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Photo by Erin Sanchez

Larry Orr, of Oxford, poses with his wooden birdhouses at the 2015 Shelby Township Art Fair.

Shelby Township Art Fair returning Aug. 13-14

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — The 33rd annual Shelby Township Art Fair will return 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, to the Shelby Township municipal grounds, located at 52700 Van Dyke Ave., south of 24 Mile Road.

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Some new features this year include an emerging artists tent where vendors will display their wares on tables, as well as a dunk tank to raise funds for the Police Department, and a scavenger hunt by the Shelby Township Optimist Club.

Returning staples will include the Detroit Flyhouse Circus; painting classes by Paint and Pour, featuring wine glasses and beer steins this year; inflatables and crafts for children; live animals from the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center; a paint-by-the-numbers mural; the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee's recycled art contest; and live music.

Art fair organizer Pam Marshall said the new emerging artists tent will feature five vendors who are just starting out and don't have enough work to fill a whole tent.

"This is a good first step to get their feet wet and see if they want to start doing more fairs," Marshall said.

At press time, she said there were approximately 56 artists, 20 crafters and 20 Michigan-made vendors coming to the fair. Along with many local artisans, Marshall said individuals from Montana, Florida, Indiana and Texas will be among the crowd.

"It'll be a nice variety," she said.

As far as food options, Marshall said visitors can choose from LuckyLunch, Scoops Traveling Ice Cream Parlor, Steiny's Restaurant & Banquet Hall, Sweet Lane Fudge Factory, Mercurio Food Specialties, NB Roasted Almonds and Old Country Kettle Corn.

Marshall said the Fire and Police departments will have representatives at the art fair with displays and interactive activities for fairgoers.

Teresa Leming, president of

the Shelby Township Optimist Club, said her organization partnered with the Shelby Township Police Department to sponsor fingerprinting kits for children and a dunk tank.

The dunk tank will be a fundraiser for Shelby Township D.A.R.E. Officer Leslie Heisler's Community Oriented Policing/Public Education Resources (C.O.P.P.E.R.) fund. D.A.R.E. stands for "Drug Abuse Resistance Education."

The current goal for the fund is to customize and outfit a mobile police education trailer. Ultimately, the fund would be used to support the department's community resource and education initiatives.

Participants will get a chance to dunk police officers and community leaders and win a doughnut, along with various other prizes.



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