

# Slate Belt Rising, BLUE FLAME EVENTS, Bangor September Fest

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BANGOR - This past weekend Slate Belt Rising (SBR) helped Bangor put their September Fest festivals with the help of BLUE FLAME EVENTS. There were over 70 different vendors showing their wares and skills, the largest of the four events the group has put on this year.

"I think we got lucky on all four events weather conditions this day being the best," said Kim Stocker owner of BLUE FLAME EVENTS. She is also owner of Candleman Creations one of the vendors at the event.

Always a favorite at the events, Clever Girl winery from Bangor. Don the owner makes a summertime refreshing watermelon sangria you can enjoy as you walk around the festival.

It was also a dog friendly event and their was some great pedigrees you don't normally see. And their was a Vendor who actually sold out all her dog treats, 'Jasmine's Doggie Delights.'

In April, Slate Belt Rising received a donation of seven kayaks from Edge of the Woods Outfitters in Delaware Water Gap. The kayaks contained cracks and holes there-

fore they were no longer able to be used for recreational purposes. Slate Belt Rising, together with Portland Borough decided to re-purpose these kayaks and use them as streetscape décor by having murals painted on them.

Each kayak will feature a different theme/scene all of which will be related to Portland and their identity as a river town. The second kayak was unveiled at September Fest. It was of a girl smiling and showing her missing 'two front teeth.' It turns out the man who wrote the song "I'll I want for Christmas is my two front teeth."

Slate Belt Rising sponsors and partners include Waste Management, Fidelity Bank, ESSA Bank & Trust, Fulton Bank, and the County of Northampton.

There was a traveling magician who walked thru the crowd performing his majic, and two new vendors. Axe throwing in a cage, Atomic Hogs BBQ, Some of the best BBQ I had all year, it was well worth the wait in line.

Other vendors were selling health and wellness products, jowlrier and clothing. Local honey was available also, they say if you have allergies you can cut the symptoms by 50% by using it.



Far Left to Right- Atomic Hogs BBQ, SBR Dir. Steve Reider with the second kayak mural, this one titled "I'll I want for Christmas is my two front teeth." Kim Stocker and her husband Kim Stocker owner of BLUE FLAME EVENTS

