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In this file photo, shoppers walk around the Arboretum of South Barrington shopping center. The center is hosting its first-ever art festival this weekend. (Stacey Wescott/Chicago Tribune)

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Local artists, such as Al Buschauer and Jackie Phinney, and more than 50 others will have the chance to show off their work during a first-ever art festival at the Arboretum of South Barrington shopping center.

Set among the Arboretum's outdoor shops, entertainment venues and restaurants, the two-day event includes live music and food from local eateries all weekend long, organizers said. The first Arboretum of South Barrington Art Festival lasts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

An artist from Barrington, Buschauer said he is looking forward to the local art show and sale. He said he has been in mixed media for about 40 years – mostly using portrait art photography in his work.

"This festival is very local and will be a good show for me because the holidays are coming, and people are thinking about family portraits," he said.

Produced by Amdur Productions in Highland Park, the Arboretum's art festival will feature displays involving oils, acrylics, watercolors, jewelry, sculptures, photographs, glass works, mixed media and wearable art, said Amy Amdur, president of Amdur Productions.

Some artists also plan to donate a percentage of sale proceeds to Bright Pink, a national nonprofit focused on prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer in young women, Amdur said.

A retired art teacher, Lake Zurich resident Jackie Phinney said she also is looking forward to participating in the festival. She said she repurposes and modifies antique and vintage pieces.

For 20 years, she has visited malls, estate sales and flea markets, buying items to rework them into wearable art.

"For example, I take Afghan, Turkish, Moroccan, Berber or Yemeni tribal pieces – some originally from garments – and make a necklace from them," she said.