

Current and Upcoming Events in the WVAA

The 35th Annual Art in the Park
Saturday & Sunday, September 11 & 12, 2010 (The Weekend after Labor Day...)

It seems like September is months away... but plans are in full force for "Art in the Park". "**Wausau's Artrageous Weekend**", which includes "**Art in the Park**" in the historic Exhibition Building and East Gate Hall in Marathon Park, "**Festival of Arts**" in the downtown square and "**Birds in Art**" at the Woodson Art Museum, should again be a full and fun weekend! Mark your calendar for Sept. 10, 11 & 12, 2010!

Now is the time for you to make plans to be involved at Art in the Park as a Volunteer.

Included with the newsletter is a **stamped and addressed pink Volunteer Postcard** for you to mark with your preferences as a volunteer, and return to Jan Pflieger. Following is a list of benefits for volunteers, and then a list of volunteer opportunities before, during and after "Art in the Park".

A **Volunteer information meeting** will be held Thursday, **August 26th at 6:00 pm** at the **Trail's End Restaurant**. Appetizers will be served and sponsored by the WVAA. Parking passes, schedules, T-shirts, and information regarding each volunteer responsibility will be distributed. Volunteer hours (1-2) can be gained at this time following the meeting with the assembly of the registration packets, cutting out booth markers, and prep. of materials for the children's craft area. Supplies will be provided.

Volunteers will receive:

For volunteering FOUR hours: (Remember, you can obtain 2 hours for work done after the volunteer meeting, and then you only need 2 more hours on the "Art in the Park" weekend!)

- 1) **All 1st time Art in the Park Volunteers** will receive their **very own tie-dyed t-shirt** that will identify them as a volunteer. Tie-dyed shirts run about one size smaller with the tie-dying process. **Those that received the T-shirt in the previous years, please wear it again this year when you volunteer.** If you need to change sizes, please mark this on your post card, and bring your original T-shirt with you to exchange at the Aug. 26th volunteer meeting. The volunteer T-shirts are intended **to help the exhibitors to identify WVAA volunteers AND increase visibility of the members' volunteer work to the public.**
- 2) **Free convenient parking** footsteps away from the East Gate Hall, with easy access, **IF** you have a Volunteer Parking Pass. Parking passes will be distributed at the volunteer meeting and at Art in the Park Registration in East Gate Hall, Friday Sept 11th 8am- 8pm.
- 3) **Free appetizers** at the Volunteer meeting
- 4) The **satisfying feeling** of participating in and making a positive contribution to the Wisconsin Valley Art Association and your community!!
- 5) **Participate in the Member Booth for current WVAA members with no fee.** (See separate pages with specific information to this benefit and registration form.
- 6) **WVAA Members with an exhibitor booth** in the Exhibition Building have special permission to set up their booth before Noon on Friday. Volunteering need not occur during the show hours. Please see list of volunteer opportunities.

SIX or more hours: In addition to the benefits for FOUR hours, listed above:

- 1) Receive a free **picnic ticket** for the Saturday, Sept. 11th Evening Picnic. The Picnic menu will be similar to last year's and will again feature the smoked pork chops and pumpkin bars.

OR

2) **\$5 voucher toward food** from the Art in the Park Food Venders.

Please mark your preference on the volunteer postcard.

Ten or more Hours In addition to the benefits for FOUR and SIX hours, listed above:

1) An **additional Free Picnic Ticket OR**

2) **\$5 voucher toward food** from “Art in the Park” Food Venders

Please mark your preference on the volunteer postcard

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Volunteer activities extend from weeks and months before the event...then go into full swing at Marathon Park in the Exhibition Building and East Gate Hall and surrounding grounds from Friday morning ...until Sunday evening of the **September 10-12, 2010 weekend!**

Following is a list of volunteer activities:

Before the Weekend/At the Volunteer Meeting August 26 at 6 pm at the Trail’s End

- 1) Distributing the green Advertising Postcards and “Art in the Park” brochures before the show
- 2) Obtain ads for the Brochure
- 3) Running errands/pick up and unload supplies
- 4) Assisting with stuffing the registration packets and envelopes for application mailings
- 5) Prepare Children’s Craft items (cutting)
- 6) Prepare /Cut out Exhibitor Booth Signs

Friday morning 7 am -11am/noon

- 1) Running errands/pick up and unload supplies, move supplies to Children’s craft area
- 2) Label Booths in Exhibition Building
- 3) Hanging up signs, posters, and banners in and on Exhibition Building and parking areas
- 4) Hanging up signs, posters, and banners in and on East Gate Hall
- 5) Mark off and label booths in East Gate Hall
- 6) Set up of Member Booth in South West hallway in the Exhibition Building
- 7) Prepare for Registration
- 8) Butterfly chalk drawings on sidewalk and walkways
- 9) Set up Children’s Craft area
- 10) Food Vendor and picnic area/tent set up
- 11) Parking signs and set up
- 12) Distribute Cell Phones for info booths, Member booth, Children’s craft, etc.
- 13) Registration, Information Booths and Member booth Cash Boxes

Friday 11am- 8pm

- 1) Registration
- 2) Exhibitor Parking Barricades and Guides
- 3) Exhibitor Information Booth
- 4) Continue with all unfinished tasks from Friday morning

Saturday 8am – 5pm and Sunday 9am -4 pm (in 2 hour shifts)

- 1) Information Booths, Tote Bag sales and sell Tickets for Butterfly Release
- 2) WVAA Member Booth- selling artwork
- 3) Parking Gate attendants for Volunteer and Handicapped Parking lot by East Gate Hall
- 4) Pamphlet Distribution

- 5) Children's Craft Area: monitoring supplies & overseeing area (parent's assist children)
- 6) Booth Relief for Exhibitors for Lunch and Bathroom Breaks

Sunday 3:30 pm until done (usually 8 pm, but sooner if there is more help)

- 1) Pick up evaluations and name tags from exhibitors
- 2) Take down Member Booth
- 3) Take down all signs, posters and banners,
- 4) Pack and load up all supplies and equipment
- 5) Transport supplies and equipment to storage (storage area to be decided)
- 6) Unload supplies for storage

You get the idea! There is something for everyone! Volunteers are needed!

Please complete the stamped & self addressed volunteer postcard and mail it by August 7th. Mark your choice of time, day and activity as 1st and 2nd choices, OR if you are able to volunteer for multiple times, days or activities, so we may match people with their preferences.

We have enclosed the self-addressed and stamped postcard for your convenience so you can respond at no cost. Please return it, even if you are not able to participate this year. Just mark this in comments. **The Volunteer committee will follow-up with phone calls to those who do not return the postcard. Send in your volunteer post card today!**

Questions? Call Jan at 715-675-7740 or Lee Ann at 715-581-1484.

Art in the Park Volunteers' Meeting
and Board and Committee Members Meetings:

Thursday, August 26th 6-7pm at the Trail's End Bar & Restaurant.

Trail's End is located on the west end of Sherman Street, past Wausau Steel, PDM Bridge, follow the signs and Road toward the river... and there it is! We will meet in the Restaurant

Art in the Park Volunteers:

YOU!! ☺

We will be finalizing arrangements for Art in the Park, answering any volunteering questions, and completing the volunteer schedule. We will be handing out information and parking passes to all **volunteers**. The Volunteer T-shirts will be available for those volunteers who have marked on their volunteer post card (and returned it by the August 7th deadline) to exchange or receive their volunteer T-shirts. Snacks/ a light meal will be provided. Drinks/Beverages will be available for purchase at the Trail's End Bar.

After the Volunteer Meeting, we will work on prepping items for the children's craft area, cutting butterflies for booth tags, and other work needed for Art in the Park activities. Depending on the number of volunteers and amount of work, this may be 1-3 hours.

These hours will count towards your Art in the Park Volunteer Hours.

Board Members: Audrey Wilde, Kerry Krueger, Jan Pflieger, Lee Ann Schulz, Mary Thompson, and Jill Viergutz

Committee Members: Lynn Block, Shyanne Borchardt, Rick Builer, Karen Mielke, Rosie Schilling, Sandy Schulz, Mabel Tousignant, Gail Jaeger, Bobby Walker, and Barbara and Gary Yeast.

