



Driftless Area Art Festival

An Event of Community Development Alternatives, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Organization
PO Box 72, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

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The Driftless Area Art Festival marked its 13th year in 2017, and we are happy to report on another successful event.

- We experienced record art sales...estimated at \$140,000 this year, and adding up to over \$1,200,000 since we started in 2005. We've improved artists' incomes and helped make art endeavors viable businesses in our area.
- Our area is becoming known for its focus on foods, and we are part of it. Our food vendors sold over \$19,000 of local, often organic offerings.
- We've positively affected area businesses—motels, bed & breakfasts, campgrounds, restaurants, shops, service stations, orchards—who also benefit from our attendees. This year, using the established Wisconsin Department of Tourism formula, we calculated the regional economic impact of the art festival to be \$420,000.

We've made children an important component of the festival:

- Our Youth Art tent, with its KidsArt Gallery, KidsArt Creativity Zone, and Teen Art Gallery, has been a place for children and teens to express themselves and learn about art.
- Again this year, every child was able to give an artist (of any type) a "You are My Favorite Artist" award. This engaged the children and delighted the artists who received the awards.
- Auction of the 2016 winning KidsArt pieces returned \$1,025 to the art departments of area schools, and we awarded another \$500 through a drawing that included our participating schools. To date, we have contributed \$12,335 for art education in our schools.

The 2018 Driftless Area Art Festival will be held September 15-16 in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin. Again, we are asking for your support, as income from booth fees cannot sustain an event of this caliber. We are simply asking for your pledge now, and will invoice you in June, 2018.

You are indispensable to our continued success. Thank you for what you have done in the past and for helping us this year and into the future.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Liz Quebe, Co-Chairs
Lori Bekkum, Festival Coordinator
On behalf of the Driftless Area Art Festival Organizing Committee

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Festival

- 2017 event drew over 5,600 attendees
- Attendee zip codes from 255 locations, 21 states
- 84% surveys say art festival is primary purpose of trip
- Total on-site expenditures over \$160,000



Visual Arts

- Exhibitors are limited to artists from the Driftless Area
- 2017 event showcased 78 artists
- Artist sales were over \$140,000
- Surveys show that the artists consistently rate this festival very highly compared to others in which they participate



Youth Art

- KidsArt drew entries from 11 area school districts
- Kids Creativity Zone was very popular
- Auction of 2016 prize-winning pieces raised \$1,025 for school art programs students (total since inception \$10,835)
- A drawing sent another \$500 to art education (total since inception \$1,500)
- Teen Art Gallery expanded in 6th year



Culinary Arts

- Culinary arts featured regional food from organic to local to heritage selections
- Local beers and coffee were featured
- Food vendors grossed over \$19,000



Performing Arts

- Performance artists came from the Driftless Area
- Musical groups provided continuous entertainment
- Attendees extended their stays to enjoy the “concerts”



Silent Auction

- In its second year
- Participating artists donated 60 pieces of original art
- Auction raised over \$3,000 in support of the festival



Economics

- Using Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism guidelines, art festival attendees contributed \$420,000 to regional businesses (lodging, dining, shopping, services)
- The art festival operates on a break-even basis

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2018 Sponsorship Pledge

Sponsorship	Annual Investment	Recognition
Benefactor	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name on art festival website, plus linkListing in art festival program as BenefactorQuarter-page advertisement in programName in selected press releasesInvitation to Saturday evening reception
Patron	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name on art festival website, plus linkListing in art festival program as PatronOne eighth-page advertisement in programInvitation to Saturday evening reception
Supporter	\$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name on art festival website, plus linkListing in art festival program as SupporterInvitation to Saturday evening reception

Please let us know of your intention as soon as possible.

Yes, we would like to be a sponsor at the _____ level.

We will invoice you in June, 2018

Sorry, we are unable to be a sponsor this year

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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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Title: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your support of the Driftless Area Art Festival

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