

# Thousands enjoy cool day for Carlisle's Harvest of the Arts

Phyllis Zimmerman For The Sentinel      Sep 24, 2016

[http://cumberlink.com/news/local/thousands-enjoy-cool-day-for-carlisle-s-harvest-of-the/article\\_ab96aff4-f5c5-59e9-ba2a-c89fa4f5e5fa.html](http://cumberlink.com/news/local/thousands-enjoy-cool-day-for-carlisle-s-harvest-of-the/article_ab96aff4-f5c5-59e9-ba2a-c89fa4f5e5fa.html)

---

Thousands lined the streets of Downtown Carlisle on a seasonably-crisp Saturday for the 36th Annual M&T Bank Harvest of Arts in Downtown Carlisle.

"It's an absolutely good turnout," Glenn White, executive director of the Downtown Carlisle Association, said of Saturday morning's crowd. "It's a beautiful fall day. It's the first nice day we've had in a while without sweating."

"It's a wonderful turnout. The vendors are very happy," said Mary Beth Brath, DCA program coordinator.

The Downtown Carlisle Association's annual flagship event featured more than 130 juried artists, European sports cars, a Kids Alley and a pop-up shop running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along a wide swath of West High Street. Live entertainment also was available throughout the day at the Star Stage on Dickinson College's campus at West High and N. West streets.

Also, Stan Carpenter and the Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club offered a display of more than 100 vintage sports cars and a special section of Rolls-Royces at the annual "Artistry on Wheels" display for the festival's "Meeting of the Marques" showcase.

Around 20,000 visitors were expected by day's end, White said. This year's healthy turnout was particularly notable, he added, because for the first time in many years, the show didn't coincide with Dickinson College's Parents Weekend. In previous years, Dickinson parents added to the show's numbers, but they may have attended just because it was nearby, White speculated.

Larry and Darlene Black of Carlisle residents have visited the show just about every year, they said, and not just because it's nearby.

"This is a tradition for us," Larry Black said.

This year, the couple brought grandchildren Owen Black and Leah Black for their first visit to the show. The 5-year-old twins were having their faces painted in Sheetz's Kids Alley by children's entertainer Katie Foster, of Newville.

"It's a beautiful day for a festival. It's not too hot," said Foster, who operates under the name of Kit Kat Sparkles.

Nearby, Becky Kline of Carlisle kept a close watch as granddaughter Stella Ro, 4, frolicked through a bounce house. Kline said she comes to the show "every year," but this was Stella's first time there. They also perused the Trout Gallery at the Art Museum of Dickinson College and other displays.

"I just like watching her enjoy it. She's loving it," Kline said of her granddaughter.

Kathyn Sauve and Stanley King, of Gardners, said they come each year for the food vendors. Kathy Nye, who attended with sister Linda Kendall, said she likes coming to the show each year to see "the different crafts and different people." The sisters are Carlisle residents.

"We'll buy anything that jumps out at us and says, 'Buy me,'" Nye said with a laugh.

That's good news for artists like Diane Cromer, of Acorn To Oak Studio, Lemoyne. The mixed-media artist's booth offered buyers everything from watercolors to wood carvings to oil paintings. Cromer's carving of a colorful fish was selected for this year's Harvest of The Arts brochure cover after White spotted the vivid piece at the East Street Artisans gallery in Carlisle.

Glass artist Dan Hayward's adjoining booth offered a large collection of stained and fused glass pieces. Hayward is a member of the Yellow Breeches Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, which members reviewed the work of Saturday's featured artists to make sure each met the show's juried criteria. Hayward spent two hours early Saturday meticulously arrangement his vendor's display, he said.

"I come back here each year because this is my community," said Hayward, who was returning for his seventh year.