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Special July Edition: Newsletter

All the latest news and updates regarding "Art in the Park"...
and other WVAA happenings!

Art in the Park

Saturday & Sunday, September 6 & 7, 2008

It seems like September is months away... but plans are in full force for this year's Art in the Park. The Exhibitor booths have been filled and acceptance packets sent! Yeah!!!! We are still accepting exhibitor applications, as a pending list for the inevitable 2-3 cancellations that occur each year.

Volunteers are needed to make this weekend an ongoing success for the WVAA. Some of the volunteer activities include:

If you prefer to sit...

- Information booths/ Tote bag Sales at information booths (2 hr shifts on Sat. & Sun.)
- WVAA Members Cooperative Booth - selling artwork (2 hr shifts)
- Exhibitor Registration: *Friday (Noon- 8 pm) & early Sat morning (6:30-8 am)*

If you prefer to stand or walk about...

- Exhibitor relief or booth sitting for exhibitor lunch & bathroom breaks (2 hr shifts)
- Dispersing programs before & during "Art in the Park" (2 hr shifts)
- Numerous setup & take down tasks- *Thurs. afternoon, Fri morning, & Sun evening*
- Evaluation & name tag retrieval from exhibitors *Sun 4:30- 5:30 pm*
- Parking entrance attendant for the Parking lot across the from the East Gate Hall- for volunteer parking permits and Handicapped permits parking only (2 hr shifts)

If you like to keep busy...

- Staffing the Children's craft area/monitoring supplies (parent's assist) (2 hr shifts)
- Stuffing Registration Envelopes on *Thursday Sept, 4th afternoon/evening*
- Folding and stuffing envelopes for 2009 Applications, while tending information booth

If you like to people watch & have people come to you for guidance and information...

- Information booths/ Tote bag sales at information booths (2 hr shifts)
- Exhibitor guidance- *Friday 1130am-8:15 pm-2 hr shifts*
- Staffing the Children's craft area (2 hr shifts)

If you like to tell people were to go...

- Information booths/ Tote bag sales at information booth (2 hr shifts)
- Exhibitor guidance - *Friday 11:30am-8:15pm*
- Distributing Show Programs (2 hr shifts)
- Exhibitor parking *Friday 1130am-8:15 pm* or parking entrance attendant (2 hr shifts)

If you like to promote the work of local artists (including yourself)...we have a job for you.

- WVAA Members Cooperative Booth - selling artwork (2 hr shifts)
- Any of the volunteer opportunities!

You get the idea! There is something for everyone!

All 1st time Art in the Park Volunteers working 2 or more hours will receive (to keep) their **very own tie-dyed t-shirt** that will identify them as a WVAA volunteer. Tie-dyed shirts run about one size smaller with the tie-dying process. Those that received the T-shirt last year, please wear it again this year when you volunteer. If you need to change sizes, please mark this on your post card, and bring your original T-shirt with you to exchange at the volunteer meeting on August 21st. The volunteer T-shirts are intended to help the exhibitors to identify WVAA volunteers AND increase visibility of the volunteer work of the members to the public.

All volunteers contributing 4 or more hours towards Art in the Park will **also** receive a **picnic ticket** for the Saturday, Sept. 8th Evening Picnic **OR** a **\$5 voucher toward food** from the Art in the Park Food Vendors. Please mark your preference on the volunteer postcard. The Picnic menu will be similar to last year's and will again feature the smoked pork chops and pumpkin bars.

WVAA Members with an exhibitor booth AND who volunteer 4 hours with "Art in the Park" activities, also have special permission to set up their booth before Noon on Friday. Volunteering hours include distributing the green advertising note cards and Art in the Park brochures before the show, running errands on Thursday & Friday afternoons, hanging and taking down signs and banners, or assisting with stuffing the registration packets or envelopes for mailings. Please contact Lee Ann or Audrey if interested in this option and PERK of WVAA membership!

Parking passes will be distributed to all volunteers and there will be a designated area for volunteers that will be easily accessible and close to East Gate Hall.

A **Volunteer information meeting** will be held Thursday, **August 21st at 5:30pm at the VFW Hall** in the back bar area (downtown by the river), at which time parking passes, T-shirts, and information regarding each volunteer responsibility will be distributed.

Volunteer activities extend from weeks and months before the event... then go into full swing at Marathon Park in the Exhibition Building and East Gate Hall and surrounding grounds from Thursday afternoon ...until Sunday evening of the **September 6 & 7, 2008 weekend!**

Please complete the stamped & self addressed **volunteer postcard** and **return it by August 7th**. Please mark your choice of time, day and activity as 1st and 2nd choices, or if you are able to volunteer for multiple times, days, or activities, so we may match people with their preferences.

We have enclosed a self-addressed and stamped postcard for your convenience. Please return it, even if you are not able to participate this year. Just mark this under comments. The Volunteer committee will follow-up with phone calls to those who do not return the postcard. **Send in your volunteer post card today!**

Questions? Call Audrey at 675-1094 or Lee Ann at 581-1484.

"Art in the Park" is the WVAA's primary fund-raiser. It allows the WVAA to continue with its mission of providing funding and scholarships for art education in the community. It also covers the majority of the costs of the association's programs throughout each year. Member dues and registration fees usually cover a minor portion of the costs for each event and program.

"Art in the Park" and the WVAA depend on the WVAA members' Volunteer hours to continue to exist and be successful.

The 31st Annual WVAA Memorial Art Exhibit:

Congratulations to the following **Award Winners:**

- Best of Show:** A. Adams - "The Family" (wood sculpture)
- Judge's Choice:** Joyce King - "Produce 2" (watercolor)
Cindy Markowski - "Three Frenchmen" (acrylic)
Nancy McLay - "Pears"(pastel)
Bobby Walker - "Destination" (pastel)
- Honorable Mention:** Tammy Barthels - "Solitude" (photography)
Eve Amaro Chavez - "Fall Splendour" (mixed media)
Tim Holton - "Bud & Caroline" (graphite)
Mabel Tousignant - "Oriental Red's" (oil)

Congratulations to the following artists for the **sale of their artwork** at the Memorial Art Exhibit:

- Adrienne Brebrick – "Loopy Bowl" (ceramic)
- Joyce King - "Produce 2" (watercolor)
- Allen Weber - "Survivor" (acrylic)

Thank You!

To all of the artists that participated in, and members that assisted with, the recent WVAA Memorial Art Show and award reception held in The Loft at the Center for Visual Arts. Thank you to Jane Janke Johnson and Jim Janke for sponsoring the Best of Show Award in memory of their father, John Janke. Thanks go to the CVA for hosting the exhibit, and to all of the staff and volunteers who helped make the exhibit possible. Thank you to Dianna Budde for judging the exhibit and presenting the awards. Thanks also to all the artists for being prompt with dropping off and picking up their artwork, making this a smooth running exhibit! Thank you to Carol Mularkey for her contacts at the newspaper and for compiling the yearly history book recording the annual event for posterity! And last but definitely not least, "Thank You" to Bobby Walker for her time and talent as co-chairperson.

If anyone has questions or concerns about the exhibit, please feel free to contact me at (715) 581-1484 or cheaphillwvaa@msn.com

Sincerely,
Lee Ann Schulz,

The 32nd Annual WVAA Memorial Art Exhibit:

Plans are already in the works for the 2009 show and preliminary steps have been taken. If you are interested in co-chairing or being a committee member for the 2009 show in The Loft at the CVA, please contact Bobby Walker at 693-1041 or TBSix@aol.com, or Lee Ann Schulz at 581-1484 or cheaphillwvaa@msn.com. Plans are for a late summer/early fall meeting to review the 2008 show, start preparation for the 2009 show, and transition for new co-chairperson(s) as Lee Ann will be unable to co-chair the 2009 show.
