

Lincolnshire Art Festival July 11

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Sculpture by William Goldman.

The Lincolnshire Art Festival had meager beginnings, originally a show featuring 20 artists. Now, the art festival hosts 150 artists from across the country and is celebrating a dozen years of sharing art with the community.

"It's pretty substantial that we've gotten this far," Amy Amdur, president of Amdur Productions which hosts the event, said.

She said the small show had been a good start, but wasn't developed further.

"I was a resident of Lincolnshire and this show was really important for me," Amdur, now a Highland Park resident, said. "It was a way for the community to enjoy something special."

Each year, the Village Green is decorated with tents featuring paintings, photographs, jewelry, ceramics and more.

"Lincolnshire is a beautiful community," Amdur said. "The village green is just tranquil and people just get such a good feeling coming to this festival."

Lincolnshire sculpture artist William Goldman said he's been involved with the art festival for several years.

"Where it's located is really nice and draws a really good crowd," he said. "It's a good show for me, not just because I live here."

Goldman creates abstract sculptures out of recycled metals, such as stainless steel, in varying sizes. He plays with different textures, paint and patinas, a material used to make a piece look antique.

"His work is really interesting," Amdur said. "He works in steel and metal and he creates free standing pieces. It's not just silver metal. He paints them and incorporates a lot of faces of people. You can look at it [Goldman's art] and appreciate the shapes or look at it closely and see the faces kind of hidden in the work."

Enjoying pieces on different levels is part of the draw of the event, Amdur said, as is the fact that visitors can learn more about the art from the artists themselves.

"People are very interested in the process. I love art fairs; they're a lot of work," Goldman said. "A lot of artists hate art fairs, but you can talk to the people and get first hand what they want."

Amdur said the festival is stressing affordable art this year.

"There will be art at multiple price points, it's important in the current economy," Amdur said. "Art can be an inexpensive way to give your home or office new life."

Pieces at the event will range from \$25 to \$2,500.

The Lincolnshire Art Festival will also feature live music by Cirrus Falcon, food from local restaurants and several children's activities.

"We're here for peoples' enjoyment, just put on plenty of sunscreen, we'll do the rest," she said. "It's a really nice way to spend the day and everybody is welcome."

The Lincolnshire Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 11 and 12. For more information visit www.amdurproductions.com.

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