

Expansion

Planned For THU ~~FRI~~ 2 2000 Art Festival

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The second annual Nature Art Festival is set for Aug. 12 and 13 and will include an additional site, ethnic foods and original creations from more than 70 artists.

"Last year's festival was a wonderful success and we want to build on it," said Ruth Lundin, a festival organizer.

The inaugural event in August 1999 was the first joint venture between The Roger Tory Peterson Institute and the Jamestown Audubon Nature Center. According to Ms. Lundin, 60 artists and 4,500 visitors took part in the two-day affair.

This year, the goal is to have 80 artists and 9,000 people attend.

To reach that goal a fourth venue has been added. Jamestown Community College's Physical Education Complex will host artists in "festival studios" as will the New York state Armory on Porter Avenue, RTPI and the Nature Center. JCC is the new site for 2000.

Air-conditioned shuttle bus service between sites will be offered again during the event. Jackie Arvantinos, festival co-chair, said the the shuttle bus service was well received by festival patrons. Passengers on the buses were also treated to a verbal history of sites they passed, which was interesting for visitors as well as natives, she said.

Food offered at the festival sites will be different from last year. Based on customer surveys from the 1999 festival, the committee decided to offer an expanded selection of food. John Siggins will serve as food service director and said he plans on offering a variety of multi-cultural fare.

More volunteers will be needed in order to meet the demands of the expanded festival, said Kathleen Crocker, RTPI volunteer coordinator. Volunteers are needed for three-hour shifts in hospitality, parking and various other jobs. Those who do pitch in get a free two-day festival pass, Mrs. Crocker said.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Ms. Crocker at RTPI, 665-2473, ext. 222.

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