



Art under the Olive Trees of Padua Hills

Art Fiesta returns Sunday, November 2

The Claremont Museum of Art will host the 11th Annual Padua Hills Art Fiesta on Sunday, November 2 with an outdoor art show, art and craft demonstrations, music and more. This year's exhibit will feature original Fiesta artist John Svenson.

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 2**, 11am to 4pm at the Padua Hills Theatre, 4467 Padua Ave., Claremont. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for CMA members. Children under 18 are free.
- **Twenty two area artists** will display and sell their paintings, ceramics, glass, sculpture, textiles and jewelry. This year's Fiesta artists include Paul Brayton, Sandy Garcia, Crispin Gonzales, Kathryn Herrman, Mike Hill, Mary Hughes, Aleta Jacobson, Jens Lerback, Andree Mahoney, Sherry Marger, Richard Martinez, Kathleen McCall, Jerry Owens, Luis Ramirez, Tom Skelly, Wendy Smith, Jeanne Steffan, Alan Swartz, Barry Vantiger, Ahlene Welsh, Jan Wheatcroft and Susan Zenger.
- **Art and craft demonstrations** provided by area art organizations including craftsmen from Maloof Woodworkers, and artists from Chaffey Community Museum of Art and the dA Center for the Arts.
- A **sculpture exhibition**, *John Svenson: For the Love of Wood* is presented by the Claremont Museum of Art. Over a lifetime of creating sculpture in many media, John Svenson's work in wood stands out and expresses his love for this living material. The exhibition is sponsored by Maria (Zornes) and Hal Baker, and Svenson Arts.
- ARTstART students will lead children in creative **Art Activities**.
- A **Music Stage** will feature local performers.
- **Festive foods** from Casa de Salsa's taco bar and Spaggi's will be served with traditional Jamaica punch and fresh Padua Hills lemonade.
- **Holiday shopping** gets an early start with unique handmade artwork or art books.

- **Special thanks** to Art Fiesta sponsors Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's International Realty; Ryan Zimmerman, Broker Associate, Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's International Realty; Spaggi's; Robertson's Roasted Almonds; also Sandy Baldonado, Barbara Brown, Sue Hyland, Paul and Linda DesMarais, Marilyn Ray, Michele & Dudley Rauch, David & Ahlene Welsh and Tammy Zipser.

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.