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Padua Hills Art Fiesta returns Sunday, November 3

The Claremont Museum of Art will host the 10th Annual Padua Hills Art Fiesta on Sunday, November 3 with an outdoor art show, art and craft demonstrations, music and more. This year's exhibit will feature original Fiesta artist Betty Davenport Ford.

Some local residents still recall the popular Art Fiesta held through the 1950s. Since 2011, the Claremont Museum of Art has continued the tradition with Claremont area artists showing their work under the shady olive trees of the beautifully restored Padua Hills Theatre.



- **Sunday, November 3**, 11am to 4pm at the Padua Hills Theatre, 4467 Padua Ave., Claremont. Tickets are \$8 for adults, children under 18 are free. Claremont Museum of Art members receive a 25% discount.
- **Twenty five area artists** will display and sell their paintings, ceramics, glass, sculpture, textiles and jewelry.
- **Art and craft demonstrations** by area art organizations will include potters from AMOCA Ceramic Studios, craftsmen from Maloof Woodworkers, and artists from CCAA Museum of Art and dA Center for the Arts.
- An **Art Exhibit**, *Betty Davenport Ford: Capturing the Animal Spirit* will feature 60 years of her sculpture inspired by the beautiful forms of nature.
- ARTstART students will lead children in creative **Art Activities**.
- A **Music Stage** will feature local performances.
- **Festive foods** from Casa de Salsa's taco bar and Spaggi's will be served with traditional jamaica punch and fresh lemonade.
- **Holiday shopping** gets an early start with unique handmade artwork or art books.

First held in 1953, the Padua Hills Art Fiesta was organized by local artists to bring art into the community. The studio art movement that flourished here in the 1950s centered on the use of natural materials and traditional sensibilities – watercolor, pottery, woodworking, sculpture in stone, bronze and ceramic, mosaic, textiles as well as painting. Visitors came from miles around to meet the artists and watch “art in action” at the popular festival. Today the tradition continues with a new generation of artists sharing their talents.

Photos are available upon request. Studio visits and artist interviews can be arranged including with Betty Davenport Ford who is now 89 years old.