



BUILDING ON SUCCESS, GROSSE POINTE ART FAIR RETURNS FOR SECOND YEAR

By Jane Nordberg

Following a successful inaugural event in 2018, the Grosse Pointe Art Fair will return this year, adding more vendors and a wider variety for those in search of the perfect art piece.

Held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Boating Festival, the fair will be held from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

With the building as a backdrop, the fair will again utilize the open circle to showcase the work of more than 40 artists in ceramics, woodworking, jewelry, glass, photography and more.

“We have a great variety of one-of-a-kind artwork with many different media represented,” says GPAF organizer Karyn Stetz, who adds that many of the artists are local to the greater Detroit area. “We have a lot of Grosse Pointe artists, a couple from Toledo, Detroit, St. Clair Shores. We like to keep it as local as possible and provide some exposure to these great artists and their talent.”

Stetz also is drawn to artists whose work represents the best of the Great Lakes State, such as the landscape paintings and prints of Grand Rapids

artist Randi Ford. Trees, water and shoreline are the focal point of many of Ford’s pieces, drawn from her visits to numerous nature parks.

“Randi’s very Michigan-oriented, and that comes out in her work,” Stetz says. “You feel like you’re up north when you look at her pieces.”

Other Michigan-inspired pieces include Carmen Ambrosio’s photography of lighthouses, the handmade pens and desk accessories of Hal Froot and the intricate pearl-adorned jewelry of Sharon Maio.

While there is no charge to attend the Grosse Pointe Art Fair, there is a charge to park on-site at the Yacht Club. Attendees can skip the search for a space by parking at Grosse Pointe North High School and taking the free shuttle. The art fair will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately for the weather.

For more information, visit grossepointeartfair.com. 

Examples of the works featured in the 2019 art fair from top: photography by Carmen Ambrosio; painting by Randi Ford; woodworking by Hal Froot; jewelry by Sharon Maio

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