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SPRINGFIELD ARTS COMMISSION LAUNCH THE "FIRST GREAT OUTDOOR ART CONTEST"

Participants will create a work of art in one morning

Enjoy the fun and challenge of creating art from nature in the tradition of "plein air" artists. The Springfield Arts Commission is set to launch the 1st Great Outdoor Art Contest at Island Park in Springfield. The event will take place Saturday, July 28 and all ages are welcome.

Using their own materials, participants will start and complete a work of art between 7a.m.- 2p.m. on July 28 from locations in Island Park or other areas in Lane County. All artwork must be original and must be done outside. Registration fees before July 20: Adults, \$7.50; Children and Teens, \$1.00. Registration fees after July 20: Adults, \$8.50; Children & Teens, \$2.00. Submit registration forms at the Springfield Public Library, 225 5th Street Springfield, OR or call (541) 726-2237 with questions.

In preparation for the event, a free "Plein Air Workshop" will be taught by Ellen Gabehart on Saturday, June 30 from 9:30-11:30a.m. There is limited enrollment; register at the Springfield Public Library reference desk or call (541) 726-3766.

Judging will begin at 2 p.m. with the Award Ceremony between 3:00-3:30p.m. Adult entries will be divided by media. There are also categories for: Teen (ages 13-18), Youth (ages 7-12) and Child (ages 6 and under). All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are invited to have their work on display in the Springfield City Hall gallery during August 2007.

This event is sponsored by the Springfield Arts Commission and the Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

What: The 1st Great Outdoor Art Contest

When: Saturday, July 28 beginning at 7a.m.

Where: Island Park, Springfield, Oregon

Additional Information: Contact Carrie Schindele-Cupples at 726-2237