

## Washington County Whiskey Rebellion Heritage Festival Washington, Pennsylvania

### *Who's Involved...*

Every July, the Whiskey Rebellion Festival comes to Main Street in Washington, PA. The event is designed to:

- Educate patrons about the Whiskey Rebellion, primarily through live reenactments
- Provide a glimpse into Frontier life through trade demonstrators and craftsmen
- Entertain through heritage music and performances
- Support local businesses and healthy eating through locally produced products and locally grown foods
- Enhance the sense of community among residents and attract businesses and customers to downtown Washington

Now in its seventh year, the three-day festival consistently draws over 20,000 people to the streets - culminating in a concert celebration and fireworks - and raises over \$50,000 each year for the David Bradford House, a National Historic Landmark.

SteelBridge Consultant Brant Garda joined the planning committee in 2011, where he founded the Friday night Blues, Brews, and Barbecue concert. Now, Brant uses his hobbies as “history buff” and “theatre nerd” to write scripts for the festival’s historic reenactments. The festival also features the nation’s only true-to-form reenactment of a tarring and feathering.



Garda, left, delivers instructions to reenactors on Main Street in Washington

During the festival, Brant volunteers to help set up the festival site and directs the reenactors throughout the day. If you come on the right year, he can be seen joining the reenactors in period costume!

### To Learn More...

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