Art Fest at Cuneo in Vernon Hills
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Loyola University Chicago's Cuneo Mansion and Gardens kicks off its sixth annual Art Fest on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 28, through Sunday, May 29.

The two-day festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and features a jam-packed weekend of art, music, food, and fun with more than 70 artists on the grounds of the historic Cuneo estate in Vernon Hills.

Local and national artists working in a variety of media, such as painting, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, mixed media and ceramics, will be featured.

Highlighted artists include: local artist Michel Ditlove, an oil painter from McHenry; Roxanna Santoro, a jeweler from Indiana; Jennifer Cavan, a pastel artist from New Mexico; and Barbara Barkley, a fiber artist who crafts her own paper from fibrous plants using an ancient process.

In addition, attendees can enjoy live entertainment as four bands play throughout the weekend.

Saturday features Bruce and Julie Hecksal of the band Patchouli, a classically trained duo that blends elements of folk, pop, flamenco, and jazz with world beat rhythms. Sunday features musical talents such as Donna Herula and Tony Nardiello, a mix of acoustic blues, country, folk, pop, and standards, and more.

The performance schedule is: Patchouli plays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, Donna Herula & Tony Nardiello play from 10 a.m. to noon; Mick Ducker Duo from 12:30-2:30 p.m.; and, the Ted Wulfers Band from 3-5 p.m.

“I always look forward to putting together the Cuneo Art Fest as it brings such a wide array of art and culture to the Cuneo estate and to the local community,” said Debbie Netter, event planner and lead coordinator of the festival of D&W Events Inc.

“This Art Fest is for everyone — young adults, teenagers, children, families, art enthusiasts, music enthusiasts, and more. What better way to start the summer than walking around on a beautiful 100-acre estate, enjoying food, music, and art?”

Bauer Catering will serve fresh food including wraps, hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, wine, and beer. Festival admission is free.
Parking is $5 per car. Tours of the historic mansion are $10 for adults and $9 for seniors and students. No dogs allowed.

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