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## **Deerfield Welcomes Summer with 12th annual Fine Arts Festival; 150 Artists Will Show Their Talents May 31 & June 1**

The Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts kicks off its 12th annual juried weekend of art, music, food and fun with 150 registered artists Saturday and Sunday May 31 & June 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Park Avenue north of Deerfield Road and west of Waukegan Road. Artists representing media such as painting, wood, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, mixed media and ceramics hail from 28 states, some as far away as New Mexico and Canada.

Our featured artist is Debra Dembowski, a Mixed Media artist and Wisconsin native. Debra was the Best of Show winner in 2013 and has participated in the festival since its inception. "The inspiration for my work is found in nature. I have a great reverence for the beauty and magic of the natural world. The humanlike faces that I place on the flowers, bees, frogs, etc are a symbol of the observable innate intelligence of all living things."



Debra Dembowski

Born in Palo Alto, Frederick Prescott, the oldest son of the chief inventor and owner of the Universal Coin Meter Company, Prescott began working with metal at the age of six. Everything surrounding him in the world serves as a constant inspiration to Fredrick Prescott. The vibrant colors that find their way into his sculptures are drawn from the distinctively electric palette of the contemporary world.

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Frederick Prescott

Our final featured artist, Lisa Williams is from our own hometown, Chicago. “My work encompasses all aspects of jewelry making. Each piece is a unique hand fabricated design from silver flat sheet and wire with emphasis on comfort of wearability and elegance. My designs boast an urban flair, characterized by delicate and intricate textures and wire patterns, leafy designs and unusual gemstones. “



Lisa Williams

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Music lovers will find something for everyone. Appearing at the fest is Kraig Kenning, winner of First Place Honors at the National Slide Guitar Convention; Violinist Edgar Gabriel was an electric violinist with Cirque du Soleil and appeared with Ravi Shankar, Bon Jovi and Jimmy Cliff. Patchouli, songwriter and guitar duo, has been described as “the harmonies of Simon and Garfunkel meet the guitar brilliance of Rodrigo y Gabriela”

Classical Oasis will play both Saturday and Sunday, all hours of the festival. The Classical Oasis project seeks to foster growth and development of young classical musicians by providing paid opportunities to perform, develop, and to showcase young talent within local communities across the U.S.

The music schedule is as follows:

#### SATURDAY

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Aryk Crowder
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	TBA
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Kraig Kenning
10 am - 5 pm	Classical Oasis

#### SUNDAY

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Patchouli
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Edgar Gabriel's String Fusion
10 am - 5 pm	Classical Oasis

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. Sponsors include Deerfield Fine Arts Commission, Village of Deerfield, Deerfield Park District, Renewal by Andersen, Home Improvement Network, Pioneer Press and Deerfields Bakery.

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