

Chamber News

August 2013

26TH ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL CELEBRATES WINTHROP

Exciting plans have been made for this year's Sidewalk Art Festival: *A Celebration of Winthrop* on Saturday, August 17 (rain or shine), from 10 am to 4 pm in downtown Winthrop. The event is being expanded to include many new artists, increase community involvement, and incorporate features, such as entertainment, refreshments, and other activities—all to enhance the festival atmosphere.

Sponsored by the Chamber, the event is known as one of the best art festivals in Maine, featuring many high-quality artists and drawing attendees from throughout the region. Creations by artists who work in a variety of media—including fabric, leather, metal, oils, watercolors, wood, and pottery—will be exhibited. (See page 2 for full list of artists.) Demonstrations by painter Mark Christopher and woodcarver Todd Park are new this year.



Mark Christopher is one of the artists giving demonstrations at the Art Festival. Shown here is Christopher's painting July Winthrop Evening.

Given this year's theme, "A Celebration of Winthrop," the artists' exhibits will be complemented by many other special activities in Winthrop, including a concert, fundraisers, and church bake sales and luncheons.

In addition to viewing and purchasing the amazing art on display, attendees will have the opportunity to take advantage of these special activities, as well as numerous discounts and specials offered by local merchants. The plans include the following:

- The 2nd Annual Family Barbecue & Gumbo Festival to End Hunger—hosted by the Rotary Club of the Winthrop Area—at the football field behind the police station from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Pig roast, spareribs, chicken and sausage gumbo, collard greens, and all the fixings. Vegetarian and gluten-free delectables, too. Fun for the entire family. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$30 per family. Proceeds to benefit the Winthrop Food Pantry, Winthrop Hot Meal Kitchen, and other charities.

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SUPPORT THE ART FESTIVAL & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WINTHROP LAKES REGION!

It's not too late to join the following sponsors:

Cobbossee Motel
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Winthrop Commerce Center
Winthrop Fuel Co., Inc.

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- A free concert—made possible by the Town of Winthrop—from 2 to 4 pm at Norcross Point featuring the unique, high-energy bluegrass sounds of the Muddy Marsh Ramblers. Check them out at www.muddymarshramblers.com.
- The Winthrop Congregational Church will be holding its annual “Luncheon on the Lawn” & Bake Sale from 9 am to 2 pm. Lots of baked goodies and RADA cutlery will be on sale. The luncheon begins at 11 am with a menu that includes lobster salad/chicken salad rolls. All proceeds will benefit the missions of the church.
- The Winthrop Farmers’ Market will be held as usual from 9 am to 1 pm in the Winthrop Town Office parking lot. In addition to the usual farm vendors, crafts vendors will be participating.
- A bike safety rodeo from 10 am to noon at the Winthrop Grade School parking lot. Grade school age bicyclists can have their bikes and helmets checked for safety and practice their biking skills on an obstacle course! Snacks and drawing for “I Play Outside” t-shirt and other prizes. Sponsored by the Winthrop Recreation Committee and the Maine Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Coalition.
- Your Maine Stamper will be hosting its annual “Crafters’ Yard Sale,” featuring tables with craft supplies and tools and one-of-a-kind creations for sale from 9 am to noon. In addition, Your Maine Stamper will be open all day and having sales on a variety of craft items including papers from all over the world.

For more detailed information about the Art Festival, please go to www.winthropchamber.org, call 207-377-8020, or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.



Todd Park from A Moment in Time Art Gallery and Workshop is giving demonstrations at the Art Festival.

The Line-up of Artists for the 26TH ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL

Scott Ainsworth
Diane Amos
Ardys Arlin
Sharon Boody-Dean
Mark Christopher
Ruth Crovo
Gail Desjardins
Karen Dittman
Anna Edmondson
Susan Elliot
Sharon Field
Dawna Gardner
Kiri Guyaz
Alec Hartman
Diane Harwood
Cindy Heyse-David
Martha Hoddinott
Marvin Jacobs
Ronald Jubinville/Joan Bellucci
Denis Leblanc
Shell Moore
Todd Park
Doreen Paul-Hebda
Irene Rothe
Roland Simard
Mary Kay Spencer
Nancy Trider
Janice Tucker
Diane Wheeler
Sharon Williams

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Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the Art Festival whets your appetite for adventures in art, you may be interested in the Art Tromp at Vaughan Homestead in Hallowell, hosted by the **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)** on Monday, August 26. The “Art Tromp” is an Andy Goldsworthy-inspired walk through the woods, in which materials are gathered on location to create a collaborative installation. Led by Manon Whittlesey of Spinoff, director of Morphee Creative, and working artist. Time TBA (will be late morning to early afternoon). Participants will meet at the Vaughan Homestead, 2 Litchfield Road, Hallowell. Preregister by calling 207-377-2848 or emailing glamarche@tklt.org.

The Town of Winthrop’s 4th Annual Concerts at Norcross Point, sponsored by the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union** and **Kennebec Savings Bank**, continues this month. All of the concerts will be held Sundays from 2 to 4pm with the exception of August 17th (which is scheduled to coincide with the Art Festival). The concerts are free of charge and will be held at the Norcross Point Gazebo by the Boat Landing off Bowdoin Street in Winthrop.



The Concerts at Norcross Point in August are:

August 4: Nasty Habits

August 11: Make-up date/rain date

August 17 (Saturday): Muddy Marsh Ramblers

August 18: Variety day featuring Caleb Orion and the Rob Carlton Band. Local performers and members of the public are invited to participate.

August 25: Bertha's Crib

For more information, please contact Elizabeth McKenney, Volunteer Coordinator, at 207-620-6231 or bettybizarre@aim.com.



New to the Rotary: Left to Right: Front: (Incoming) President Patrice Putman, new members Kaitlyn Ireland, Catherine Lewis, Kristin Guerette, and Sarah Fuller. Back: Immediate Past President Craig Hickman and Vice President Jeff Woolston. Absent from the photo are Secretary Ryan Frost and Treasurer Phil McSweeney, both continuing to serve.

In June, the **Winthrop Area Rotary Club** installed new officers and members at an informal Pot Luck dinner held at Annabessacook Farm Bed & Breakfast. The Winthrop Area Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International which is a global network of community volunteers. The Club meets weekly, graciously hosted by the American Legion Post 40, Tuesdays at 7: 30 am. More information on the Club and its activities can be found on the web at WinthropAreaRotary.org and on [Facebook.com/Winthrop.Rotary](https://www.facebook.com/Winthrop.Rotary). Visitors and guests are always welcome at meetings.



WINTHROP LAKES REGION
CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

Dear Fellow Art Patron:

The 26th Annual Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Art Festival is being held Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm. If you are interested in supporting the Festival by becoming an event sponsor, please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible to:

Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 51
Winthrop, Maine 04364

If you have any questions about sponsorship, please feel free to call me at 377-2124.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Seguin, Executive Director
Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

Yes, I would like to be an event sponsor. Enclosed is my check for:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$150 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1000

No, I cannot participate this year, but please contact me next year.