



The Mission of the
Bedford Arts & Cultural Board
is to
Promote the value of the arts,
Enrich the cultural fabric
of the community,
Endorse the spirit of creativity,
and
Celebrate diversity
while preserving its history
and heritage.

Greetings from the Bedford Arts & Cultural Board

The arts are alive and growing in the Bedford area. The Board has been busy working and planning for a dynamic year in 2010. Last year the Board saw growth and increased involvement in the community, bringing awareness of the rich vein of art in all forms that exist here. This year, the Board is planning a variety of events to increase visibility and expression from the art community.

The year 2010 will also see inception of some new ideas bringing an exciting buzz to the community, such as public art projects, preschool art enrichment, and a three day extravaganza entitled: A Weekend Of The Pooka - A Celebration Of The Arts.

A 2010 Calendar of Events include:

Creative Kids: March 13, 20, April 10, 24. A series of art enrichment programs for preschoolers, ages 2 to 5, to be held at DiJulius Café in downtown Bedford. Children will enjoy songs, puppets, storytelling, dance and more, while Moms (or Dads) have coffee and conversation with other caregivers. The program is free, however, reservations are required. Register in person or by phone at the Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave. Phone: 440-735-6573

Art With A Purpose: April 5 to May 24. Held at the Ellenwood Center 6:15 to 7:45 pm. Students, ages 6 to 12, will learn to "see like an artist". Classes are designed for doing and appreciating art, while exploring painting, drawing, sculpting, collage, textiles and printing. Dress for a mess! Cost: \$15 includes supplies. Register by March 29th at the Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave. For more information phone: 440-735-6573.

Chalk Art Festival: June 5, 11 am to 3 pm. Artists of all ages, professional or amateur, are invited to have fun and express their own creativity on the sidewalks of Downtown Bedford. Chalk and assigned spaces are provided. Beginning its fourth year, Chalk Art continues to be a summertime favorite. Sponsored in cooperation with Star Glass & Fine Art.

A Taste Of Art: June 12, a mixed media art show, co-sponsored with the Bedford Historical Society is held during their annual Strawberry Festival. This fine art show adds another dimension to one of Bedford's most popular events.

Weekend Of The Pooka - A Celebration Of The Arts: September 17, 18, 19, on Bedford Commons. In partnership with the Bedford Historical Society, this event honors the work and heritage of Bedford artist, Richard Sedlon and is intended to jump-start restoration of the Sedlon Garden. This gala weekend begins with an elegant evening of classical music by an ensemble from Apollo's Fire followed by a champagne reception. Saturday starts with a colorful parade, followed by an afternoon of interactive, hands-on art activities, and live performances, for the entire family. Saturday evening is a battle of the bands with dancing and fun. Sunday afternoon is an old-fashioned ice cream social, a steel drum concert, Sedlon originals on exhibit. Simultaneously, an invitational art show and sale of original work continues throughout the weekend. Watch for more upcoming information!

Autumn Celebration: Month of October. Paintings by students from Bedford and St. Peter Chanel High Schools and Safely Home will be showcased in the windows of participating merchants.

Christmas In Bedford Falls Art Show: December 11. Sponsored in partnership with the Bedford Chamber Of Commerce, this will be a mixed media show of original work by area artists.

Public Art: Another exciting goal of the Board is to initiate Public Art in Bedford. This year's project include soliciting artists' designs to be painted on the Water Department's drop off box at City Hall and on bicycle racks in the downtown area. Future projects might include wall murals, benches, or other.

We need you!

The arts are a growing movement in the City. Please let us know if you would be interested in becoming a participant in any public art projects, art shows, or other events. Visit our website www.bedfordoh.gov and click on Arts & Cultural Board to keep informed. Please spread the word to colleagues who may also be interested. You are invited to attend public Arts & Cultural Board meetings on February 9, May 11, August 10, and November 9, at 7 pm, in Bedford City Hall Council Chambers.

Art is Happening in all forms in the Bedford area – visual arts, music, theater, dance, art appreciation, art education and more. Any questions - phone: 440-735-6537.

Help us make Bedford an arts and entertainment destination!