

## Spend the Weekend in Wedgwood!

Wedgwood, Seattle (May 25, 2017) – Join us on the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate art and nature at two great events in the NE Seattle neighborhood of Wedgwood. The Wedgwood Art Festival organizers are excited to partner with Seattle Audubon for this fun filled weekend of inspiring art, music, kid activities and food. Both events are free to the public and fun for all ages.

Both events will have a juried art festival including many returning favorites and many new artists from Puget Sound. Shop from over 60 of the PNW's finest artists and craftsmen. 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 mug for your morning coffee. 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.

Always memorable, the musical lineup at the Wedgwood Art Festival showcases a diverse variety of talent from ten different bands. Start your Saturday morning with the Centerpiece Jazz Band comprised of professional musicians, teachers and students from the non-profit Music Center of the Northwest. Public radio station KNKX favorites, Birch Pereira and the Gin Joints return on Sunday. Newcomers include Sundae and Mr. Goessl, featuring the guitarist from the Gin Joints. Other newcomers include Rik Wright, The Sidewalk Trio, and Blue Madness. Pep up your Saturday afternoon with CocoLoco's lively Latin tunes. Other returning favorites include ThorNton Creek, File' Gumbo and Michelle D' Amour and the Love Dealers.

The fun continues for kids visiting the Wedgwood Art festival. On Saturday & Sunday, don't miss the annual visit from the Seattle Fire Department's Engine 40. Saturday, we welcome a new addition: Theater for Young Children, who will be performing on the balcony behind the kid art area during mainstage set breaks. Enjoy family music with Johnny Breger's rootsy, jazzy, poppy sound. Come back for more entertainment Sunday blending music, circus arts and puppetry with children entertainer, Linda Severt. The family-friendly shows are interactive, and kids can also participate in creating art at the children's area, sponsored by Sweet Pea Cottage. While you are at the festival, get some art on your face with Wild Smiles Face painting on both days, and Hawaiian shave ice from DB Shave Ice.

Enjoy a meal or a snack while at the festival with new vendors in the expanded food section. Many returning favorites include tasty Ghanaian cuisine from Blackstar Kebab and because we all need our coffee and baked treats, On the Grind Espresso. Look for both sweet and savory pies by 314 Pies, and Athena's Food Truck Greek Fare. All are located at the Wedgwood Art Festival's Food Terrace.

Birds embody the beauty and complexity of the natural world. At Seattle Audubon's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bird and Nature Art Fair, discover their wonder for yourself. On Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop parking lot will be hosting local artists with booths filled with stunning bird-inspired artworks for sale. Join us on July 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the beauty of birds and nature and support the important work Seattle Audubon does to lead the local community in appreciating, understanding, and protecting birds and their natural habitats. The Nature Shop is located at 8050 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

A big thank you to Our Lady of the Lake Parish and school for allowing the festival to use their grounds. Remember, no dogs are allowed on the grounds, however we do have a pet sitting station for your furry friends. Thank you also, to media sponsor, public radio station KNKX and to our premier sponsors: Friends of FSH Research, and QFC Corporate. Official sponsors to thank include: US Bank, Safeway, Johnson's Auto repair, and HomeStreet Bank. 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 at Wedgwood Art Festival and at [wedgwoodfestival.com](http://wedgwoodfestival.com)

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