Arts in the Park in 2023

More than 40 artists will fill downtown Decatur’s Central Park, Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, offering area residents a range of artwork from painting and photography to glass, pottery, wood, jewelry, sculpture, and fiber.

The 61st annual Arts In Central Park juried arts fair kicks off with a preview party on Friday, September 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., with food and musical entertainment. Come and enjoy the opportunity to see and purchase that special piece of art first. You can expect to find lots of new talent combined with familiar favorites.

Open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, the park brims with art and activity, featuring kids “hands on” art activities, a caricature artist, and an ArtShop for kids, where kids 12 and under can shop for items made by participating artists and priced $5 and under, along with live strolling musicians and the Public Painted Pianos of Macon County.

Arts in Central Park is presented by the Decatur Area Arts Council in collaboration with Gallery 510.

Preview Party
Fri., Sept. 15
5-7 p.m.

AICP hours:
Sat., Sept. 16
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 17
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call for Artists for Holiday Gift Shoppe

The Decatur Area Arts Council is accepting applications for artists to sell original art and fine crafts at the annual HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPE in the Anne Lloyd Gallery. A centerpiece of downtown holiday shopping, our Shoppe will be open November 10 through December 23.

Artists are encouraged to submit a wide variety of giftable items such as jewelry and other wearable art, ornaments, ceramics, woodworking, textiles, painting, photography, decorations, and floral wreaths. They may or may not have a holiday theme.

Find information and application forms at DecaturArts.org or you can call 217-423-3189.
Inspiring creative experiences that transform our community.

Summer Art Classes
Advance registration is required. Class sizes limited. No walk-ins. DAAC members even receive discounts on classes! Learn more or register at DecaturArts.org.

Cocktails & Creations: Seascapes in Acrylics
July 6 • 6-8 pm • Fee: $23 / Nonmember: $25
Adults 21 and older. Paint with easy, step-by-step instructions to create your own beautiful seascape in acrylics. Instructor: Jenny Cowgill

Trash to Treasure Camp
July 10-12 • 1-3:30 pm • Fee: $70
Recommended for ages 7 & up. Use paper mache and recyclables to create animal sculptures and wall hangings full of fun and whimsy! Instructor: Jenny Cowgill.

Irish Sessions at Decatur Brew Works
July 12, 19 & 26 • 6-7:30 pm • Fee: $75
Adults 18 and older.
Join Dr. Neal Smith, Millikin University professor, on Wednesday nights at Decatur Brew Works for an introduction to Irish music and song using various instruments (whistle, bodhran, guitar, etc.). This three-week class will follow the long-standing tradition of the “Irish Session” and culminate July 26, when we’ll be joined by Broken Brogue, Decatur’s own Celtic folk band. Irish whistle included.

Social Dance Series - Level One
Thursdays, August 3-24 • 7-8 pm • Fee: $32
Open to ages 16+. For those who are brand new to ballroom dancing or looking to improve their skills.

Grants Support Local Arts
Is your not-for-profit organization, school, church, or arts group planning in arts-focused project or program in the next 12 months? The Decatur Area Arts Council’s Community and Education Grants Program offers financial support to help you with your event or creative learning experience... for example, supplies for a class or camp, a theatre professional to help with your next stage production, or sheet music to expand your band’s library.

We provide financial assistance to qualified applicants in Macon County and the towns of Assumption, Clinton, Moweaqua, Pana, and Taylorville. Grant awards range on average from $200 to $1200. Download the Guidelines and Application online at www.decaturarts.org/grants/ or request by phone at 217-423-3189. The deadline for the next round of grants is October 1.

A recent grant assisted Millikin Univeristy’s School of Theatre and Dance with production expenses for Exhausted Paint: The Death of Van Gogh.
IRELAND: CELTIC NATION
Exhibit open through July 26
Our Summer Arts & Culture Exhibit explores the rich history and culture of Ireland, from pre-history to modern times. You’ll love our featured Celtic stained-glass windows, which are a part of Decatur’s own history! Explore our Thinkwell Sensory Station where you can make a “brass rubbing” from the Book of Kells, touch a real sheepskin, and examine some Irish coins and shamrocks up close!

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL MODERN QUILT GUILD SHOWCASE
August 4–24
This group exhibit will feature a number of small “art” quilts, plus a few larger quilts, created in modern quilting styles. Modern quilters work in different styles and define modern quilting in different ways. Characteristics often include the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work.

First Friday Gallery Walk
August 4, 5-7 pm
Also visit Blue Connection and Gallery 510

TERRY RATHJE
September 1–28
Award-winning professor of art, author, and working artist, Terry Rathje puts the “fun” in functional! Terry creates furniture, sculpture, assemblage, and installation pieces designed with the eye of an artist and the skill of a craftsman. This exhibit will feature a variety of creations guests are encouraged to interact with and respond to.

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