



Chain of Parks

ART FESTIVAL

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2022 Chain of Parks Art Festival Returns in Full Bloom

LeMoyne Prepares to Host North Florida's Premier Fine Art Festival

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – LeMoyne's 22nd Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Bloxham, Lewis and Randolph "Chain of Parks" in Downtown Tallahassee, Fla. Known as a premier fine art event, visitors can view and purchase unique works of art from 150 carefully selected fine artists, while enjoying a weekend filled with local heritage re-enactments, various artistic creations, family fun, mouth-watering culinary creations, interactive children's art activities and "foot-stomping" live entertainment. A Saturday Evening Groove will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"The entire Festival team is thrilled to be planning for the event to return to its full offerings and more in 2022," said Kelly Dozier, Chain of Parks Art Festival Chair and Sponsor Chair. "We'll be bringing back children's programs and activities and are looking forward to more live entertainment all day long. It will be a weekend of old favorites plus new aspects to enjoy, bringing together our community's fine art fans and cultivating new art lovers."

The Chain of Parks Art Festival is recognized as one of the nation's "Top 100 Fine Art Festivals" by Sunshine Magazine and was named the "BEST Family Amusement" in the Tallahassee Democrat's Tallahassee Reader's Choice Awards 2021. Dozier says visitors can expect a fun-filled outdoor cultural adventure, while experiencing one-of-a-kind works of fine art under century-old trees in a charming Southern outdoor setting. A recent economic impact study showed the 2019 Festival resulted in over \$1.9 million of direct spending in the Tallahassee community.

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Fresh at the Festival

“Each year, we look to incorporate new activities and vendors we believe will bring more to our community,” said Powell Kreis, LeMoyne’s Programming Director and Festival Manager. “The Festival is a fun, family-friendly experience for everyone, from local amateur art lovers to avid collectors.”

Along with a wide variety of fine art presented by artists from all over the country, this year’s Festival will include unique interactive experiences like BeTheArt photo opportunities, a Festival Bar by Il Lusso and a Saturday Night Groove performance featuring Tallahassee Nights Live! Returning to the Festival is “The Village,” which highlights Community Partners and children’s art programs where the youngest guests can participate in pop-up studios, interactive activities and various types of craft-making.

Additionally, there will be four professional chalk artists from around the country creating interactive chalk art pieces throughout the weekend. A “Festival passport” will take guests on a scavenger hunt through the Festival, and the first 100 guests who complete the passport will earn a prize.

Festival organizers say they are proud to celebrate Earth Day again this year through a long-established partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee. The focus will be on four initiatives: education, eliminating Styrofoam, reducing landfill waste and reducing food waste. A “Recycled Beauty” gallery exhibit at LeMoyne Arts will feature artist Lana Shuttleworth, April 14 - May 28. Shuttleworth also serves as the presenting artist for the Chain of Parks Art Festival Opening Night in collaboration with Florida State University. This presentation, April 21, will accompany her “Recycled Beauty” exhibit.

This year, in partnership with the City of Tallahassee’s TAPP program, the Chain of Parks Art Festival recruited eight artists to decorate repurposed rain barrels to be displayed downtown. This public art project will be on display for the month of April leading up to the Festival. These rain barrels will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for LeMoyne Arts. Additionally, on Friday, April 22, guests can practice sustainability by signing up to participate in a workshop to paint and decorate their own rain barrel.

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A Juried Fine Art Competition

Artisans will travel from across the nation to display their original works of fine art for sale, helping to further the importance of fine art in the lives of community members. On Saturday of the Festival, judges will review the artists' works in each media category and winners will be announced on Saturday at 5:15 p.m., when the winning artists' award ribbons and flags will be displayed in their booths. Winning artists vie for \$10,000 in awards.

About 2022 Cover Artist Robin Popp

The title of the Festival's 2022 cover art is "Found in Tallahassee" by artist Robin Popp. Born in South Florida, Robin Popp says she has always had a love for sunshine and palm trees. Encouraged by a creative family, her love of art started as soon as she could hold a brush. She spent a short time at Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla., and earned a certificate as a cabinetmaker from Pinellas Technical College in Clearwater, Fla. Combining her love for painting and woodworking had been a challenge until recently, when she began to cradle her paintings in wooden boxes.

Now, Robin has a painting studio and a woodworking studio on the thirteen hidden acres near Gainesville, Fla. Primarily working in oils, she says she enjoys painting on location "en plein air" as much as possible. She loves being surrounded by the sights and sounds of the natural world and strives to add this essence to her paintings for the collector.

Learn More

Proceeds from the Festival benefit LeMoyne Arts' educational and exhibition programs.

For more information on the 2022 Chain of Parks Art Festival, visit the website www.ChainofParks.com. Receive the latest Festival social media updates on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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