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Thanks to all who made 'Bug Fest' a fun afternoon!



Left: Chainsaw Chix Sara Wojtowecz with "Book Worm" • Daughters of Creative Sound

Seneca ("Bug") Park was buzzing with activity a few Saturdays ago, during the first "Bug Fest." The weather was perfect, and more than 140 kids and adults enjoyed an afternoon of bug-themed activities, displays and demonstrations.

Sponsored by Lewiston Council on the Arts (LCA) and in partnership with the Lewiston Library, the afternoon began with a story read by children's librarian Ann Seika followed by an awe-inspiring release of Painted Lady butterflies that had been incubating in the children's room in the weeks before. Eran Colbus of Beegotten Farm brought a fascinating demo bee hive and Samantha Biniecki and Mary Kate Fonzi shared their exten-

sive bug collections at both the library and the event. There was "Bug Bingo," bug-themed music and lots of charming photos with Lord and Lady Bugg (thanks to good sports Tom and Anna Fontana).

A highlight of the afternoon featured Chainsaw Chix Sara Wojtowecz who worked on a butterfly carving and also put the finishing touches on a charming, two-seater bookworm bench that LCA donated to the children's room of the Library.

The finale featured the Daughters of Creative Sound who enthralled the audience with storytelling and drumming. All the children went home with a gift bag of "Bug Bite" cookies, honey sticks to sample, butterfly masks,

a butterfly or spider craft to make, a bug facts coloring book and milkweed seeds to plant for our monarch butterfly friends!

Thank you to each and every one who helped make it a fun afternoon for kids of all ages. Special thanks to Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm; Cataract Printing; our volunteers Gene Kulbago, Pat McDonald and David Seide; and, of course, our sponsors at Arts Services Inc. (ASI). "Bug Fest" was sponsored by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature with a decentralization grant administered through ASI.

Irene Rykaszewski
Executive Director

Lewiston Council on the Arts

Thanks for a great 'Summer of '69'

"Come on people now/Smile on your brother/Everybody get together/Try and love one another right now." – The Youngbloods.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt "thank you!" to the musicians, sponsors, media friends, photographers and volunteers who helped to make the "Summer of '69" event such a resounding success!

"Notwithstanding a light rain that fell throughout the evening's festivities, the crowd danced and the bands played on with a joyful enthusiasm that only music can inspire," band member Tim Walton said.

First and foremost, thank you, thank you, thank you to our fearless leaders – Tom Pieroni and Chuck Scruhari – for the time, energy, passion and diplomacy it takes to organize a huge event

like this. We also offer a heart load of thanks to all the talented musicians who came back to Lewiston to perform for free at this memorable reunion and art council fundraiser.

The musicians include: Vanik Alojan, Gary Baker, Bill Bates, Gouv Cadwalader, Rick Catanese, Frank Fracassi, Frank Geracitano, Robert Johnson, Abigail Nashwinter, Ray O'Keefe, Pamela Johnson Perrin, Tom Pieroni, Patrick Sciarino, Chuck Scruhari, Brandy Scruhari, Victoria Spanbauer, Jenna Stinnis, Kevin Toohey, Nik Walton, Tim Walton and Rip Westmoreland. Without you, there wouldn't be a "Summer of '69!"

The "Summer of '69" would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors: Severson Environmental Services, Modern Corporation and the Stone House. We also applaud our elected officials at the Village and the Town of Lewiston, who recognize the enormous impact of the arts in our community and support our efforts to make Lewiston the grooviest place on earth!

Peace, love and rock 'n' roll from all of us at Lewiston Council on the Arts!

Eva Nicklas

Lewiston Council on the Arts

Art Festival Highlights

•Modern Corporation co-sponsors the "Modern Art Awards" given in seven categories: painting, photography, graphic arts, sculpture, mixed media, artistic crafts (ceramics, wood, fiber, glass) and jewelry.

•The Michael McMahon Memorial Award will be given to a watercolor artist and is sponsored by friends of McMahon, who was a well-known instructor and watercolorist.

•A "Best Booth" award is also chosen. This year's judges are retired art teacher Fay Northrop and Ed Cardoni, E.D., of Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center.

•The Barroom Buzzards and the 12/8 Path Band will add their musical merriment to the Art Festival.

•Henepin Park Gazebo will be transformed into an Iroquois Market, which LCA stated "brings to life the rich culture of our Haudenosaunee friends and neighbors. Join us for a celebration of traditional and contemporary Native American culture expressed through art, music, drumming and dance, featuring our host and emcee, Randy Greene, the Niagara River Iroquois Dancers, Dan Hill (flute), Haudenosaunee Singers, and singer/songwriters Mark Porter and Darryl Tonemah."

•With some COVID-19 restrictions still in place, the traditional Chalk Walk has again gone virtual. The "Chalk YOUR Walk Competition" allows artists from across the state to try their hand at crafting a mural.

"We opened up the competition to anyone in New York state and people could compete from the comfort of their driveway, parking lot, path or park," LCA said. "This year's theme was 'Imagine, Explore & Create!' Judges will select the Best of Show winner (\$500 prize), and all the submissions will be posted on our Lewiston Arts Council Facebook page. People's Choice Award (\$250) will be determined by online voting."

Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. Saturday. •The information booth at Center and Fifth streets will offer this year's colorful Art Festival T-shirt. The 2021 image is designed by artist Lori DeFazio to commemorate the occasion.

•Visit the ArtZone located next to the information booth. LCA said, "It's all about making it fun for the kids! The Lewiston Public Library will sponsor a free, hands-on art activity, so while you're 'in the zone,' kids of all ages can make a piece of sand art jewelry."

The Art Festival continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. With a pedestrian-friendly layout, Center Street will be closed off to cars from Fourth to Eight streets from late Friday night until late Sunday night.

For the safety and comfort of two- and four-legged friends, LCA strongly discourages bringing non-service dogs to the event. Staging a Comeback Though residents, elected leaders and members of the media speculated the Art Festival would return in 2021, only the LCA knew what logistics would be required to welcome back the event – and the thousands who will attend.

"We really didn't know the festival would be a go until all the restrictions were lifted" in the spring, LCA said. "Up until that point, we tentatively planned for a festival with distanced vendors and vaccine recommendations for everyone."

Though 2020 was used by many as a time to streamline and/or modernize events, LCA said the time off was not helpful. "It didn't help us to plan a new festival ... because we spent the time strategizing how to have a COVID-era festival. Strategizing included how to get the organization through a year with no revenue-generating events, lost sponsorships and furloughs."

As such, "What's new are the things we had to eliminate to have a safe event. Restrictions were lifted so late in the planning process that it was too late to reinstate some features of the festival."

Still, LCA noted, "Despite fewer artists, visitors can expect the quality of art that's always been a feature of the festival."

And for those wondering, LCA noted, "In 2022 we are looking to

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and

HIGH SCHOOL CHALK WALK COMPETITION

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David Smith of the Mohawk Nation. (Photo by Ray Lonsdale/submitted by LCA)

Lori DeFazio

David Smith of the Mohawk Nation. (Photo by Ray Lonsdale/submitted by LCA)



re-invent a new Chalk Walk event ... on the street."

Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch said, "We are very excited to welcome back the 55th annual Lewiston Art Festival. Lewiston has never looked better, and people are ready to stroll down Center Street and enjoy the many artists and their works. I would like to ex-

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tend my sincere appreciation to the Lewiston Council on the Arts for their service, dedication and hard work in making the Art Festival one of our best festivals!"

Lewiston's reputation as a thriving arts community and cultural epicenter is due in no small part to the annual Lewiston Art Festival.

The showcase has been named one of the "Top Cultural Destinations" by First Sunday Magazine; a "Summer Festival Showcase Event" by the Bi-National Niagara Tourism Alliance; and one of US News, "10 Perfect Places to Plan a Trip."

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