) greets guests with tasty concoctions made with Kitchen Kettle jellies and jams. . .and Banjo Jimmy and the Sidemen, a Village institution, entertain both days. Open free to the public, the Rhubarb Fest runs May 19-20 rain or shine.
Saturday Only (May 20)

- **9 a.m.** “Best Rhubarb Dessert” contest entries will be sold by the slice for the benefit of the Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity.
- **10 a.m.-5 p.m.** Rhubarb Race Car Derby. Participants make their own race car out of rhubarb stalks and race it on an electronically timed track. Proceeds benefit the Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity.
- **11 a.m.** “Rhubarb from the Garden to the Table” by Kitchen Kettle Food Specialist Kristine Grego.
- **1 p.m.** crowning of the Rhubarb Festival King and Queen.
- **1-3 p.m.** the Dixieland Band performs ragtime favorites.
- **2 p.m.** Rollicking Rhubarb Stroll mini-parade led by the Pink Ladies and a roster of bands and costumed characters.
- **All Day** “Barnyard Builders” where kids can build their own miniature barns.

Throughout Both Days

- **Banjo Jimmy & his Sidemen** performing ragtime and folk music 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Chat with Rhu Barb**, Kitchen Kettle’s own Rhubarb Expert, for gardening and cooking tips. Her stand will feature fresh-grown Lancaster County rhubarb and rhubarb plants.
- **Catch a Quilting Bee** demonstration at Village Quilts to benefit Habitat for Humanity.
- **Tantalize Your Tastebuds Food Sampling Tables** for a taste, recipe and cooking tips that illustrate how truly versatile rhubarb — and rhubarb jams — are as an ingredient.
- **Children’s Rhubarb Arcade** featuring unsupervised games like Rhubarb Hop Scotch, Rhubarb Ring Toss, Rhubarb In-the-Jar Guessing Game, Rhubarb Pick-up Sticks, and Hair Spraying (in red and green, of course!).
- **Observe how Kitchen Kettle makes its famous Rhubarb Jam** at the Jam & Relish Kitchen.

Of course the main attraction at the Rhubarb Fest is the food, beginning with Kitchen Kettle’s famous *Rhubarb, Raspberry Rhubarb, and Strawberry Rhubarb Jams* made special at festival time. The jams serve as a delightful ingredient in the tasty selections of festival entrees, desserts, beverages and glazes featured both days at various shops and outdoor stands. Plus the Kling House Restaurant, located on the Village grounds, will feature its own festival menu.

Kitchen Kettle Village is located on Rt. 340, 10 miles east of Lancaster (PA). Admission and parking are free of charge, plus there is overnight lodging on the Village grounds. For more information call (800) 732-3538 • (717) 768-8261 • www.kitchenkettle.com.