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Arts & Crafts Festival



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Fairhope in Bloom

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Welcome to the 72nd annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival! Whether you are an artist participating from across the country, a visitor from across the state, or a local enjoying your weekend downtown, I am thrilled to welcome you to the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival, my favorite hometown tradition.

As a lifelong resident of Fairhope, the festival has a special place in my heart, and I am honored to serve as this year’s chairman. I fondly recall walking the flower-lined streets as a child with my mother, eyeing goodies that would magically appear in my Easter Basket weeks later. In middle school, I worked as a volunteer painting faces in the children’s area, and in high school, I returned as a Dogwood Trail Maid, bringing smiles to the youngest festival-goers. Fast forward to today, where I now enjoy the full-circle moment of being the mom who walks with her children as they explore the tents with fascination, creating their own childhood memories of this time-honored event.

While the festival we know today (and Fairhope as a whole) has grown wildly from what I remember more than thirty years ago, it remains a tradition for my family, like so many of yours. Year after year, people return for this three-day event, swelling our population of 22,000 to roughly 300,000, all flocking to experience downtown Fairhope as it blossoms with creativity and the streets come to life.

These experiences inspired this year’s theme, beautifully captured by our 2024 featured artist, Elisabeth Hays, Fairhope In Bloom—a tribute to new growth and the honoring of timeless traditions.

This magical weekend wouldn’t be possible without the support of our community and the invaluable time given by our hundreds of volunteers, including my outstanding co-chair, Lindsey Lawrence. We couldn’t do it without you. Thank you!

On behalf of the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival Foundation and planning committee, welcome to Fairhope! We hope you enjoy experiencing Fairhope in full Bloom.

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2024 Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Chairman



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Welcome to Fairhope! The Arts & Crafts Festival is such a special event for locals and visitors alike. Each year, the City looks forward to hosting this outdoor festival in beautiful downtown Fairhope. Volunteers spend months preparing to make this festival a success for all those that attend.

Fairhope is a city that embraces the arts and hosting the Fairhope Arts & Crafts festival allows everyone to celebrate artists from around the country. There truly is something for everyone at the Arts & Crafts Festival.

Make plans to visit Fairhope, celebrate the arts, enjoy good food, and make lasting memories with friends and family.

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The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Foundation was established in 2016 by dedicated volunteers from the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival Committee. Its primary mission is to preserve and advance the legacy and integrity of The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival while fostering community appreciation for the arts and supporting art education through scholarships.



Left to right: Dianne Herzog, Ricky Lewis, Janne Forander, Laura English, Jim Bates, Jodi Keating, Lee Teumer, Mandi Bezeredi (Stephen Roberts not pictured)

Recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization by the IRS, the Foundation welcomes donations and inquiries about its work.

2024 scholarship and grant applications are now available online at FairhopeArtsandCraftsFestival.com. You can reach out to the Foundation via mail at P.O. Box 2343, Fairhope, AL 36533, through email at fairhopeartsandcraftsfestival@gmail.com, or by phone at 251-229-1874.



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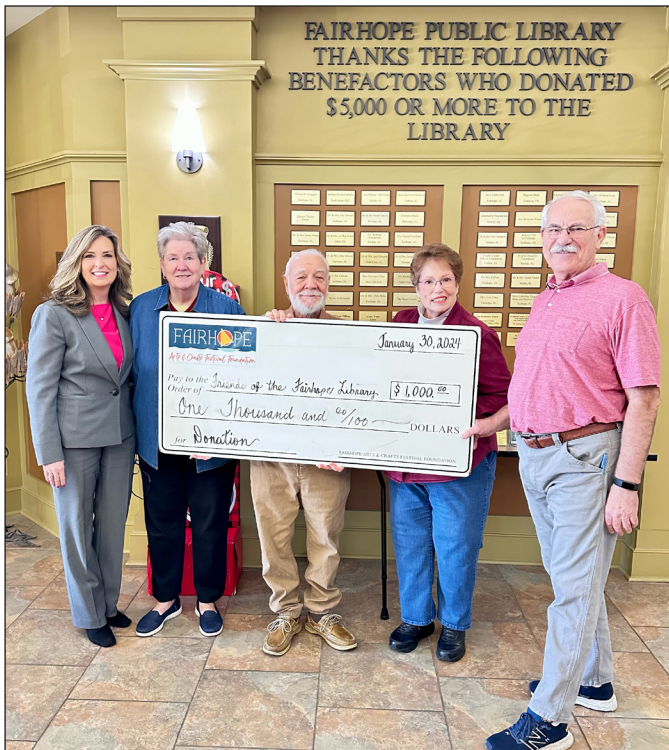
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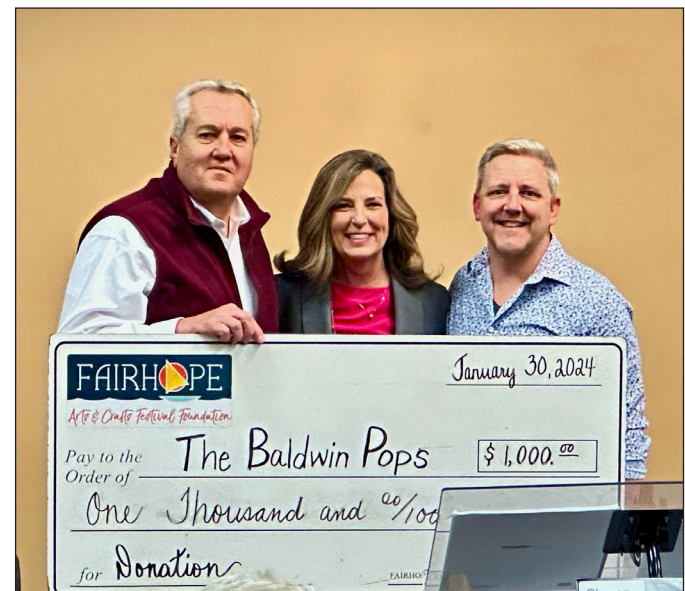
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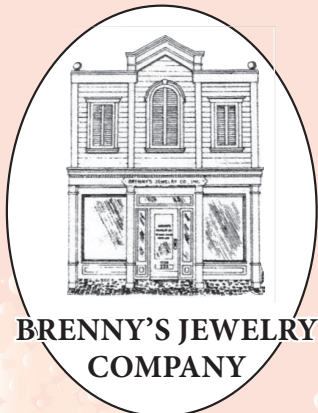
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A Treasured Local Tradition

According to records and newspapers, the Arts & Crafts Festival originally started as a tour, planned to coordinate with the Mobile Jaycees' Azalea Trail and Mobile Mardi Gras celebrations, with the idea that visitors attending these major events in Mobile would be attracted across the bay, thus allowing visitors and local residents a chance to see some of the many talents of Eastern Shore residents.

The first Arts & Crafts Tour took place February 22 to February 28, 1953. All exhibits were inside store windows and consisted of a wide variety of interests. The tour schedule included entertainment and craft demonstrations and lasted for an entire week. Although some artists did sell items, the majority of the "tour" consisted of exhibits for viewing only.

In 1965 the tour expanded to include exhibitors and activities from the cities of Spanish Fort and Daphne. The week's opening ceremonies were held in Spanish Fort and ended with a play in Fairhope. The Chamber reported 4,150 visitors; 52 exhibitors and demonstrators were highlighted, in addition to another 41 artists who participated.

In 1967 there were more than a hundred displays, exhibits, and demonstrations. There was still no entry fee, but all participants were asked to pay a 10% commission on their gross sales.

By 1975 craftsmen displayed works and methods in "Craft-Houses" (which were created out of vacant buildings). For the first time in 1978, the show was condensed to three days. This was also the first year that the craftsmen were placed on the sidewalks, rather than in buildings and businesses.

In 1983 the first prize money was awarded. The Best of Show recipient was given \$250 and booths were moved from the edge of the streets to the middle. The Mary McGrath Award was established in 1984 and the first Spring Fever Chase was organized in 1986

In many ways the festival really took off in the nineties despite torrential rains in 1991 that damaged the tents on opening day. There were lots of firsts; first time the show was expanded to Magnolia, first time there was a Food Court, first time



TV coverage, first time awards were exchanged between the Chamber and the Art Center, first time there were more than 700 applicants and first time it was named one of the Top 200 Festivals in the United States by the Sunshine Artist magazine. Since then, the festival has received this same honor each year. Artists who participate in shows all over the United States vote on this award.

Moving into the new millennium the success of the festival continued, receiving hundreds of thousands of visitors and artists from all over the country. In 2016 the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Foundation was created to continue the tradition and expand the Festival's purpose of community outreach. The beloved local tradition, that consistently ranks as one of the top art shows in the country, celebrates its 72nd anniversary in 2024.

As one may see from this history, the Festival has changed in many ways; its exhibitors are no longer only locals; they come from across the United States. We no longer charge the exhibitors commission on their sales, just an entry fee. The number of visitors is now in six-digit figures, and the activities taking place in conjunction with the Festival have grown by leaps and bounds.

The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival's purpose remains the same: to promote good will and festivity in Fairhope, to exhibit for show and sale the highest quality artwork and craftsmanship available, and to host the Festival in the loveliest area in the world.



2024 Featured Artist, Elisabeth Hays

Each year, the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Chairman selects a featured artist whose work serves as the centerpiece of the Festival, appearing on commemorative posters, t-shirts and other promotional materials. The featured artwork is also reproduced in limited prints, signed and numbered, and available exclusively at the Festival's official merchandise booth.

The 2024 Festival Chairman, Marissa Thetford selected Fairhope native, Elisabeth Hays. The two have known each other since childhood, growing up together in Fairhope. Marissa said she couldn't imagine a more perfect artist to represent Fairhope than Elisabeth.

Get to know Elisabeth

Growing up in Fairhope, Alabama, Elisabeth Hays was constantly inspired by the creative energy found in her southern coastal town. In 2018, after almost 10 years of owning and operating a successful interior design studio and the birth of her second child, Elisabeth decided to channel her creative energy into her love of creating original art.

The gulf coast and its ever evolving elements are a direct inspiration to much of Elisabeth's work as can be seen in her Bay Maps, Mullet Parades, and hand embroidered Stitches Collections. Her interior design roots can be found in her collections of expressionist abstract art experimenting with mixed media to merge her love of textiles & interior design with her love of painting and abstract art. Elisabeth's

most recent collections of Bugs & Butterflies are an explorative journey of medium experimentation inspired by the imaginative narratives of her children and their simple pleasures (and fears!) in everyday natural findings.

Elisabeth resides in Fairhope with her husband, William, their two children, Mary Crider



and Sam, and their Golden Retriever, Grits.

Elisabeth's collection of tulip inspired paintings, anchored by the Festival's Featured Artwork "Fairhope in Bloom", will be on display starting First Friday, March 1 at Lyons Share Gallery (330 De La Mare Ave) and will remain on display through the festival, March 15-17. Her beautiful butterfly mural is also located on De La Mare Avenue and makes a beautiful photo opp during the festival.



Elisabeth and William Hays.



Mary Crider and Sam Hays, pose with their mother's mural on De La Mare Avenue.

For more information on Elisabeth and her work, visit elisabethhays.com, or follow her on Instagram @EGHAYSart.

Festival Quick Facts

WHAT:

72nd Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival

DIRECTIONS:

If you are traveling along Interstate 10, take exit 35 and head south on US Highway 98. Continue on US Highway 98 for approximately 10 miles.

Upon entering Fairhope, turn right onto Fairhope Avenue and head west into downtown Fairhope. The Festival is in the downtown area

WHY:

The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival is a 100% volunteer run Festival. The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Foundation uses the proceeds to support the arts in the community through donations and scholarships. Besides being chosen by various tourism departments and magazines as one of the top events in the South, it is also recognized throughout the United States as one of the top Fine Art Festivals.

WHEN:

March 15th-17th

Hours are Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The annual Arts & Crafts Festival is held every third weekend in March in the picturesque streets of Downtown Fairhope on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay. For three days downtown Fairhope transforms from the quaint and charming old-fashioned streets to an outdoor art gallery featuring painting, jewelry, pottery, and other handcrafted treasures. The admission is free!

WHERE:

The picturesque streets of Downtown Fairhope on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay.

COST:

Admission is free for this art and cultural event

PARKING:

SHUTTLE SERVICES:

Hot Wheels of Daphne provides shuttle service during the weekend. Parking for the shuttle will be available at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in the Plantation Point shopping center on the corner of Hwy. 98 and Fairhope Ave.

Shuttle Hours: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday

The cost of the shuttle is \$5 round trip.



HANDICAP PARKING:

Handicap Parking will be available:

- On Bancroft in the parking lot behind the Fairhope Museum of History.
- In the Municipal parking lot on Bancroft Street

DOWNTOWN PARKING/TOWING:

Parking is limited in the downtown area and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Please pay attention to no parking signs during the Festival and do not block driveways. The City and Festival

committee make every effort not to tow vehicles, but it may be necessary if a driveway or residence is blocked or if your vehicle interferes with the Festival activities. In the event your car is towed during the Festival, please call Tony's Towing Services at 251-928-7324.

- Parking is available:
- In the public parking garage off North Church Street.
- On the public parking lot off South Church Street
- At the First Baptist Church of Fairhope, St. Lawrence Church and the Fairhope United Methodist Church on South Section Street except during church services.

Golf Cart Parking:

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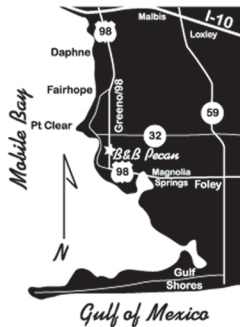
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It all began decades ago when a few local merchants reached out to the artists who were located in front of their stores during the Festival, offering restrooms, snacks, and just a cool place to get out of the sun for a few minutes. Business owners and artists enjoyed it so much that the concept was pitched to the Downtown Fairhope Business Association as a formal program to encourage all of the local merchants to participate and "Adopt an Artist" was born!

Diane Douglas, owner of In the Company of Angels, led the effort for over thirty years, led the effort by organizing the Adopt an Artist program in partnership with the Downtown Fairhope Business Association. In 2023, the honor was passed down to longtime shop owners and sisters, Barbara Miller Levitt and Carol Miller Eberlein and their team at M&F Casuals on Fairhope Ave.

Individual merchants sign up and agree to offer various services to Festival artists over the weekend. Artists are invited to utilize their adoptive shop for general information, refreshments, restrooms (when available) and, as always, gracious Southern Hospitality.

Not everybody takes advantage of the opportunity, but all seem appreciative of the gesture and often mention it on the final evaluations as a "major highlight" of the weekend. In fact, many artists have suggested the program to other Festivals across the country and several have initiated their own "adoption" programs. Local merchants love to share stories of their treasured time with the artists and many request to be placed with the same "adoptee" year after year. With little effort or expense, forever friendships are made every March in the heart of Fairhope.

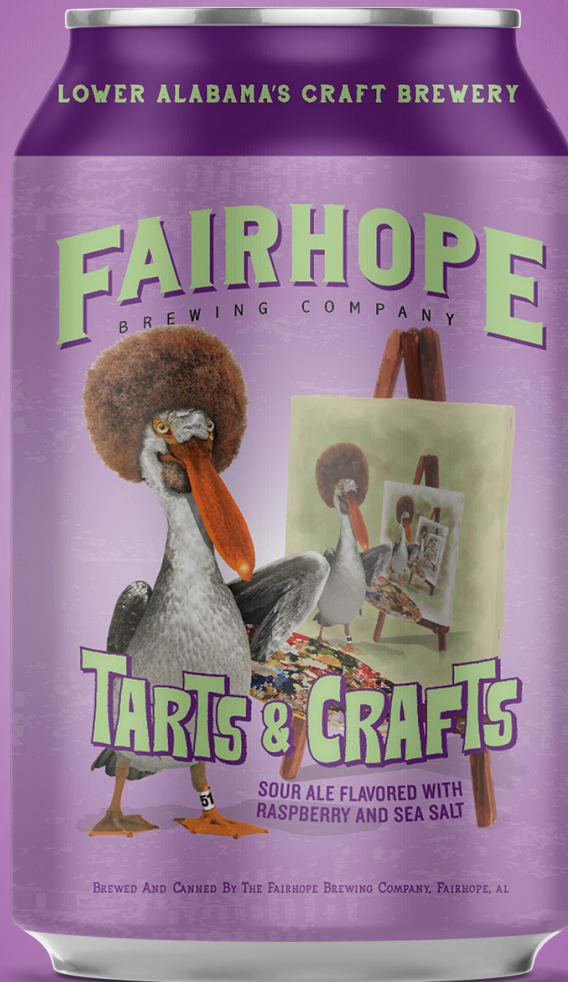
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Eastern Shore Art Center Outdoor Art Show

Adjacent Art Show Happening this Weekend

Did you know there are actually two art shows going on at the same time this weekend in Downtown Fairhope? The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival organized by the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival Foundation and the Annual Outdoor Art Show hosted by the Eastern Shore Art Center happen simultaneously every third weekend in March.

Now in its 52nd year, the Outdoor Art Show hosted by the Eastern Shore Art Center is located directly next to the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival. Nearly 100 artist booths line the sides of Section Street north of Magnolia Avenue and Oak Street in front of the Art Center.

The ESAC Outdoor Art Show is a major fundraiser for the Art Center, allowing free admission to the public all year round. For more information on the ESAC Outdoor Art Show artist listings, visit www.esartcenter.org.





2024 Festival Judges

The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival; Judged and Juried

The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival is a juried event. For those unfamiliar with the term, juried art events have a selection committee for art & craft exhibitors and require that applicants submit slides or photos of work or products and booth displays, along with other information like art process, material descriptions, and/or other relevant information for their prospective art mediums or category. The selection committee (the jury) reviews all applications before choosing exhibitors for the event. On average, the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival receives more than 400 applicants, with the final show consisting of roughly 220 to 240 invited exhibitors.

On the first day of the Festival three judges evaluate the more than 200 participants in the show. They select winners by scoring each individual artist and the artists with the highest overall scores get the largest awards. There is also an award for each artist with the highest score for their medium. Being selected a winner is not just about the honor – it comes with a cash prize and a coveted spot in next year’s Festival. Meet the 2024 judges...

Amoreena Brewton

Amoreena Brewton is from Gulf Shores, Alabama. Her family has divided between the Eastern Shore and the island shore for over a century and a half. Growing up with hippie parents who loved to travel and surf stoked her worldly and adventurous spirit. Although she rebelled against her art-minded parents and turned to sports for her imaginative outlet while young, she could not escape the call to be creative. After receiving a BA from Coker University and then an MA from the University of South Alabama, Amoreena went to work with students at the North Carolina School of the Arts. She later returned home to teach at the newly built Gulf Shores High School and stayed to raise her two kids, Carter and Beckham.

Amoreena currently works at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach, teaching classes, recruiting artists and assisting with the organization and promotion of events and conferences. The goal is to always create a stellar learning experience for all ages of artists and guests on campus. Her enthusiasm is matched by her desire to help students learn to think creatively so they can be innovative in their artistic endeavors and in their livelihoods.



Jason Tanner Young

Jason Tanner Young received a Master of Fine Arts degree in Sculpture from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 2011 and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Texas at Tyler in 2008. He is currently an Associate Professor of Art and director of the Sculpture concentration at the University of Montevallo. From 2017-2019 he served as the Gallery Director for the Department of Art. Young previously worked at Ohio University, where he taught courses in Sculpture + Expanded Practice as well as the Foundations Department. He also served as the Sculpture and Woodshop Technician; frequently conducting workshops and demonstrations training graduate and undergraduate students on woodworking and foundry techniques.

Young’s work addresses the relationship between object and memory. Often acting as a marker for experiences, objects offer a method by which to navigate by serving as internal landmarks. His hybridized forms describe personal truths, events, and behaviors. He shows his work extensively, and has been included in exhibitions at Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment (Huntsville, AL), Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts (Gatlinburg, TN), The Sculpture Center (Cleveland, OH), Axis Gallery (Sacramento, CA), Weston Art Gallery (Cincinnati, OH), and Manifest Gallery (Cincinnati, OH), among many others.



Gail Cheney



After 44 years as a public school teacher and administrator, college professor, and educational consultant, Gail Cheney returned to her life-long love – ART. Since losing her daughter in 2008, painting and pottery has not only provided her with joy but also solace. Proceeds from much of her work support memorial funds for her daughter, Amy, at Twelve Gates Ministry in Clarksdale, MS and The Home of Grace and related charities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For years, Cheney and her husband have divided time between the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Mississippi Delta, and her work often focuses on the unique and common elements of these places. The “bayou” has been a common thread, thus her decision to use the “Arts on the Bayou” name for her work.

Although oils and pastels were her mediums of choice when she was an undergraduate student, she has spent much of her current art career rediscovering acrylics, watercolors, mixed media, and pottery. She continues to explore mediums, styles, and subject matter, however, now primarily focuses on her “Transitions” work with pottery and paintings with mixed media and inks. I love to deviate from these and create “hanging ceramic” pieces. Cheney says “Thanks to the support of the people in my life, I continue learning how to remain an artist.”

Juried Award Categories

The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival presents artists more than \$22,000 in cash prizes for the top artists and craftsman. A panel of three very talented and highly respected judges were chosen to select the best works in the 72nd Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival. The awards are presented during the Artist's Dinner on Friday evening.

Award Categories

- Best of Show
- Chairman's Award
- A&C Foundation Award
- Jury Award
- Awards of Distinction for each medium (10)
- Merit Awards (5)

Patron Award Program

Many artists would argue that the most coveted honor is when visitors stop by their booth and purchase their works. The Patron Award Program allows businesses or individuals to honor their favorite artists and craftsmen by committing to purchase at least \$100 from one of the festival vendors. When they find that special piece and buy it, they present the artist with a ribbon and placard bearing their name or the name of their business. Patrons may purchase works from any exhibitor they choose and the money goes directly to the artist. For more information visit www.fairhopeartsandcraftsfestival.com (Patron Award button on home page)



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An Army of Volunteers

More than 500 volunteers work together to produce the Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival

As soon as the Festival closes each March, our volunteers eagerly begin working on the following year's festivities. The all-volunteer effort is the heart of the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival. There are so many components to organizing this festival, and the 2024 festival volunteers have been hard at work to make all the pieces of the festival fall into place seamlessly.

Our committees are led by volunteers that are passionate about what they do. Some committees work all year long, while others only work the week of the festival. Each one plays an essential role in the process.

People from all walks of life and all ages give countless hours to make the annual festival a success, and the love for the festival is passed on from generation to generation. We cherish the faithful volunteers that have joined us year after year, but we also welcome new volunteers that will help continue the tradition that has been part of Fairhope for more than seventy years.

That love and dedication allowed the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival to grow from a small local festival into a festival that attracts artists and visitors from all over the nation, being named one of the top 10 Festivals in the country by Sunshine Artist Magazine and being recognized by publications like Southern Living Magazine and the New York Times.

2024 Chairman Marissa Thetford and co-chair Lindsey Lawrence are proud to work together with this great group of volunteers to present the 72nd Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival.

Are you interested in volunteering with the Festival committee next year? Visit our website and click on the "Volunteer Committee" tab under the welcome section.



Festival Volunteers enjoying the holiday season at their annual Christmas Party.



The 72nd Annual Artist Reveal

Hosted February 2nd at Provision in Downtown Fairhope



FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE:

Be on the lookout for our official festival merchandise tent where you will find this year's limited edition art print of Fairhope in Bloom by Elisabeth Hays as well as commemorative tee shirts, hats, tumbler mugs and more. We accept cash, credit and Venmo!



Student Art Murals

The Student Art Mural Contest showcases the creativity of Eastern Shore art students

Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Student Mural Contest has been part of the festival since 2007 and the enthusiasm for the contest has grown since its inception. Student artists from Eastern Shore middle and high schools participate in the mural contest by working with other students at their school to create an original work of art inspired by the Festival theme of the year. The 2024 theme is: Fairhope In Bloom, Honoring Jimmy Buffett

The student murals are displayed at the Artist's Dinner on Friday night where the festival vendors have the opportunity to vote for their favorite student murals. The names of the winning school murals are announced at the conclusion of the Artist's Dinner. On Saturday morning the beautiful student murals are relocated to the front windows of various downtown merchants so they can be enjoyed by the thousands of festival attendees.

All participating schools receive a small monetary donation, and the three winning schools receive a larger monetary prize. The award money is donated by Segers Aero Corp. and helps fund the schools' art programs. Keith Parden of Fairhope's Ace Jubilee Hardware store generously donates the materials for the mural boards while Fairhope Middle School art teacher Shawn Johnson offers his time to build the mural boards.

For one year following the festival, the student murals are beautifully displayed at "The Fairhope Chocolate Shop" located at for at 403 Fairhope Avenue. After the after the Arts and Crafts Festival concludes, the student artists and teachers are treated to an awards reception at The Fairhope Chocolate Shop.

For the past few years, Mayor Sherry Sullivan has selected several "The Mayor's Favor-



Fairhope High School - 1st Place 2023

ite" murals and they are proudly displayed in her office at City Hall.

During the Festival the artwork can be seen in the windows of the following Downtown Fairhope locations:

- M&F Casuals (380 Fairhope Ave) - Fairhope High School and Fairhope Middle School
- Fairhope Single Tax Corporation (336 Fairhope Ave) - Bayshore Christian School and St. Michael Catholic High School
- Mobile Bay Realty (10 N Section St) - Daphne Middle School and Daphne High School
- Fantasy Island Toys (335 Fairhope Ave) - Spanish Fort Middle School
- Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce (327 Fairhope Ave) - Spanish Fort High School
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(Schedule as known at date of print and subject to change.)

Friday:

9:45 AM Opening Ceremony

11:00 AM Coastal Alabama Community College “Sun Chief Sound”

1:30 PM Jane Hannah Band

4:00 PM Gabriel Willis

Saturday:

10:00 AM Mobile Symphony Strings

11:00 AM Gypsy Chick Belly Dancers

12:00 PM 2024 Dogwood Trail Court Introductions

12:30 PM Schrader’s Suzuki Strings Academy

2:00 PM Gypsy Pearl

3:00 PM Kalyn Muller

Sunday

11:00 University of Southern Alabama Trombone Ensembles

12:00 Jason Abel

2:00 Dyversatile Dance Crew



Children's Art Tent

Fun for All Ages

The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival is full of fun for the whole family. The Children's ART Tent, presented by Coastal Alabama Real Estate, is located on South Church Street across from Fairhoper's Community Park.

Children can make crafts with their friends and siblings or take one of the art lessons given by local artists including last year's 2023 Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Featured Artist, Mr. Ricky Trione. Other activities planned for this year include birdhouses, clay creations, flower pot painting and kite building! There will also be face painting all day each day and Nature Connect will be onsite with additional crafts and activities.. We are also excited to have Nature Connect and the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation joining our tent again this year. Children can take every craft they make home.

And don't forget to check out the CARE Bears and take pictures with them!

The Children's Art Tent is open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day and all activities are 100% free.

Children's Art Tent Activity Schedule:

Friday, March 15

- 10-11: Jumbo Flowers
- 11-12: Clay Creations
- 12-1: Sunflower Pots
- 1-2: Birdhouses
- 2-3: Sand Art
- 3-4: Kites

Saturday, March 16

- 10-1: Painting with local artist, Mr. Ricky Trione
- 1-2: Birdhouses
- 2-3: Kites
- 3-4: Sand Art

Sunday, March 17

- 10-11: Clay Creations
- 11-12: Kites
- 12-1: Sand Art
- 1-2: Shamrocks
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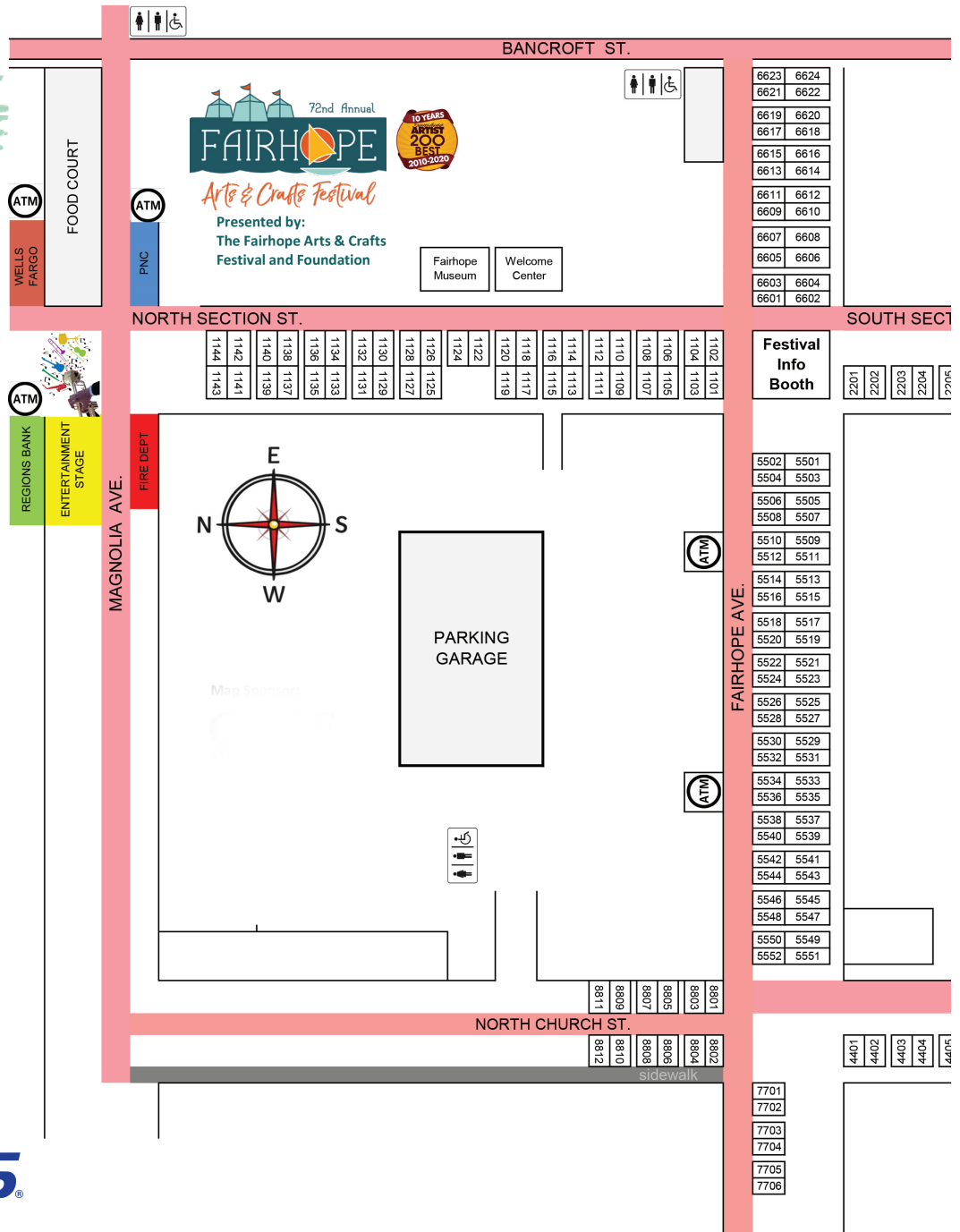
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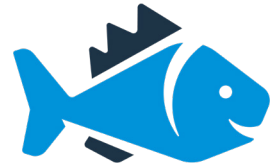
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2024 Food Court Vendors:

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- Cousins Maine Lobster
- Punta Clara Kitchen
- Cobb & Company
- Cooper Kettle
- 4 Hearts Snacks
- The Grumpy Man
- Strawberry Sweets



Save the Date for the 2025 Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival

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County getting three public EV charging stations with state grant

By GUY BUSBY

ROBERTSDALE — Three Baldwin County sites will receive new electric charging stations thanks to a state grant. The grant is for three sites: one in Robertsdale, Fairhope and Ocean Beach. The grant is for three sites: one in Robertsdale, Fairhope and Ocean Beach. The grant is for three sites: one in Robertsdale, Fairhope and Ocean Beach.

Gulf Shores set for Ram rematch in state quarterfinal



Gulf Shores football head coach Mark Hudspeth talks to players during a practice Tuesday afternoon. The Dolphins put in the quarterfinal preparations ahead of Friday's contest against Faith Academy when Gulf Shores is facing its second playoff game.

Dolphins facing familiar opponent in first-ever 3rd-round playoff

BY COLE MCANNIA
The Dolphins are set to face a familiar opponent in their first-ever 3rd-round playoff game. The Dolphins are set to face a familiar opponent in their first-ever 3rd-round playoff game.

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