



WEDGWOOD ART FESTIVAL

Wedgwood Art Festival: Celebrating Community Through Art

Wedgwood, Seattle (May 16, 2012): Join us for the 7th annual Wedgwood Art Festival taking place on July 14th and 15th in the NE Seattle neighborhood of Wedgwood. This year features a juried art festival, kids activities, community information, and more musical acts and food vendors than ever before. The festival is located on the Hunter's Tree Farm lot, which was recently renovated courtesy of a grant from Tully's Coffee and the Pomegranate Center, with the help of many local volunteers. The Hunter property is becoming a central part of community activity, including a new emergency hub for the neighborhood.

The juried art festival includes many returning favorites and new artists primarily from NE Seattle. With a wide variety of fine arts and crafts, there is something for everyone. Choose a new painting, print or photograph for that bare space on your wall. Pick out some jewelry for an evening out, or a new ceramic bowl for your morning oatmeal. Add some whimsy to your garden with a new outdoor sculpture. Choose from beautiful glass, mosaics, sculpture, fiber arts and more to add to your collection.

Get your boogie on with a number of musical acts. The Sam Marshall Trio kicks off Saturday morning with the blues. With the festival since the beginning, Dukes and Diva are back with an eclectic mix of a cappella music styles, including jazz, pop, doo-wop, and gospel, featuring popular songs from the 1950's - 1980's. Acoustic duo Everyday Jones' diverse blend of soul, folk & pop with plenty of humor, harmony & talent give a show not to be missed. Other returning favorites include Latin influenced CocoLoco and Yaamba, an African marimba band. New musical additions this year include Grupo Amoroso, an eclectic mix of Brazilian jazz, The Tarantellas, who have an ethnic Italian folk sound, and The Fentons headlining on Sunday afternoon with their country influence.

Thistle Theater returns with two puppet shows at noon on each day at the new stage, which was built as part of the Hunter Farms lot renovation. Saturday's feature is "Yo! Ho! Ho! The Pirate Show!" and on Sunday come visit with "Mrs. Periwinkle and

Poosum.” The puppet shows are interactive, and kids can also participate in creating art at the children’s area, sponsored by Flowers for Lesotho and Roaring Mouse Studios. There is a visit from the Seattle Fire department on Saturday afternoon, and face painting by Wild Smiles on both days.

Enjoy a meal or snack at the expanded food section. Dante’s Inferno Dogs, Patty Pan Grill, Charlie’s Buns & Stuff, Athena’s, Café Javasti, and Half Pint Ice Cream.

Community booths have become an important part of bringing the neighborhood together at the festival. The Wedgwood Community Council will be talking about emergency preparedness. Other participating community resources include Wedgwood Garden Club, NEST, Sustainable NE Seattle, Seattle Audubon Society, The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, Wedgwood Presbyterian Church, and North Helpline Food Bank, who will be accepting food and cash donations.

A big thank you goes out to the Presenting Sponsors: Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Key Bank, QFC, and Hunter Tree Farm. Thank you also to our Official Sponsors: RXtra Care Pharmacy, HomeStreet Bank, and the Jasper Apartments, Wedgwood’s newest resident. A full list of the 25+ Wedgwood businesses demonstrating support for the event can be found on the festival website.

More information including a list of participating artists and full entertainment schedule can be found on Facebook and at wedgwoodfestival.com

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