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Deerfield Welcomes Summer with 14th annual Fine Arts Festival; More than 70 Artists Will Show Their Talents June 3 & 4

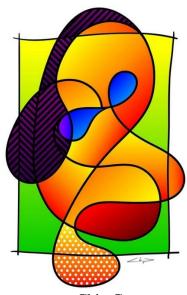
The Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts kicks off its 14th annual juried weekend of art, music, food and fun with more than 70 juried artists Saturday and Sunday June 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Park Avenue north of Deerfield Road and west of Waukegan Road.

The Festival will feature artists representing media such as painting, wood, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, mixed media and ceramics.

This year's featured artists are Ann Prey, Chip Cox and Dan Bondroff.



Ann Prey



Chip Cox

Ann Prey, a jeweler from Nekoosa, WI, travels the world in search of the right jewels to create her eclectic designs. My work is hand created through different techniques learned over the years from metal smiths and inspired by different cultures. I live on a lake and watch the natural forms water takes; dancing in the wind, sparkling in the waters. I use various metals and in the end the piece is balanced in color, texture and size. An enameled embellishment at the closure is my signature.

Chip Cox, from Libertyville, IL, sketches out his ideas on a tablet, creating dozens of sketches before he's satisfied with one. He then paints using a computer often adding patterns.



Dan Bondroff

Dan Bondroff, a mixed media artist from Miami, FL, uses soft pastel, pencil, charcoal on hand dyed paper with the occasional use of metallic spray paint, foil leaf and found objects.

In addition to the wonderful artists, the festival features live music from local Chicago musicians; Aryk Crowder, Sonic Soul, Patchouli and Grammy nominated Kevin Lucas. Deerfield's' own, Painting Time Now, is sponsoring the Junior Artist Tent which offers hands on art activities for the younger crowd. We also have international food, ice cream and smoothies.

For more information, contact D & W Events, Inc., <u>www.dwevents.org</u> or 847/726-8669.

The Deerfield Fine Arts Commission acts in an advisory capacity for the Mayor and Board of Trustees and was created to help to showcase the arts and act as a clearinghouse for the arts in the Deerfield community. Co-sponsored by the Village of Deerfield and the Deerfield Park District, the Festival of Fine Arts is coordinated by D & W Events of Long Grove, Illinois.

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