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Healing Through the Arts

Festival to raise money for Hospice of North Central Ohio

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More than 50 artists will display their works July 19 at Healing Through the Arts, an all-day arts festival at the Creative Chateau on County Road 1575.

The event, which runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is free of charge, features continuous entertainment, children's activities, a nature walk, café and silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to Hospice of North Central Ohio and the Firefighters First TEAM.

The artists will display their works in the barn and in tents around the pond outside Dan and Terri Meyers' historical farmstead off Interstate 71 near the U.S. 250 interchange.

Terri Meyers came up with the idea for the event about two years ago.

"We need arts in our community," she said. "And I wanted to give to our community to help organizations I support."

Healing Through the Arts is about more than art. Visitors can enjoy music in a coffee house atmosphere throughout the day in the Barn Café, space created for the occasion in the upper level of the Meyers' barn. Seven musicians are scheduled to play a half-hour each in rotating sessions. Fare from four different restaurants will be available at the café.

Visitors also can take a self-guided nature walk down a winding six-foot-wide path through five acres of the original farm, which the Meyers are allowing to revert to a natural area.

Children's art activities are scheduled from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and are geared for youngsters of all ages. Activities include painting on rocks, painting with shaving cream, making beaded jewelry, watercolor painting, crafting homemade frames, face painting, tissue paper flowers, paper sun hats and more.

Mark Koehler, also known as Mr. Mark, will help youngsters explore music movement from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3



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Creative Chateau on County Road 1575 will be the site July 19 of Healing Through the Arts, an all-day arts festival to benefit Hospice of North Central Ohio. Activities are planned 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Hospice volunteer Linda Sams will perform as Sam the Clown throughout the day and there will be Belly Dancing with Visions of the Nile 5 to 6 p.m.

The Senior Citizens Center will have a tent displaying chair caning, sketching, painting and quilting.

There also will be chiropractic screening, a message therapist and Red Cross first aid station.

A building on the pond will serve as a hospitality suite for an artists' breakfast and sponsors and volunteers luncheon. The building is situated on pylons in the pond, offering a unique setting, Terri Meyers said.

Ashland Fire Department's 1928 Seagrave fire truck will be on display.

Dorothy Welch will discuss the history of dulcimers, show how to play them and keep time with a limber jack. (A limber jack is a jointed wooden puppet of sorts that, when manipulated, clacks out rhythm with its feet.)

Healing Through the Arts is free and open to the public. It will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 19, on the grounds of Creative Chateau, 1432 County Road 1575 (off U.S. 250 East near the I-71 interchange).

Silent auction bids will be accepted 10 a.m.-4 p.m. High bidders will be announced at 4:30 p.m. They must be present to claim their items.

More information is available at www.CreativeChateau.com.



Artist Terri Meyers poses in her studio with one of her works in progress.