

Peoria Art Guild 49th Annual Fine Art Fair Fact Sheet



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WHAT:

The Peoria Art Guild is pleased to present the 49th Annual Fine Art Fair September 24 & 25. One of the oldest juried art fairs in the country, the Peoria Art Guild Fine Art Fair brings the community together by presenting eclectic artwork, tasty treats, musical entertainment and interactive experiences to the Peoria Riverfront. The Peoria Art Guild Fine Art Fair is Central Illinois' premiere artistic and cultural event on the Riverfront.

- 40,000 visitors to the Fine Art Fair
- 150 artists from across the country, representing 26 states and Canada
- 52 NEW artists for 2011
- Featuring original works of art including jewelry, painting, printmaking and drawing, photography and digital art, ceramics, wood, glass, mixed media, metal, leather and fiber.

FAIR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Entertainment and Tasty Treats

Live musical entertainment throughout the weekend, and eclectic culinary offerings from Echo Valley Meats, Spotted Cow, Nick -N-Willy's and kettle corn from Progressive Poppers. Music area is sponsored by Illinois Neurological Institute (INI).

Kid's Art Festival

A special area within the Fair just for kids - featuring a NEW Kid's "Mini Mural" for children of all ages, creative clay creations, design a tote, crinkle caps, face painting, and more! WEEK TV is co-sponsoring the "Kids R Artists 2" contest, with daily award winners announced on WEEK TV. Daily award winners will be displayed at the Kid's Art Festival. A grand prize winner will receive a special gift basket and their artwork will be prominently displayed at the fair. Sponsored by Children's Hospital of Illinois and PNC Bank.

NEW VIP Lounge

Reserved for the Fine Art Fair Sponsors and Art Guild Collector's Circle members, the VIP area is a relaxing atmosphere to serve as a retreat from the hustle and bustle of the Fair. Located in a secluded area of the fair, guests can lounge on beautiful outdoor furniture provided by Hearth and Patio, and enjoy delectable offerings provided by Jillian's. South Side Bank and Mid Illinois Services are also VIP sponsors. For more information about sponsoring the Fine Art Fair and gaining access to the VIP Lounge, contact Jenny Parkhurst at 309-671-1092.

Community Mural

Guests can paint an individual tile to recreate the Fine Art Fair poster image. It's a free and ever-changing community art project produced by anyone who wants to test their painting skills during the Fine Art Fair weekend. Join the hundreds of people who contribute their own personal touch to this fun, hands-on art activity, and be sure to watch as the Community Mural comes together piece by piece. Sponsored by Proctor Hospital.

Artists in Action

For the second year, the Fine Art Fair is featuring a special exhibit area to demonstrate how artists create their craft - up close and in person. Ceramicists will work live on three pottery wheels to create unique pieces of pottery right before your eyes, followed by a question and answer period. Sponsored by CEFCU.

WHERE:

Peoria Riverfront, located in downtown Peoria, IL, with the main entrance under the Gateway Building.

WHEN:

September 24 & 25, 2011 10 am -5 pm both days

ADMISSION:

Adults \$7/ day, \$10/ weekend
Kids under 12 FREE

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