

Artists Wanted for Shelby Township's 29th Annual Art Fair

The Shelby Township Art Fair Committee invites artists from near and far to exhibit at its 29th Annual Art Fair, always held on the second week of August in the park-like setting of the Shelby Township Municipal Grounds. Artists that create their own works in paint, wood, glass, clay, photography, jewelry, fibers, and more are being sought to exhibit in the Fair. Since its inception the Shelby Township Art Fair has become an event that many look forward to visiting and has grown to be a favorite for those looking for a great way to spend a summer day with the family and find that special piece for their home or themselves. The Committee is planning some new attractions to this year's Fair and encourages anyone interested in participating to contact Pam Reinhardt at the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department via email at preinhardt@shelbytwp.org or by phone at 586-731-0300.

What's New for 2012?

- Model Sailboat Races throughout the weekend on Heritage Garden Lake
- DIA Inside Out Exhibit
- Youth Art Exhibition and Competition*
- Sand Sculpture Exhibition and Kid's Sand Play Area* – Sponsorship Available
- Chalk Art – Sponsorship Available*
- Free Drawing Lessons for Adults and Children* – Sponsorship Available
- Cirque Amongus Performances – Sponsorship Available
- Old-time Craft Demonstrations*
- Kid's Mural Painting Area – Sponsorship Available
- Local and Michigan Made Products Area*
- Sponsor "Swag" Tote Bag for Artists and First 400 Attendees

*These features are dependent on funding and/or community response



The Shelby Township Municipal Grounds, located at 52700 Van Dyke Avenue, just south of 24 Mile Road, makes for a festive, friendly atmosphere for artists to exhibit and sell their own works. This is a juried fair where buy/sell products are not permitted. It features spacious grassy 15' x 15' exhibit areas, shade trees, large crowds, family entertainment, a craft and activity area for children, and many new attractions, making it a show for all ages to enjoy. The Jury/Application fee is \$10 and the booth fee is \$140. Admission, parking and a shuttle bus service are both free, and plenty of tasty refreshments are available for purchase.

Contributions assist in allowing Shelby Township and the Art Fair Committee to provide a free quality family oriented event to the community. Monies collected help to offset costs incurred for entertainment and attractions, the Kid's Craft and Activity Area, awards for winning artists, and event promotion as well as the general operating costs of hosting an event of this magnitude. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to support the arts locally by becoming a sponsor for the 2012 Art Fair. There are new options for sponsors which include having a logo printed on the "Swag Bag" and having promotional items from your business or organization inserted into them. More information is available from the Shelby Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

The 2012 Fair dates are Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 with operating hours from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. The application deadline of April 1st is quickly approaching, so interested artists are encouraged to contact the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department by phone at 586-731-0300, via email at preinhardt@shelbytwp.org or to visit the Parks and Recreation website at www.shelbytwp.org/departments/prm to download an application.