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**36TH ANNUAL ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL FEATURES
OVER 200 ARTISANS IN UNIQUE OPEN-AIR MARKETPLACE FAIR**

Mix foolish pleasures with artisan treasures!

Pinal County, AZ - The Arizona Renaissance Festival opens its gates February 3 for its 36th annual season. Every Saturday, Sunday, and Presidents' Day Monday through March 31 visitors to the festival can browse the 16th Century elaborately adorned shops of the most unique open-air market in Arizona. Featuring handmade products including jewelry, pottery, footwear, and home décor items, it's a shopper's paradise of over 200 incredibly talented artisans.

The festival artisan marketplace also features demonstrating artisans. Experience time honored crafts such as glassblowing, blacksmithing, forging, woodcarving, leather tooling, candle making, coin stamping, jewelry making, boot making and pottery. Watch artisans work as they create a masterpiece right before your eyes!

Then, take a one-of-a-kind piece home with you. There are more than enough items to fit any castle and budget. Don't forget baubles to adorn the Queen in your life! Here are just a few of the world-class artisans in the marketplace:



Osborne Leather offers a wide variety of handmade leather items including hand-tooled, hand-stained leather belts and barrettes.



A Roguish Highlander features kilts, sporrans, clan tartan blankets and all things Scottish.



Manage your mane with a unique hair braid design with one of many complex and beautiful braiding designs from Twisted Sisters or Fantasy Hair Weaving.



Beautiful gemstones at Schwartz Fine Minerals, a purveyor of unique, amazing gem and mineral specimens from around the globe.



Peruse delicate, hand painted porcelain jewelry at Indigo Turtle.



Windwalker Moccasins and Catskill Mountain Moccasins both offer custom, handmade leather boots.



Dreamstress brings you hand sewn tapestries and pillows to enhance your abode.



Indulge the whims of your inner pirate at one of three pirate shops: Amsbury, Treasures of the High Seas and/or Pyrate's Plunder.

About the 36th Annual Arizona tradition: The Arizona Renaissance Festival is located in Pinal County, just East of Gold Canyon on U.S Hwy 60. One of the largest Renaissance festivals in the nation, the Arizona Renaissance Festival features a 16th Century European Village on 50+ acres, a nine-weekend season, and welcomes nearly 285,000 visitors annually. For more information, tickets and directions please visit www.Arizona.RenFestInfo.com ###