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Lewiston Art Festival returns following 'lost year'

One of Niagara County's premier summer festivals returns next weekend, filling streets with art and music.

"The Lewiston Art Festival is back!" organizer the Lewiston Council on the Arts stated. "After 2020, the 'lost year,' we are excited to present this signature Lewiston event with some modifications and following CDC guidelines."

Events begin Saturday and run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. along Center Street. The Art Festival will showcase the work of more than 130 professional and student artists representing nine states. In keeping with the LCA's commitment to foster the development of young artists, College Alley will again feature the work of high school and college students (near Eighth Street), providing them an opportunity to gain exhibiting experience without adhering to the more stringent requirements for professional artists.

"Don't miss this chance to start collecting the work of these emerging artists," LCA stated.

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Pictured is 2021 Art Festival featured artist Lori DeFazio.



Niagara County Purple Heart ceremony set for Saturday



Niagara County Clerk Joseph A. Jastrzemski, Legislature Majority Leader Randy Bradt, Veteran Services Director Jeff Glatz and Ron Krul, president of the Niagara County Purple Heart Chapter, on Tuesday raised the Purple Heart flag outside of the Niagara County Courthouse as a lead up to National Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7. Each year, the day is dedicated to honoring service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives on the front lines. It also honors military personnel who have suffered a life-altering injury due to combat.

In 2019, Niagara County became a Purple Heart County and maintains an official book of all known residents who have received a Purple Heart. That number currently stands at 258 people. This year, 87 more residents will be inducted into the Purple Heart Book during a recognition ceremony on Purple Heart Day.

The 2021 Niagara County, Frank J. Gaffney Purple Heart recognition ceremony is slated for Saturday at the Raymond Klimek Veteran's Park, 700 River Road, North Tonawanda. The American Legion Band of the Tonawandas will begin playing at 6:30 p.m. The formal ceremony follows at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Amvets Post No. 26 and will feature the Niagara Falls ARS Honor Guard, Hogs and Heroes, and a flyover by the Niagara County Sheriff's Marine and Helicopter Division. The public and media are invited to attend. Members of the public should bring their own chairs.

Pictured, from left: Bradt, Krul, Glatz and Jastrzemski

Tuscarora Historical Society aids monument upkeep



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Members of the Tuscarora Historical Society arrived in force last Saturday to help with landscaping chores at Lewiston's Tuscarora Heroes Monument at Portage and Center streets. From left: Katrina Green, Wendy Bissell, Pete Schiffert, Kelly Chew and Vince Schiffert. Not in the photo: Olivia Rickard and Chase Davis.

Interestingly, several of the Tuscarorans explained that what white citizens may think are weeds are considered strong medicine plants to the Native Americans. Those plants were saved.

The Tuscarora Historical Society was formed to promote and strengthen the Tuscarora Nation's sense of history and identity and has sponsored several conferences and events that celebrate the Tuscarora culture and traditions.

The Tuscarora Heroes Monument was dedicated in 2013 to honor the Tuscarora natives who saved the lives of Lewiston citizens during the War of 1812 British attack. The monument, sponsored by the Historical Association of Lewiston, was the largest War of 1812 Bicentennial project in the nation.



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