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**Mill Neck's Fall Harvest Festival**  
*Autumn Tradition Just Around the Corner*

If it's autumn, it must be time for Mill Neck Manor's Fall Harvest Festival! On Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13, from 9 am to 5 pm, "Apple Fest" as it's also known, will greet thousands of expected visitors. Among the Festival's offerings will be a wide variety of foods, like specialty cheeses, grilled fare, assorted baked goods, jellies, fudge, pies and strudels. Roasted corn, a perennial favorite, will be available along with other seasonal produce. The "Country Store" will stock a full line of meats, and of course, there will be plenty of New York State apples.

After a tough growing season last year, resulting in less-than-favorable apple crops, the New York Apple Association is reporting an abundance of quality apples this time around. Good news, especially since the popular Honey Crisp will be making an appearance again in our "Go Green" eco bags!

While returning favorites are part of the Festival's fabric, we're pleased to announce some new additions to the event this year. The Clipper Ship Tea Company will be on hand, showcasing some of their custom-blended loose teas and an assortment of teaware. The Northport-based retail shop also carries local and specialty honey and tea-infused chocolates. Joining us this year too, is West Virginia resident and acclaimed woodworking craftsman Ervin Jones, who will be demonstrating his woodturning skills. His decorative bowls, birdhouses and ornaments will be available for sale, as well as the unique wooden apples he's created especially for Apple Fest.

Once again, assorted children's activities, a pumpkin patch and crafts will welcome the kids. Handcrafted jewelry, knitware and other merchandise can be found among the 17 craft vendors signed up to date. During Festival hours on Saturday, a hearing testing van offering free screenings will be on site, made possible by the support of Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto.

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And who says, “money doesn’t grow on trees?” You can win a bushel of cash by entering our Fall Harvest Festival 50/50 Drawing. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online or by calling 1-800-264-0662. Tickets will also be sold at the Festival. The winner will be posted on our website by Monday, October 14. Try your luck... Past winners have taken home over \$10,000!

For over 50 years, visitors to Apple Fest, including families from all over the tri-state area, Mill Neck Manor alumni and many from Long Island’s Deaf community, have made a trip to our beautiful, 86-acre campus to enjoy this time-honored tradition. We hope to see you there this year too! For more information on Mill Neck Manor’s Fall Harvest Festival, please visit our website: [www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org) or email: [myadoo@millneck.org](mailto:myadoo@millneck.org).

Proceeds from the Festival benefit the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center and Mill Neck Services for Deaf Adults. For more information about our programs and services, please call 516-922-4100 or visit [www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org).

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1. Since 1959, Mill Neck Manor’s Fall Harvest Festival has been an autumn tradition for many visitors.

