

# Rhubarb

## FESTIVAL

### ALEDO, ILLINOIS

**Friday, June 6, & Saturday, June 7, 2008**

### Free Fest Admission!

#### Welcome to Aledo, Home of the Rhubarb Festival!!

What can you find in Aledo, Illinois that you can find in only 5 other locations in the whole world? The Rhubarb Festival of course! This unique festival, which is 17 years old and growing strong, will feature more than **2,000 homemade Rhubarb Pies for sale**, Rhubarb Sampling, **12,000 free Rhubarb seeds given away**, crafts, music, entertainment and more all set in our historic downtown.

#### What Else Rhubarb!

You'll find many great Rhubarb Souvenirs in Central Park.

This year we're offering a limited edition Western Stoneware milk bowl with a Rhubarb Fest logo.

A Special 2008 Postal Cancellation at the Post Office 117 N. College Ave.

#### Quilt Lover?

The Mercer Co. Quilt Guild will feature Pat Gibson and her excellent collection of quilts during Rhubarb Fest. She will display her hand made quilts at 127 E. Main St., Aledo, IL Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4

### Friday Events

#### What to Eat Rhubarb & Otherwise!

**10 am—2:00 pm** Sample everything from Rhubarb Pie to wine at the "The Tasting" under the Big Blue Tent in Central Park and in Aledo businesses.

**9 am-3pm**-Rhubarb bake sales in Central Park and in the downtown businesses.

**11am-1:30pm**- Luncheon at the United Methodist Church-301 N. College Ave.

**11am-2pm**-FFA Butterfly pork chop sandwiches in Central Park

**4pm-7pm**-College Ave. Presb. Church will be serving in Central Park featuring Barbequed Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Rhubarb Desserts.

#### That's Entertainment On the Band Shell Stage!

**11am-1:00 pm**—Steppin' Back

**1:00-3:00 pm** - Terry Hanson Quartet

**3:00-5:00**-"Not Without"-Emily Cooper

**5:00-7:00 pm**—Fry Daddies

#### What To Do!

**8am-4pm**- Tour the 3rd floor Courtroom facilities at the historic Mercer County Courthouse-100 SE 3rd Street

**9am—4pm**— Antique/flea market & craft show— In the parking lot just north of Central Park

**10am—3pm**— Stop by the Aledo Main Street booth in Central Park and pick up your share of 12,000 Rhubarb Seeds, and an Aledo Shopping/Service Guide— ALL FREE!

**10am-4pm**-Stop in all the participating businesses to sample rhubarb treats & sign up for drawings.

**9am-4pm** -Book Sale at Mercer Carnegie Library -200 N. College Ave.

**10am-5pm**-Visit the Essley Nobel Museum-1406-SE 2nd Ave.

### Don't have Rhubarb Regret!

If you're coming to the Fest to sample the Rhubarb or to buy a Rhubarb Pie, please plan on coming before noon for the best selection.

### Saturday Events

#### What to Eat Rhubarb & Otherwise!

**6am-10:30am**-Aledo Volunteer Firemen serve up warm, delicious pancakes at the Fire Station - 200 NE 2nd St.

**10 am—2:00pm**- Sample everything from Rhubarb Pie to wine at "The Tasting" under the Big Blue Tent in Central Park and in Aledo businesses.

**9am-3 pm**-Rhubarb bake sales in Central Park and in the downtown businesses.

**11am-1:30**-Luncheon at the United Methodist Church-301 N. College

**11am-7:00 pm**-Enjoy the "catch of the day" at the Masonic Lodge Fish Fry in Central Park.

#### That's Entertainment On the Band Shell Stage!

**9am—10:00**—Irish Dance Academy

**10:00-12:00**-Aledo High School Jazz Band

**12:00-2:00pm**— Ellis Kell & Whooz Dads

**2:00-4:30 pm**—Myrna Rae Dancers

**5:00-6:00 pm**—Magician Dean Betts

#### What To Do!

**9am-4pm**-WOW!! Huge craft show! Crafts in the Courtyard offers over 100 quality exhibitors on the lawn of the Mercer County Courthouse-100-SE 3rd St.

**9am—4pm**— Antique/flea market & craft show— In the parking lot just north of Central Park

**8am**— 5K Rhubarb Run/Walk takes off from the Mercer Co. YMCA - 401 SW 2nd Ave.

**9am**- YMCA Little sprouts & 1 mile fun run

**10am-2pm**-Kids activities including Pony rides, Alley Art, dunk tank, Cub Scout Rhubarb Derby, pedal tractor pull and more!

**11am-Rhubarb Recipe Contest-Cash Prizes** under the big blue tent in Central Park

**1:00pm**-Think you have a Rhubarb Leaf that measures up? Bring it to Central Park for the Big Leaf contest.

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**10am-4pm**-Stop in all the participating businesses & sign up for great door prizes & rhubarb treats.

**9am-12pm**-Book Sale at the Mercer Carnegie Library -200 N. College Ave.

**10am-5pm**-Step back in time with a visit to the Essley Nobel Museum-1406-SE 2nd Ave.

**First Aid Tent and Golf cart shuttles will be available**

**\*\*Mark your calendar for Rhubarb Fest 2009—June 5 & 6, 2009**