

News from DubuqueFest

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DubuqueFest Fine Arts Fair Call For Artists

[DUBUQUE, IA] DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival is now accepting applications for the 34th annual juried fine art fair scheduled for May 19 & 20 in Dubuque, Iowa. All interested fine artists and fine craft artisans are encouraged to apply. The juried fine art fair features the work of 80 artists & artisans from across the region. \$1000 cash prizes are awarded to Best in Show, Second Place, & Third Place during an artist's appreciation reception on Saturday, May 20 at the Dubuque Museum.

Dubuque is quickly building a reputation as an arts & culture destination in the Midwest. Through successful arts programming and dedicated city partnerships the DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival grows along with it drawing lovers of fine art and history to the oldest festival in Iowa's first city.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application deadline is February 15, 2012

Application fee: \$110

Jury fee: \$15

Two Emerging Artist Scholarships are available.

Applications are available on the DubuqueFest website: www.dubuquefest.org. To request one by mail contact Paula at 563.564.5290 or paula@dubuquefest.org.

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DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival Awarded \$2500 from Mediacom Arts & Culture Grant Program

[DUBUQUE, IA.] DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival, scheduled for May 18-20, 2012 was awarded a \$2500 Mediacom Arts & Culture Grant last month to fund the enhancement and growth of the festival's juried fine art fair. More than \$33,000 in arts funding was awarded on October 19 to sixteen Dubuque arts groups at a luncheon held at The Grand River Center in the Port of Dubuque hosted by Kathy McMullen of Mediacom.

The DubuqueFest Fine Art Fair provides an opportunity for working artists to exhibit and viewers to experience art in an informal atmosphere. The Art Fair is free and offers hands-on interactive art activities and demonstrations that help broaden the knowledge base of the fair-goer and to promote investment and engagement in art by creating a culturally rich, non-intimidating environment that attracts people from all backgrounds. The Art Fair provides economic opportunities for cultural workers /working artists and artisans in order to aid them financially and help them become recognized as vital contributors to the economy.

"DubuqueFest's Fine Art Fair promotes a healthy buy local/buy original ethic that encourages shoppers to invest their money in regional art," said Art Fair Director, Paula Neuhaus. "Buying directly from the artists helps educate the general public about how to support quality regional art and places value on the cultural traditions that go in to hand-crafted original work."

DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival is Dubuque's longest-running festival and the only all-arts festival in the city. DubuqueFest celebrates its 34th year in 2012 and is an affiliate of the Dubuque County Fine Arts Society, a non-profits arts organization founded in 1977 whose mission is to provide the Dubuque community with free arts programming. Visit www.dubuquefes.org for more details.

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