

The Three Best Bets in Southern Idaho Entertainment

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Who knows what you'll come home with: An exquisite piece of woodturning? A watercolor of Idaho mountains? Quirky metal art to add a dash of humor to your lawn?

People who appreciate artisan-quality work wait all year for the [Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts](#), set for Saturday and Sunday at Thousand Springs State Park. What I'm hoping to snag is a handmade ceramic casserole dish with just the right browns and reds to complement my kitchen. If you spot it first, please leave it for me.

A Place to Indulge: This weekend's [Sun Valley Harvest Festival](#) will be a piece of foodie heaven. You can sample local wines at tonight's restaurant walk, browse Saturday's marketplace of regional foods and try Idaho river guides' Dutch oven cooking on Sunday, for example. Perhaps the weekend's best deal is Saturday's eight cooking demos (\$20 each or \$100 for all eight), where local and visiting chefs teach you dishes such as huckleberry trout, mushroom sformata and root beer-braised pork.

Best Free Thing: The three College of Southern Idaho faculty members who offer free jazz at CSI Java on Thursday afternoons are bringing a friend to the coffee shop next week. Performing standards and originals with them on Thursday will be Salt Lake City jazz drummer Steve Lyman, who has performed in New York jazz clubs, the BBC studios in London and venues throughout Europe. You, however, won't be paying a New York price.

For details on these events and many others, see the full calendar by clicking [here](#).