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# The 100 Best Fine Art & Design Shows

(For a more detailed list, see page 34)

1. **LeMoyné Chain of Parks Art Festival**, Tallahassee, FL
2. **Under the Oaks Fine Arts & Crafts Show**, Vero Beach, FL
3. **MOCA Boardwalk Art Show**, Virginia Beach, Va.
4. **Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, The Original**, Ann Arbor, MI
5. **Wickford Art Festival**, North Kingstown, RI
6. **Boston Mills Artfest**, Peninsula, OH
7. **Mount Dora Arts Festival**, Mount Dora, FL
8. **Atlanta Dogwood Festival**, Atlanta, GA
9. **Annual Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival**, Fairhope, AL
10. **St. James Court Art Show**, Louisville, KY
11. **Brookside Art Annual**, Kansas City, MO
12. **Magic City Art Connection**, Birmingham, AL
13. **41st Annual Gathering at the Great Divide**, Breckenridge, CO
14. **Art Fair on the Square**, Madison, WI
15. **Naples National Art Festival**, Naples, FL
16. **2016 Columbus Arts Festival**, Columbus, OH
17. **Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts**, Naples, FL
18. **Coconut Grove Arts Festival**, Coconut Grove, FL
19. **Bayou City Art Festival Memorial Park**, Houston, TX
20. **41st Mainsail Art Festival**, St. Petersburg, FL
21. **Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival**, Fernandina Beach, FL
22. **Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Art & Craft Show**, Virginia Beach, VA
23. **Breckenridge Main Street Art Festival**, Breckenridge, CO
24. **Cape Coral Festival of the Arts**, Cape Coral, FL
25. **Lakefront Festival of Art**, Milwaukee, WI
26. **Old Town Art Fair**, Chicago, IL
27. **Downtown Venice Art Classic**, Venice, FL
28. **Sausalito Art Festival**, Sausalito, CA
29. **Woodland Art Fair**, Lexington, KY
30. **Leeper Park Art Fair**, South Bend, IN
31. **Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival of the Bruce Museum**, Greenwich, CT
32. **Ocala Arts Festival**, Ocala, FL
33. **Saint Louis Art Fair**, St. Louis, MO
34. **Westport Fine Arts Festival**, Westport, CT
35. **Cherokee Triangle Art Fair**, Louisville, KY
36. **Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts**, State College, PA
37. **Summerfair 2016**, Cincinnati, OH
38. **East Lansing Art Festival**, East Lansing, MI
39. **IMAGES: A Festival of the Arts**, New Smyrna Beach, FL
40. **Gasparilla Festival of the Arts**, Tampa, FL
41. **Artisphere**, Greenville, SC
42. **Port Clinton Art Festival**, Highland Park, IL
43. **Art and Apples Festival**, Rochester, MI
44. **Talbot Street Art Fair**, Indianapolis, IN
45. **The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival**, Winter Park, FL
46. **Armonk Outdoor Art Show**, Armonk, NY
47. **South University Art Fair**, Ann Arbor, MI
48. **Barrington Art Festival**, Barrington, IL
49. **Loring Park Art Festival**, Minneapolis, MN
50. **Bonita Springs National Art Festival (Show 3)**, Bonita Springs, FL
51. **Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival**, Glencoe, IL
52. **Art Fair Jackson Hole**, Jackson Hole, WY
53. **RAW-Riverside Arts Weekend**, Riverside, IL
54. **Paradise City Arts Festival**, Northampton, Northampton, MA
55. **On the Green Art & Craft Show**, Glastonbury, CT
56. **Shadyside ... The Art Festival on Walnut Street**, Pittsburgh, PA
57. **St. Armand's Circle Art Festival**, Sarasota, FL
58. **Coconut Point New Year's Art Festival**, Estero, FL
59. **Breckenridge July Art Festival**, Breckenridge, CO
60. **Art on the Square**, South Lake, TX
61. **Stamford Arts Festival**, Stamford, CT
62. **Art City Austin**, Austin, TX
63. **Art in the Pearl Fine Arts & Crafts Festival**, Portland, OR
64. **Downtown Delray Beach Festival of the Arts**, Delray Beach, FL
65. **Downtown Delray Beach Thanksgiving Weekend. Art Festival**, Delray Beach, FL
66. **Boca Fest**, Boca Raton, FL
67. **OneAmerica Broad Ripple Art Fair**, Indianapolis, IN
68. **Marion Arts Festival**, Marion, IA
69. **LBIF Fine Art Festival**, Loveladies, NJ
70. **Arts in the Heart of Augusta**, Augusta, GA
71. **Las Olas Art Fair Part 1**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
72. **Edina Art Fair**, Edina, MN
73. **Cain Park Arts Festival**, Cleveland Heights, OH
74. **The Sanibel Masters Art Festival**, Sanibel, FL
75. **Art Squared, The Art Festival at Overton Square**, Memphis, TN
76. **Stone Harbor Arts & Crafts Festival**, Stone Harbor, NJ
77. **A Fair in the Park**, Pittsburgh, PA
78. **ARToberFEST**, Galveston, TX
79. **Mystic Outdoor Art Festival**, Mystic, CT
80. **Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival**, Reston, VA
81. **Fairfax Corner Art Festival**, Fairfax, VA
82. **Artfest by the Sea**, Jupiter, FL
83. **Piedmont Park Arts Festival**, Atlanta, GA
84. **Atalya Arts & Crafts Festival**, Atalya, SC
85. **For the Love of Art**, Elkhart, IN
86. **MPartfest**, McLean, VA
87. **Paradise City Arts Festival**, Marlboro, Marlboro, MA
88. **Westhampton Beach Festival of the Arts**, Westhampton Beach, NY
89. **Rockport Art Festival**, Rockport, TX
90. **South Haven Art Fair**, South Haven, MI
91. **The Village at Winona Art Fair**, Winona Lake, IN
92. **Three Rivers Festival- Art in the Park**, Fort Wayne, IN
93. **Crosby Festival of the Arts**, Toledo, OH
94. **Autumn & Art**, Wichita, KS
95. **Bonita Springs National Art Festival (Show 1)**, Bonita Springs, FL
96. **Downtown Art Festival**, Gainesville, FL
97. **Estero Fine Art Show**, Estero, FL
98. **Art Spectacular at the Carillon**, Springfield, IL
99. **West Shore Art Fair**, Ludington, MI
100. **Boca Raton Fine Art Show**, Boca Raton, FL

# Congratulations to the 2017 Top 20!

## 1. LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival

Tallahassee, Florida; April. Produced by LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival.

Racing to the top of the 2017 **Sunshine Artist 200 Best** in the Fine Art and Design Show category like a speedy dark horse, the LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival nabbed the number one spot this year. The festival has placed in the 200 Best twice before in the past ten years. In 2016 it placed 94<sup>th</sup> and in 2015, 87<sup>th</sup>.

LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival is promoted as “North Florida’s Premier Art Festival,” and festival director,

Kelly Dozier, and festival manager, Vanessa Dozier Rowse, agree. “We focus on the artist first,” says Dozier. “Happy artists make a happy festival.”

Each year the free festival draws over 40,000 visitors to the chain of parks area, raising cultural awareness to the streets of downtown Tallahassee, Florida. The festival is heavily promoted throughout Northern Florida and Southern Georgia and has resulted in a marked increase in attendance and sales.

The festival hosts 170 artists; the last show garnered over 300 applicants. Patrons enjoy a variety of original fine art, a 1560’s living encampment, BeTheArt photo opportunities, “The Village” children’s festival, tasty food options, and live entertainment.

Promoting art awareness, culture, and sustainability are top priorities at the LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival. In 2016, partnerships with Sustainable Tallahassee and the City of Tallahassee have enabled the festival to go green by reducing landfill waste and other environmental impacts associated with the event. Eliminating one-time use water bottles and replacing them with refillable ones, not using foam containers, composting waste, and promoting clean transportation are just a few ways LeMoyne is promoting sustainability.

Interested exhibitors pay a \$30 application fee; a 10’x10’ booth size remains affordable at just \$275. No buy/sell is permitted at the festival. Art in the following media is accepted: 2-D mixed-media, 3-D mixed-media, ceramics, drawing and graphics, fiber arts, jewelry, painting, and photography.

New in 2017, the festival was open two hours longer for an evening concert; however, the art fair portion of the festival closed at 5 p.m. to allow artists the opportunity to unwind and enjoy the show along with patrons.

Proceeds from the festival benefit the LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts education and exhibition programs. “The festival is put on for the community to enjoy and to also accomplish the mission of LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts,” says Dozier.

For 2018, LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival is planning to collaborate with a few universities to get involved and help promote interest in the visual arts culture. The festival is also considering adding a non-standard category which may change yearly, allowing entries from artists who perhaps might not fit quite as well into typical media categories.

Dozier also notes that the local road construction, which affected the layout of the previous event, is expected to be completed prior to the 2018 show, allowing the festival to utilize several streets they had used in the past.

Rowse reiterates the attention and amenities the festival offers artists: “We have Starbucks coffee, free cookies donated from DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels, food for artists both days of the festival, a special area for artists to sit and relax, free water and coffee, booth sitters, and help with load-in and out.”

Rowse added that the volunteer turnout is tremendous. “It feels like the whole city is there working together,” she says. Artists also have the opportunity to win awards totaling \$10,000.

Although there is room for the festival to grow, Dozier says their goal is to remain small. “Artists tell us they prefer a smaller show. We strive for diversity in our art and to address the educational component of our festival that will continue to attract patrons from our area and beyond.”

