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Deerfield Welcomes Summer with 9th annual Fine Arts Festival; More than 100 Artists Will Show Their Talents June 4 & 5

The Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts kicks off its 9th annual juried weekend of art, music, food and fun with 100 registered artists, including Deerfield's own watercolorist Barbara Roseman, on Saturday and Sunday June 4 & 5 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, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, mixed media and ceramics hail from 20 states, some as far away as Arizona, California and even Canada. Highlighted artists this year (see images) include Fiona Collins, an oil painter born in South Africa. Fiona moved to Israel in 1980 where she studied and received a Bachelor of Fine Art Degree at Haifa University. In 1991 she immigrated to Canada where she creates paintings expressing the belief that we can love life despite any adversity. Other highlighted artisans include Ward Siegler, a jeweler from Wisconsin, Bob Wilfong, a sculptor from Washington, and David Gilbertsen, an acrylic painter from Wisconsin. Also featured is Prince Duncan-Williams, a fiber artist from Ghana, now living in Nevada, who combines African and American culture in silk creations, inspired by Jazz Music, Picasso, Native Art, Rhythm and Harmony.



Fiona Collins, Oil



Ward Siegler, Jewelry

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Bob Wilfong, Sculpture



Prince Duncan-Williams, Fiber

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 Max Zt plays the hammered dulcimer and has appeared with Ravi Shankar, Bon Jovi and Jimmy Cliff. Nicole Garza has recorded with Wyclef Jean and Fergie and kicked off the after party for the Janet Jackson's concert in Chicago.

The music schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Kraig Kenning
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Edgar Gabriel's StringFusion
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Max Zt

SUNDAY

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Patchouli
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Nicole Garza
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Out of Control Band

Food for Art will provide salads, grilled brats, burgers, hot dogs and chicken. There will also be ice cream, fruit smoothies and nuts.

According to Mayor Rosenthal: "This may well be one of the best fine arts festivals we have ever held. Quality and variety will be found in every vendor and booth. We are indebted to the work of the Fine Arts Commission and D & W Events for undertaking this weekend of arts in Deerfield."

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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, Align Wellness Centers, Renewal by Andersen, Karen Rodgers Photography, Home Improvement Network, Pioneer Press, The Home Improvement Network and Deerfields Bakery.

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