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Experience, dedication paint every corner of Art In The Park

While Art In The Park founder Dianne Quinn officially retired last year, turning the reins of the beloved community event over to her daughter Raychel Rork, things haven't changed too much with her schedule.

She's still helping answer phone calls, available to judge the quality of art, out with Rork as the pair measure and chalk sidewalks for the installation of the more than 400 tents and booths and coming up with new ideas for the event she started 36 years ago in Kellogg Park.

"I'm a little more relaxed about it," Quinn said, "and she's a little more stressed."

Rork agreed. She said she does feel a little more pressure this year, but she's been at the event every year and has accumulated more than three decades of training for the job.

"I feel like my Mom is the coach who has seen it all, heard it all and knows all the plays while I'm like the quarterback on the field, making calls. The ball's in my court but I know if anything comes up, she's there," Rork said.

As always, the coach and the quarterback have brought back all the attractions which draw tens of thousands of people to Plymouth for Art In The Park again this year and have also added some new entertainment and features "to keep things fresh and exciting."

Last year, they put a few art booths into an area off Forest Street and installed booths in the parking lot there that will wend past several boutiques and stores, all the way to Ann Arbor Trail.

"This year we have expanded that area to go all the way into the parking area that starts off Ann Arbor Trail and goes all the way to Forest Avenue. The lot is freshly paved and will allow us to have more booths," Rork said.

With more vendors this year, they will need the room, they agreed.

This year the juried vendors will include several unique artists, "really too many to name" all with artwork and items selected specifically for the event.

"There is some wonderful stuff," Quinn said, "and this year, I am looking forward to having more time to shop."

She said she is also looking forward to two other things at the show.

"I am excited and looking forward to us pulling the switch and saying, OK, it's showtime and to the moment we pull the switch again and announce, OK, it's over, we did it again and it was great."

Rork said that a new entertainer will be on hand this year, a musician she met at the Farmer's Market.

"I heard this guy and I thought he was great, just what we were looking for," she said. In conversation, she learned that the mellow-jazz musician

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was more than familiar with Plymouth as he lives in the city.

"I think people will really enjoy him." Rork said.

She added that crowd-favorite comedian John Park will also return.

Park has appeared on The Larry Sanders Show on HBO and is recognized for his comedy, juggling and plate spinning. He will be performing onsite throughout the weekend, Rork said.

Both she and her mom are excited about the living and chalk murals this year, too. They said that the artists, who are sisters, Kristen Anderson and Erin Dillenbeck, will both be using the Wizard of Oz theme for the projects. The sisters are both originally from Canton Township where their mother, Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owns the D and M Art Studio. Students from some



Raychel Rork and Dianne Quinn

of the art classes will be helping with the murals, she added.

"The murals are so popular," Rork said. "It's amazing to watch both the

murals grow and change during the weekend. People make trips every day to see how that art is coming along."

She added that since it is the 75th



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anniversary of The Wizard of Oz film, the theme is appropriate and one of the stiltwalkers who entertains the crowds is expected to be dressed as the scarecrow.

"The Penn Theater is going to show the movie, shortly after Art In The Park." Rork added.

The Bianco Touring Motor Coach shuttle buses will continue to run throughout the event from the ACH parking lot at 14425 Sheldon Road near M-14 to the center of the festival at Plymouth City Hall and back to the cars parked in the lot. This service will alleviate congestion in the downtown area.

"That really is the best way to see the festival," Rork said.

These two should certainly know. After more than three decades, there is very little they haven't seen or had to deal with.

"We have seen it all," Quinn said



with a smile, "and there is very little we aren't prepared for or haven't taken care of before."

They have contingency plans for weather (one of their biggest enemies), medical emergencies ("We have Huron Valley Ambulance on hand the entire time"), lost children and lost seniors.

"We know, though, that no matter how prepared we are, we never know what might happen," Rork said.

"That's the main thing you have to be prepared for," Quinn said, "not being prepared. You just have to decide what to do and then get it done. Whatever the situation, you just roll with it."



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Joe and Eric Wakar

Brothers bring unique miniatures to show

The rainbow-colored Wakar booth in Kellogg Park during Art In The Park has become a family tradition.

Not only for Joe and Eric Wakar, brothers who sell their polymer clay creations at the annual art exhibition, but for many of their customers who return year after year to add to their collection of Wakar creations. The brothers followed their older sister, Meagan, who also exhibited her clay artistry in the booth, but Joe, 16, and Eric, 13, have a style all their own. For

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the past six or seven years, the pair have been making their tiny, brightly-colored animal creations which have grown into collectors' items among area students.

The whimsical creatures, Eric Wakar said, are always on the same general idea and in the same style but they have gotten better and more sophisticated during the years.

"It's an ever-evolving collection," he said. Each of the little creations is hand-made individually by the brothers.

"We always have at least five to 10 new pieces a year," Joe said.

The boys make about 500 individual pieces in various sizes including the tiny creations that snap onto key chains that have caught the interest of young collectors who put them on their backpacks. Dozens of fans make a point of visiting their booth every year to see what is new and what they can add to their collections.

"The dogs sell out every year," Joe Wakar said, "and the turtles are probably the most popular. They come in all colors, orange, yellow, even tye-dye shells and they appeal to everybody."

The appeal is so strong that one year the boys ran out of figures and had to make more for sale the next day. It wasn't



too difficult a job, they agreed, because with their "assembly line" techniques, they can complete 20 or so of the figures in an hour, after the design work is complete.

They said that the more intricate designs they do take more time. Each of the creations begins with a pea-size sphere, then takes on individual characteristics. "We try, sometimes, to do themes," Eric said, "like yellow and blue."

Making the clay figures is really a cooperative effort, Joe conditions the clay and runs it through a pasta machine,

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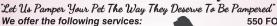
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cuts and shapes pieces, sometimes using molds to ensure the correct sizes, while Eric specializes in forming and adding personality and detail to the creations. The clay figures are then baked in their mom's oven.

"It (the clay) is intended to be finished in a regular oven and it doesn't smell," Joe said, and it works well, "unless Mom is baking," Eric added.

The figures appeal to a younger audience, which is deliberate the artists agreed.

"Kids might not be able to spend much. It's nice to have some things that they can buy and keep," Eric said. Their creations cost about \$2 each.

The boys have an entirely different style than their sister, who did more representational sculptures. They want their work to appeal to everybody, both boys and girls.

"We have some people come back and tell us their entire mantel is covered with our figures," Joe, a student at Plymouth High School, added.

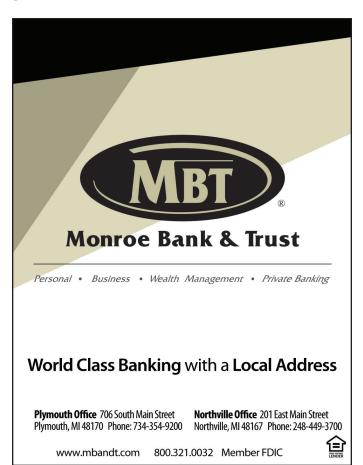
Eric attends East Middle School and the boys are Canton Township residents. The artwork at the booth isn't their only artistic outlet. Both do Origami and Eric also draws and paints.



Joe and Eric Wakar

The brothers are both musically inclined. Eric plays the piano and "a little guitar" along with the cello, harmonica and percussion instruments in the school band.

Joe also plays piano, "a lot of guitar, marimbas, the vibraphone and percussion instruments." He is also a member of the drum line in the Plymouth Canton Marching Band.







Young artist practices style all her own

Since she could hold a pencil, fledgling artist Madison Potvin of Westland has been drawing. Anything she sees, she tries to duplicate and most often her results are spectacular:

"I didn't get good at it until about two years ago," the 14-year-old said. Good would appear to be an understatement. Potvin's images are representational and done in graphite pencil, ink or colored pencils and tend to wow those who see them.

She has never taken art lessons but said, "I just figured out my own style and techniques. I draw faces, a lot of celebrities," she said.

While she hasn't entered art exhibitions or competitions, word of her talent and skill has spread and she has been asked to do a few commissions from people who have seen her work.

"I haven't really let anybody know that I will do commissions," she said and Art In The Park is her very first commercial venture with her artwork. The show is juried, and



Madison Potvin

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Raychel Rork, president of Art In The Park, commented that she was more than impressed with Potvin's work.

"I could not believe this was done by someone her age," Rork said. "The work is so outstanding."

Potvin's art is still a hobby and something she has to squeeze in between her summer jobs babysitting and her sports practices. She attended Stevenson Middle School and will start and John Glenn High School in September.

She has been attempting to prepare as many samples of her work as possible for the show and said she has a wide variety of original work she plans to bring.

"I'm bringing quite a few, I really haven't counted to see how many," she said.

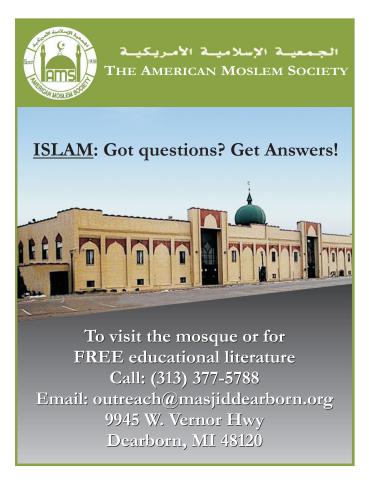
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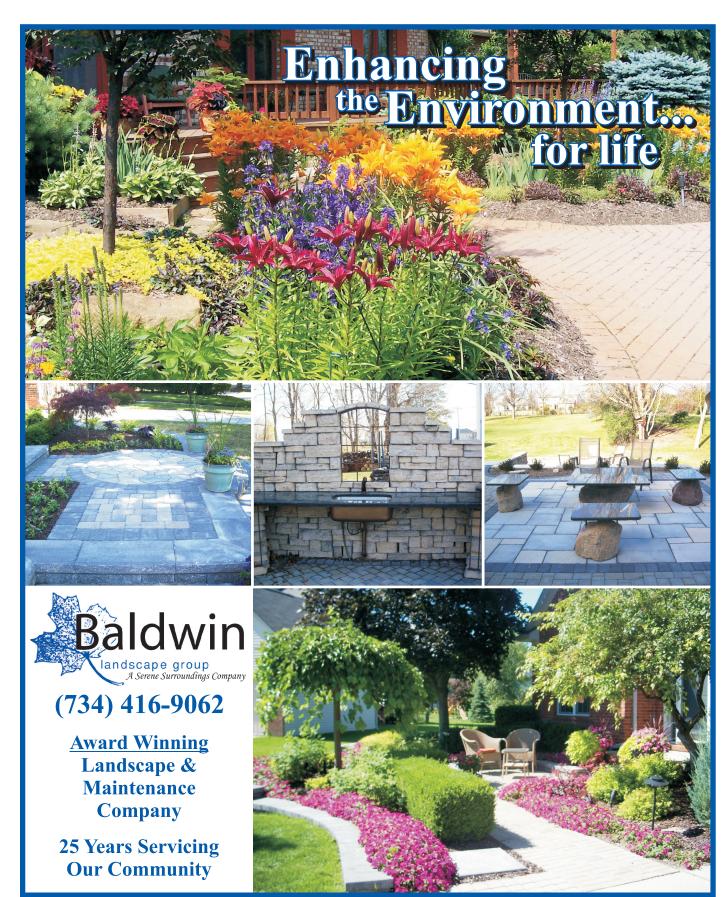
commercial art that she said she hasn't yet decided on prices for her work.

"I've been thinking and thinking

about that," she said. "It will depend on the size and the amount of work that I put into the drawing."







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Rebel Nell adorns jewelry with empowerment

When Amy Peterson was attending law school in Detroit, she had no idea her neighbors would lead her down a separate career path. Her neighbors were women housed at the Peterboro Street Coalition for Temporary Shelter (COTS). As Peterson walked her dog between studies, she would talk to the women, and became convinced that what they needed was an opportunity to help themselves. She and her









friend Diana Russell were convinced they could help the shelter residents if they could provide them with employment that would incorporate a teaching process while providing the women with an income. Since both had backgrounds in jewelry making, that seemed like a plausible business to pursue.

When Peterson then discovered that graffiti was totally usable material for jewelry designs, the new partners embarked on Rebel Nell.

Fast forward 2 ½ years and the company now employs four women full time and is completely sustained from jewelry sales. The employees have developed the skill set necessary to create the unique jewelry and are able to teach it to new employees, Julia Rhodes, the coordinator at the small factory said.

The women employees, considered creative designers, have been able to



move out of the shelter with a few on their way to home ownership, Rhodes added.

Rebel Nell staff members create "defiant jewelry with a purpose," she said.

"Our mission is to employ disadvantaged women in Detroit, to educate them on financial management, life wellness, and business, and to empower them to successfully transition to an independent life," Rhodes said in an emailed statement.

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ber of women, we offer them a number of services which dive deep into their lives to make a lasting impact. These programs range from legal advice, housing, financial management, entrepreneurship, counseling and life wellness," Rhodes said.

The jewelry starts with graffiti that is collected after it has fallen due to the weight of many layers of paint and damage from Mother Nature. The graffiti is worked with sterling silver and non-toxic jeweler's resin to create one-of-a-kind pieces.

"Our pendants, which are our signature pieces, are all tagged with the location of where the graffiti was found in Detroit," Rhodes said.

Prices for the unique art jewelry range from \$65-\$175.

This is the first year Rebel Nell has been at Art In The Park and Rhodes





said that she, Peterson and Russell are looking forward to the weekend.

"We've heard great things about Art





In The Park and had several people ask if we were going to be there. We're very excited to attend," she said.











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They will be identified this year by their bright-colored t-shirts and their huge smiles as they offer assistance, information and help to ensure visitors at Art In The Park have the best experience possible during the event. Some of the volunteers have been coming to the art show since Dianne Quinn, above center, began the event with a few artist friends about 36 years ago. As the festival has continued to expand, so has the group of volunteers whose work is essential to success of the show. "We couldn't do this without them," commented Art In The Park President Raychel Rork, next to Quinn, above, and we appreciate everything they do."

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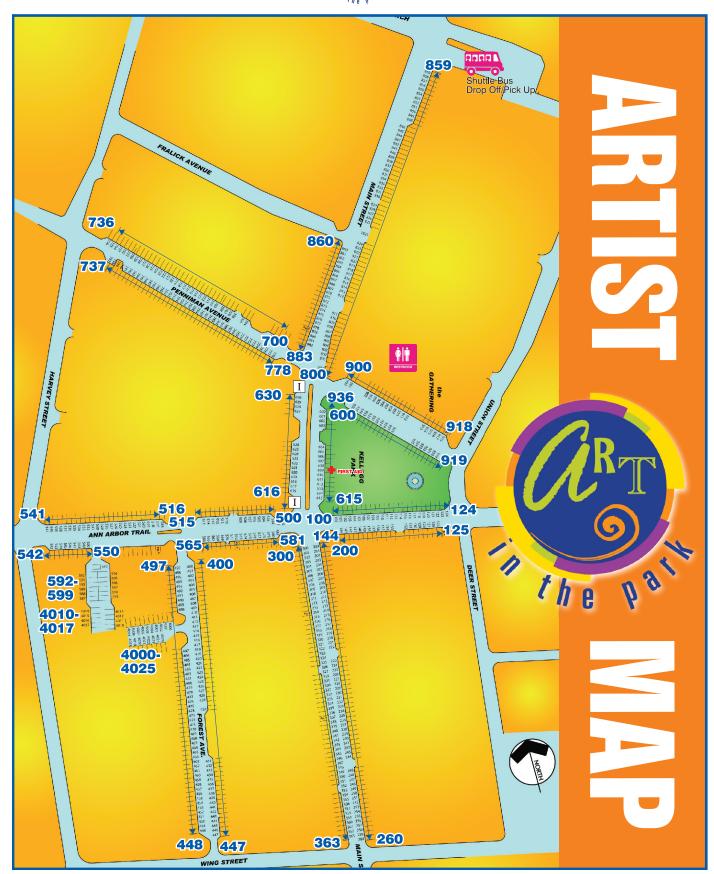


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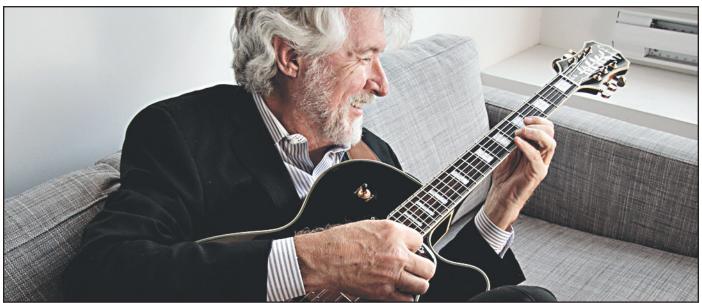












Plymouth jazz artist will entertain crowds

The beautiful sounds of smooth jazz entertaining crowds all weekend at Art In The Park are the product of musician Ron Hark, appearing for the first time at the festival this year.

Raychel Rork, president of Art In The Park, heard Hark playing at the Farmers Market this spring and said she knew immediately that he was exactly what she and her mother, Dianne Quinn, were looking for to entertain crowds during the festival weekend.

"I got into conversation with him and found out he also lives in Plymouth," Rork said, "so that was even better. I am sure the crowds will really enjoy his music."

Hark plays smooth jazz and is also an inventor, a published author and has consulted with companies in the automotive and technical manufacturing sectors regarding their business strategies and practices.

He said his success is due to his ability to join philosophies and a passion for helping others succeed, whether he is recording a new single or cultivating a partnership between global companies.

Hark has shared the stage with music industry legends such as Chuck Berry and Joe Cocker and recently has opened for artists including Rascal Flats and Patty Loveless. His solo performances are marked by his casual jazz interpretations which he credits to influences as varied as Elvis Presley, James Taylor, Chicago, Boz Scraggs and Joe Pass. Of course, he also credits Beethoven, "anything that reeks of unique genius and enthusiasm." Hark, who plays solo guitar, has sold more than 1,000 CDs.

When not entertaining crowds, Harks says he is working on his golf game or enjoying the view of Kellogg Park from his home in downtown Plymouth.

His latest album, Gentle Gelato, is available on his website www.ronhark.com.



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Lorry Boxberger	441	Fiber
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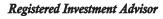
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Sarah Daley	743	Kids	Karrie Evenson	580	Painting
Dan Davenport	135	Metal	Kathy Fields	321	Jewelry
Dawn Davis	346	Gourmet Kitchen	Stacey Fike	4009	Bath & Body
Shelley Davis	723	Gourmet Kitchen	Dan Finerman	222	Wood
Sheron Davis	241	Glass	Anna Fleckenstein	810	Candles
Cathy Davis	825	Jewelry	James Fortener	419,420	Folk Art
Marilyn Davis	117	Fiber	Laura Foster	556	Mixed Media
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Julie Goodin	865	Painting	Steven Huyser-Honig	832,833	Photography
Judy Graham	470	Gourmet Kitchen	Renzo Iglesias	108	Jewelry Holders
Jerry Gran	813	Jewelry	Carlos Iglesias	240	Jewelry
Lisa Green	501	Artwear	Bruce Ingram	835	Pet
Jesse Green	521	Photography	Jon Jahraus	217	Drawing
Dennis Gustafson	534,535	Wood	Ann Jalsa	101	Jewelry
Bill Gustafson	427	Wood	Susan Jearlds	4013	Jewelry
Michelle Haden	768	Fiber	Greg Johnson	618,619	Ceramics and Pottery
Cortney Hamilton	4005	Gourmet Kitchen	Kathy Jones	361	Ceramics and Pottery
Erika Hanna	533	Jewelry	Marilyn Joy	733	Jewelry
Mayolo Haro	527,528	Wood	Laura Junco	228	Painting
Carolyn Harrington	820	Artwear	Sooney Kadouh	300	Photography
Heather Harris	802,803	Metal	John Kara	755	Wood
Grace Harris	103	Glass	Jenn Karas	415	Fiber
Michelle Hauska	817	Gourmet Kitchen	Michelle Karl	250	Fiber
Vicki Haynes	357	Gourmet Kitchen	Jan Kaulins	700	Photography
Kevin Heekin	319	Sculpture	Tracy Kehr	614	Glass
Ruth Heginbottom	225	Mixed Media	Richard Kent	598	Sculpture
Janice Heligman	439	Mixed Media	Rex Kessler	247,248	Wood
Humberto Hernandez	312	Jewelry	Sang man Kim	573	Painting
Cynthia Higgins	451	Painting	Tiffany Kimmet	753	Photography
Kelly Hill	482,483	Wood	Scott Kole	251	Pet
Katja Hilton	701	Butterflies	Danny Kong	400,401	Fiber
Pamela Hoehn	231	Bath & Body	Ginny Krieger	469	Jewelry
Marge Hojnacki	850,851	Painting	Jeff Kuhns	311	Ceramics and Pottery
Goldy Holdwick	121	Yard & Garden	Debbie La Pratt	610	Ceramics and Pottery
Steven Holmberg	531	Artwear	Don Lake	702	Wood
Jean Houndsome	318	Jewelry	Lyn Langton	591	Floral
Jerry Howard	254	Ceramics and Pottery	Chris Laporte	630	Drawing



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Artist	Booth Number	Media	Artist	Booth Number	Media
Julianne Lardas	253	Art Wear	Ed Miller	130,131	Jewelry
Sarah Larges	114	Floral	Jim Miller	4022	Music Boxes
Conrad Larson	244	Photography	Jenn Millspaugh	855	Painting
Dan Lary	473	Kids	Phyllis Minnery	611	Jewelry
Sharon Lee	873	Jewelry	Kathleen Mizzi	467	Fiber
Nan-Hsiung Lee	601	Floral	Judy Moeggenberg	446,447	Metal
Dylan Lees	410	Photography	Karri Mohr	725,726	Signs
Katherine Lewis	325	Jewelry	Peggy Mohr	334	Artwear
Stan Lewis	132	Gourmet Kitchen	LouAnn Montgomery	718,719	Kids
Wendy Lewis/Brodick	431	Metal	Susan Moon	519	Jewelry
Robin Lieb	720	Photography	Janice Moore	322	Glass
Andrea Lithgow	409	Jewelry	Mary Kay Moore	523	Jewelry
Joan Lohrer	411	Kids	Lucy Moore	307,308	Fiber
Darrell Lomas	454	Gourmet Kitchen	Chris Morgan	115	Signs
Susanne Lorraine	616	Jewelry	Stephen Moser	588	Pet
Shandor Madjar	806	Jewelry	Lisa Mote	804	Glass
Paige Mahakian	237	Pet	Carolyn Moughler	732	Painting
Cynthia Mann	578	Jewelry	Cheryl Muir	769	Jewelry
Zack Marksz	205	Jewelry	Marvin Murphy	776	Painting
Scott Martin	559	Ceramics and Pottery	Michele Myers	840,841	Bath & Body
Bill & Vivian Matthews	503,504	Wood	Kandace Myny	209	Painting
Shari Mauer	721,722	Yard & Garden	Sara Naragon	742	Pet
Lenae May	506	Fiber	Carol Nastasi	849	Gourmet Kitchen
Joe Mazzola	304	Lights	Karen Neff	257	Gourmet Kitchen
Jennifer McCall	73	Body Art	Gerald Neikirk	532	Wood
Melvin McGee	880	Painting	Jeffrey Nelson	324	Wood
Merlys Mcgraw	864	Jewelry	Karen Nelson	876	Ceramics and Pottery
Sawai McLaughlin	587	Artwear	Angie Nichols	571	Furniture
Joelle Medici	134	Kids	Robert Nilsson	830	Jewelry
Margaret Michel	508	Painting	Rod Niner	826	Glass
Brian Miller	609	Photography	Jean Nixon	476	Fiber



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Darlin Nothnagel	137	Ceramics and Pottery	Trish Shantz	628	Glass
Donna Nowak	99,834	Body Art	Jodie Shaw	741	Kids
Pat O'brien	861	Sandy Candy	Selena Shisler	119	Artwear
Wendy OBrien	445	Jewelry	Robin Shore	856	Jewelry
Linda Olson	214.215	Kids	Brenda Shores	407	Wax Hands
Linda Osterhoudt	706	Jewelry	Christy Sjoblom	127,128	Wood
Helen O\'Neal	868	Jewelry	Jason Slattery	479	Artwear
Betty Paget	125	Artwear	Mark Slaven	819	Jewelry
Scott Pakulski	320		Deborah Smith	602	Painting
		Photography	· ·		ū
Arleen Parker	624	Jewelry	Sue Smith	360	Floral
Derek Patterson	332	Painting	Janelle Songer	566	Ceramics and Pottery
Vincent Pernicano	814	Glass	Jose Soto	589	Jewelry
Todd Petersen	857	Gourmet Kitchen	Joy Sparks	207	Jewelry
Beth Peterson	342	Jewelry	Chrysa Sparrow	223	Fiber
Laura Petrarca	450	Artwear	Elaina Spicher	126	Candles
Sandi Pfeffer	871	Jewelry	Charlie Sprigg	116	Metal
Paul Phelps	815	Glass	Kelly Stenzel	113	Kids
Lydia Pinto	590	Kids	Allyson Stevens	724	Paper
Tracy Pivinski	778	Yard & Garden	Cheryl Stevens	333	Jewelry
Gerri Pizzini	816	Jewelry	Kathleen Stone	403	Fiber
Neil Plotkin	538,539	Metal	Bob Sturk	230	Wood
Carvl Pohland	358,359	Floral	Diane rose Sugg-santoro		Jewelry
Michael Poisson	735	Kids	Sheryl Sutherland	259	Wood
Nancy Potts	543	Jewelrv	Paul Terpstra	227	Gourmet Kitchen
Sarah Potts	613	Gourmet Kitchen	Troy Thomas	716	Artwear
Al Povinelli	349,350	Sculpture	Dave Thompson	425.426	Sculpture
Linda Powers	867	·	Conni Togel	144	•
Rob Preston		Drawing			Painting
	129	Sculpture	Jennifer Treece	754	Painting
Doug Purtee	340	Fire Extinguishers	Willie Trejbal	568	Jewelry
Randy Racioppi	210	Gourmet Kitchen	Robert Trisko	704,705	Jewelry
Diane Rapaich	229	Yard & Garden	Jeff Tseng	872	Glass
Laura Ravenna	478	Painting	Meredith Ulsh	100	Artwear
Linda Reese	211,212	Artwear	Sheryl Umulis	752	Gourmet Kitchen
Cinnamon Reichardt	4002	Artwear	Patti Van Tonder	258	Artwear
Linda Renner	853	Sculpture	Miriam Vigoa	544	Gourmet Kitchen
llene Rezman	549	Jewelry	Veronica Villaclara	339	Fiber
Julia Rhodes	249	Jewelry	Potters Guild Village	488,490-493	Ceramics and Pottery
Kim Rhoney	576	Painting	Shirleigh Vinson	246	Artwear
Kris Rivera	845	Kids	Elisabeth Voltz	480,481	Jewelry
Jennifer Robinette	437	Fiber	David Wagman	848	Jewelry
Michael & Deann Rogers	s 239	Wood	Lyn Wagner-Ditzhazy	507	Jewelry
Matt Rogers	355	Musicians	Karin Ware	744	Jewelry
Michael Rose	351	Jewelry	Latanya Washington	460	Candles
Kelley Rose	607,608	Gourmet Kitchen	Brian Watson	362	Jewelry
Richard Roy	852	Ceramics and Pottery	Neil Weaver	4025	Photography
Dale Ryan	414	Sculpture	Katherine Weisinger	836	Jewelry
Fatou Sall	548	Fiber	Laurie Whisnant	464	Jewelry
Jerry Sarkody	863	Photography	Claudia Wickham	875	Photography
David Scherer	714	Clocks	Tina Willis-Lorenz	301,302	Digital Art
		Ceramics and	-		
Maureen Schloss	4006	Ceramics and	Donnamaria Wilsher	560,561	Artwear
Pottery	100	laala.	Noree Woodard	432	Sculpture
Elisabeth Schmidt	120	Jewelry	Lyndsay Wylie-Wyborski		Artwear
Douglas Schmidt	224	Ceramics and Pottery	Elaine & Jerry Yang	510	Artwear
Cynthia Schmidt	232	Painting	Alisha Yuker	740	Wood
Carl Schneider	603	Jewelry	Barbara Zaremski	463	Jewelry
John Schroeder	843,844	Yard & Garden	Jim Zhang	623	Painting
Rufus Seder	255	Mixed Media	Bart Ziegler	252	Jewelry
Jeff Seemayer	736	Fiber	Jeff Zoellner	104	Jewelry
Hiral Shah	53	Body Art	Susan Zupnyk	208	Fiber

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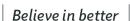








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A taste of culinary art

Plymouth restaurants attract crowds all year long

In addition to the artists that fill the streets of downtown Plymouth this week, there are many more behind the culinary treats that delight Plymouth diners throughout the year.

When it comes to the art of the meal, Plymouth has become a destination for those seeking something truly special.

Experienced visitors to Art In The Park have learned to plan their shopping path to ensure they are in the area of one of the exceptional restaurants as the lunch or dinner hour arrives. Diners from the area know, too, that these are some of the most "artistic" places in southeastern Michigan to find great food served with a flair.

Art In The Park brings artists from across the country to Plymouth every July, but the artistry of the chefs in the community prompts diners to return, meal after meal.

Featured here are some of the finest in the area. Enjoy.

Aqua Fine Dining 413 North Main St. Plymouth (734) 335 - 7474

One of the newest and most modern restaurants in Plymouth is Aqua, located on North Main Street. The new dining establishment has been open for a year and offers modern, Eurasian cuisine under the watchful eye and direction of Executive Chef John Nikollbibaj.

Everything fresh, every day is the philosophy at Aqua where each menu item is prepared to order using only the very freshest ingredients, meats and produce. The Aqua kitchen does not use microwaves or freezers. Aqua

chefs were featured recently on both Channel 4 and Channel 7 cooking segments.

The ultra modern bar offers Aqua signature craft cocktails, draft and bottled beers, liquor and a great wine selection. The restaurant also features unique sushi/sashimi and hosts Half-off Sushi Wednesdays, when diners pay half price for sushi rolls.

The restaurant is divided by the formal dining room, black-glass topped full-service bar, cocktail area and all-season ultra lounge/patio. The ultra lounge is available for reservations for private parties, birthdays or corporate luncheons. Private parking is available on site.



Aqua is open from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, from noon until midnight Saturday and from noon until 10 p.m. Sunday.



Burger Spot 550 Forest Ave. Westchester Mall (734) 455-4141

Since taking over in May 2014, the new owners of The Burger Spot have been warmly welcomed by the community, who quickly discovered their fresh and vast array of new menu items. The family-owned and operated restaurant is a great family-friendly place to enjoy a variety of burgers, vegetarian/vegan options, shakes, fries and more.

Owner Jack Ayoub recently added a brand-new outdoor patio to the Westchester Square burger joint, located on the Harvey Street side of the restaurant. Patrons can either enter through this easily accessible Harvey Street storefront, where full parking is available, or through the Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue, which is also home to the Three-Dog Bakery and the Genuine Toy Co.

Ayoub, whose family has been in the restaurant business for nearly four decades, knows the importance of fresh ingredients. The menu includes fresh (never frozen), handpattied Black Angus burgers, Dearborn All-Natural Casing hot dogs, marinated grilled chicken sandwich-

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es, as well as house-made vegetarian/vegan options, soups, salads and much more. The Burger Spot also offers gluten-free buns for burgers and dogs.

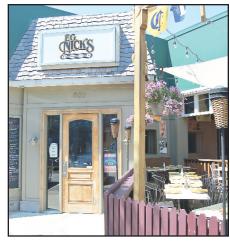
A featured menu item proclaimed a "must-try" is the Poutine fries. This dish of French fries, smothered with brown gravy as well as cheese curds is a Canadian favorite that has created a large following at the downtown Plymouth restaurant.

The Burger Spot is open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday.

E.G. Nick's 500 Forest Ave. Plymouth (734) 414-6400

One of the most popular places in town is always E.G. Nick's on Forest Street where owners Tony Belli and Frank Agostini are known for great food and for great entertainment all year.

Festival crowds have made E.G. Nick's a special destination when they travel to Plymouth, while locals this is the place to find excellent lunch and dinner offerings including long-time menu favorites along with creative and innovative dishes from the kitchen. The ideal place for a family dinner or a night out, E. Nick's has become a mainstav of



Plymouth landscape and a destination for both locals and visitors.

E. G. Nicks also boasts an extensive list of specially-brewed craft beers and unique cocktails, along with an extensive list of premium wines.

A brand-new summer menu just introduced includes items like the new Caprese ravioli, with a kale and pesto

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sauce that brings diners back again and again. The exceptional flatbread pizzas offer unique toppings like bacon, lettuce and tomato or Caesar salad along with the expected usual pepperoni and cheeses. The exceptional flatbread crust on these treats has made them one of the biggest sellers on the late-night and lunch menu, Agostini said. The imaginative new dishes added to the menu have drawn rave reviews from regulars.

"We concentrate on fresh. We handcut our own produce which we buy fresh and we pay attention to every dish we serve," he added.

The new menu still includes the favorite planked whitefish, chosen as the best in the state by food critics and the award-winning spare ribs, Bang-Bang Shrimp and bourbon pot roast nachos.

Meals range from \$8 to \$20 or so and are served in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. The restaurant is known for the varied menu, family-friendly atmosphere and spirit of fun, whether there is a festival going on or simply the celebration of Tuesday.

Hermann's Old Town Grille 195 West Liberty St. Plymouth (734) 451-1213

For a real taste of Plymouth, Hermann's simply cannot be missed. From the long bar of regulars to the back room where crowds gather, this is the place for friendly banter and wonderful food.

The tavern, located in Plymouth Old Town, serves a menu full of specialty burgers, fresh salads, ovenbaked pizza and unique sandwiches, all made to order.

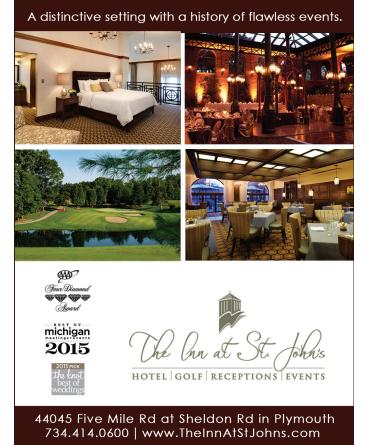
The OTB (Old Town Burger) comes



in a variety of configurations, all of which have made Hermann's famous. There are special features every day and recently some decadent small dessert cups.

Owners Nick and Sally Hermann provide good food and a very comfortable atmosphere where people can really enjoy themselves and relax. The owners said focus on family friends and fun at the restaurant.







Hermann's, which is identified by the large drooling moose painted on the outside of the building, is also available for parties, birthdays and other special events with an emphasis on fun.

Hermann's is open from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon until 2 a.m. Sundays.

The Inn at St. John's 44045 Five Mile Road at Sheldon Road Plymouth (734) 414-0600

The Inn at St. John's is a Plymouth jewel. This breathtaking landmark is the premier location for overnight stays, gournet dining, corporate conferences, weddings, receptions, executive meetings, charity galas, and golf outings. Metro Detroit's fourth largest hotel in terms of total meeting space, St. John's welcomes both locals and travelers to experience a blend of

comfort and luxury.

For an inspired dining experience in a chic, inviting atmosphere, make a date at 5ive Restaurant, located off the hotel lobby at The Inn at St. John's. Diners can enjoy a thoughtfully selected, award-winning wine list, extensive offering of local brews and al fresco dining on the terrace in season. 5ive Restaurant is open daily, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Visit www.theinnatstjohns.com to receive emails re: wine dinners, beer dinners other and special events. Reservations at: (734) 357-5700 or www.opentable.com.

For a napkin-testing burger, visit the vintage diner-style Burger Loft, located above The Inn at St. John's Pro Shop. Making burger history since summer 2013, the Burger Loft offers a fresh take on the motif of a classic burger joint. The menu includes crisp salads, house-cut fries, and, of course,



burgers done right. A house-made chocolate brownie, lofty cookie or old-school milkshake is the perfect way to conclude a dining experience. The Burger Loft is ideal for business lunches, casual get-togethers and a "19th hole". Open during golf season from 4-9 p.m. on Mondays, and from 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The loft is closed Sundays.

Karl's Cabin 6005 Gotfredson Road Plymouth (734) 455-8450

Built in the 1940s, Karl's Cabin is truly a Michigan Made log cabin roadhouse restaurant, bar and grill. Located just minutes west of downtown



Plymouth and just east of Ann Arbor, the restaurant is a favorite of patrons from throughout the area.

Guests can enjoy rustic charm, friendly service and a large menu including hand-cut grilled steaks, fresh seafood, BBQ, fresh pasta, big salads, burgers, artisan sandwiches and daily chef-created features. Slow-roasted prime rib is served every Friday and Saturday night. Dinners are priced from \$8 to \$20 while lunch prices range from \$6-\$15.

The chef prefers to shop locally when feasible and often brings in organic and natural foods for a substantial gluten free menu. Karl's offers 20 Michigan craft beers on draft including Bell's, Founders and Short's. The extensive wine list includes 60 wines to choose from with many wines from Michigan and over 20 wines poured by the glass.

Karl's entertainment includes dueling pianos and live bands on the weekends.

Reservations are recommended.





NICO & VALI 744 Wing St, Plymouth (734) 207-7880

NICO & VALI, named for owner Paul DePalma's children, offers fullservice dining in a casual atmosphere at the newly-remodeled location on Wing Street, just East of Main Street.

NICO & VALI's menu offers authentic Southern Italian fare with a few modern day twists. The chef uses only the freshest possible ingredients to ensure the finest flavors utilizing her culinary expertise to create hand-crafted, off-the-menu items that are available regularly throughout the week and every weekend. The restaurant offers an extensive list of wine, beer and cocktails to accompany their dishes and carry outs are always available.

Whether dining in or "al fresco" on the beautiful outdoor patio, the service



is always cheerful, efficient and prompt from the knowledgeable servers.

Recently, NICO & VALI completed an interior remodel which included the addition of a full service bar with a fresh, urban vibe. They've also adjusted their business hours to accommodate their new bar crowd, complete with a newly-launched Happy Hour that is available from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and again for a Late Night Happy Hour from 10 p.m. until midnight. Be sure to check out their events calendar online for LIVE ENTERTAINMENT schedule.

Shoppers looking for a place to go before or after enjoying Art in the Park, check out NICO & VALI and see what has all of Plymouth and Hour Magazine talking.

NICO & VALI is open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. until midnight on Friday and Saturday and from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday.

Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill 838 Penniman Ave. Plymouth (734) 335-7720

Bassam and Anthony Warra, owners of the new Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill, have some very







definite ideas about the food served in their restaurant. With more than 20 years in the restaurant business, they know that the best food requires the best ingredients and they use nothing else in their kitchen.

The Warras insist on only the freshest local produce and pride themselves on authentic flavors in their food.

"We never over-season," Bassam Warra said. "With the freshest ingredients, we don't have to." The restaurant uses family recipes handed down for generations and also offers some new dishes with a contemporary flair.

Warra said that Mediterranean food is naturally healthy and he wants to keep it that way. Everything in the restaurant is made fresh every day "from scratch, because nobody makes it as good as we do," Warra said.

"We realized that this area was missing out on the fresh, authentic and healthy Mediterranean cuisine that is our passion. Our life. So we created Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill. Our vision is that every meal we serve is as delicious, flavorful and nutritious as the meals we serve at home," Warra said.



Simply Fresh Mediterranean Grill is open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.



The Post Local Bistro 844 Penniman Plymouth, (313) 319-7070

The Post Local Bistro loves Plymouth.

JT and Jen, from the original Post in Detroit, agree that they love the new Plymouth spot. The pair, along with their incredible staff, have already become favorites with patrons who claim they are "always friendly, laughing and hard working."

Chef Dave offers a creative bistro-

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style dinner menu each day which features fresh ingredients from local merchants. There is also a drink menu filled with Michigan craft beers, specialty drinks and a carefully selected wine list.

Live entertainment is usually featured Wednesday and Thursday nights and the Post DJ entertains every Friday and Saturday night.

The Post, opened in February of 2014 to a warm welcome from the community, is excited to be part of Art In The Park for the first time this year, the owners said.

Happy hour, dinner or late night, there is always a good time at The Post.

The Post opens at 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and at 11 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Station 885 885 Starkweather Old Village, Plymouth (734) 459-0885

Station 885 has become a tradition throughout the Plymouth area. After nearly three decades of serving great meals to fami-



lies, they are obviously on the right track, according to owner Rob Costanza.

The Costanza family prides themselves on a fresh menu but never forgets the traditional dishes which have made Station 885 part of countless family events and celebrations during the past 30 years.

The restaurant is located adjacent to the railroad tracks in historic Old Village and the theme seems appropriate.

Youngsters of all ages are always delighted when the bell sounds for an oncoming train passing by. The electric model trains also add a special ambiance

Station 885 is open from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The restaurant also offers a special Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. which includes various breakfast items along with prime rib, fresh shrimp, salads, fruits, made-to-order crepes and omelets and countless other items.

Station 885 offers live entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and Trivia Night begins at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The trackside patio is open all day, every day, weather permitting. Station 885 also provides banquet facilities for parties from 20-80 guests.

Art In The Park information

ART IN THE PARK HOURS:

Friday, July 10 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

FIRST AID:

First Aid Station is located at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

INFORMATION BOOTH:

Information Booths can be found on Main Street just off Ann Arbor Trail and at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman Avenue.

REST ROOMS:

Rest Rooms are located in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park, off Ann Arbor Trail.

SHUTTLE SERVICE:

Shuttle buses will run continuously from the ACH (Formerly Visteon) Parking Lot on Sheldon Road to Plymouth City Hall during Art In The Park hours. The cost is \$3 round trip and children 12 and younger ride at no cost. Shuttles will run from 10:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. The buses each have air conditioning, on board restrooms, stroller storage and storage for purchases made at Art In The Park.

LIVING MURAL:

Living Mural is located at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

CHALK MURAL:

Chalk Mural is located at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Entertainer John Park, The Funny Waiter, will perform in Kellogg Park.

Jazz musician Ron Hark will perform on Penniman Avenue, near Sean O'Callaghan's in booth 773.

KID'S ACTIVITIES:

Art In The Park provides educational activities including a substantial, collaborative project for children. Art In The Park creates a huge mural that at least 1,000 children paint each year. Also creative kids of all ages will have their creations on display, and for sale around the fountain area in Kellogg Park. There will also be face painting and glitter tattoos; sandy candy art; balloons; candle making; henna body art and caricatures.





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