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Nature photography, a variety of fine regionally created jewelry, oils, weavings, quilts, hand hook rugs and hangings, fashion sketches, pencil sketches and water colors are the artists' mediums already scheduled for Stanley's Art-in-the-Park Festival weekend Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13 at Exit 101 from State Highway 29.

It's also shaping-up as a "much more than art event" according to Stanley Business Association (SBA), the event sponsor, with a classic and muscle car show across the railroad tracks from Soo Park where the art festival is set-up under the trees, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, August 12, plus a Bulls and Barrells event at Stanley Rodeo Grounds in Chapman Park the next day, Saturday, August 13. Both days, Stanley's Citywide Yard Sales and downtown merchant sidewalk sales "along the historic Yellowstone Trail" will add variety. Stanley Farmers Market vendors from around the rural areas east and west of Stanley will be present both days with herbs, flowers, plants, vegetables, fruits and bird houses.

Live music Friday at Soo Park and a variety of food and beverage options all day long, including cotton candy and smoothies, are planned according to 3rd Annual Art-in-the-Park Committee Member Lia Campbell. She said artists are expected from many parts of Wisconsin, but there are still spaces for more. Last year the event had over 22 artists and even more are expected this year. Reservations for free space may be called to Campbell at 715-644-2262 or emailed to Jeanne@websiteswest.com .

The Stanley Republican weekly newspaper published Thursday, July 11 and available at The Republication office and at the Festival will have maps of the residential citywide sale locations and visitors can look for the bright yellow "Sale-ing Along the Yellowstone Trail" yard signs, says Publisher John McLoone, another event organizer. McLoone points out that entrance to the Soo Park event and car show on Friday is free for vendors and visitors and some profits from the sale of food and beverages will go to the SBA for promoting this and other special Stanley community events organized by the business community.

Dimi's and Deano's restaurants on Broadway in downtown Stanley will be selling broasted chicken and hickory smoked rib dinners starting at 5 p.m. Desserts will be from Alberta May's Restaurant and bakery on Fourth Avenue. Fresh Stanley IGA donuts will greet early visitors during the art show set-up which begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Mid-day food offerings include sandwiches and beverages.

Acoustic Entertainment by Davey Jones is a special feature of the 5 p.m. to 8 portion of the day's events. Jones' music features music of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Stanley Area Historical Society Museum, one block west of the Methodist Church, at 228 Helgerson Street, set special open house hours on Friday, providing tours from 1 to 3 p.m., according to Museum President Dave Jankoski. The museum's featured exhibits this summer are the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, calendars from early Stanley businesses, the City of Stanley in 1911, a Red Wing Pottery crock display and a renewed dolls and toys exhibit. Regular July and August hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. In September the museum is open only Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Artists already confirmed include Mary Lombardo from Osseo with pencil sketches of scenery and "figures with special stories such as a Civil War emphasis". She has been an artist on the Falling Leaves Art Tour in the region for 15 years.

Jewelers include Jan's Gems from Chippewa Falls. Jan Treinen says she is bringing many new earring, bracelet, anklet and necklace designs and "new prisms". Kathi Michelson, Minshu Designs in Augusta, will have handcrafted earrings and necklaces made from natural stones, pearls and glass "using traditional, wire-working and crochet techniques". Thirteen-year-old Saharra Jade from Nanawa, owner of Saharra Jade Designs, will also be selling her "fine jewelry creations".

Among Stanley's own artists will be Natures Design by 2 nature photographers Jeanie and John Doerfler with a variety of matted and framed North American nature scenes, including unique floral close-ups, plus lake, stream and water fall photos and beautiful skylines in various seasons.

Another Stanley area Marianne Storm, owner of The Woolen Shop and a certified national teacher and past director of the McGown Rug Hook Crafters Guild. "I will be demonstrating what can be done with an old sports coat and other woolen clothing and items," explained the well known hand hook rug and hangings artist who travels nationally to teach classes in recreating wool cloth, dying it and turning it into customized and varied art and rugs.

Among the youngest artists is Adrianna Kirckof, a Stanley-Boyd Schools seventh grader, who has been doing fashion design sketches in pencil and other mediums for several years.

The art show will also include a variety of pieces from Stanley medium security prisoners. These are often donated to the Stanley Library and local organizations for fundraising. Special carvings and paintings can also be seen at the museum.

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