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## **52nd Year for Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival**

Cambridge, OH (August 1, 2022) The Salt Fork Arts & Craft Festival brings many artists displaying their creative talents to Cambridge City Park. It also provides outstanding entertainment throughout the day and tempting foods to savor while enjoying the festivities happening on August 12-14. Admission is free so come on out and enjoy all the activities!

Opening ceremonies will be held at the Gateway Entrance on Edgeworth Avenue at 12:00 on August 12 featuring music by the Caldwell High School Marching Band. Welcomes will be made by several local officials before the ribbon cutting for the 52nd Salt Fork Festival.

Stop by and see the creative artwork of many artists from all over the United States. There is a wide range of work from paintings and jewelry to wood carvings and glass. Find old favorites there like Michael Warren who magically creates beautiful designs with a chainsaw. Or visit Gene and Maggie Jorgensen for their beautiful jewelry. Don't forget to check out our outstanding Student Art display with more than 250 pieces contributed by area students.

You have a chance in the People's Choice Tent to vote on the pieces of artwork you find most appealing. This is a special cherished award as the artists want to know if their work is something many people enjoy.

Several popular groups will be returning – The Loves Gospel Quartet, Cambridge City Band, CHS Alumni Jazz Band, John Glenn String Sounds, Northwest Territory, and the ever-popular Festival Chorus. New this year for the children, the Madcap Puppets from Cincinnati will be presenting “Fantastic Fairy Tales.” Kids can also enjoy Melody Stolle's energetic storytelling.

A special feature this year will be a free Workshop by the Kevin Prater Bluegrass Band. Their band will be performing in the Performing Arts Tent at 11:00 and 12:00 with the workshop to follow at 1:30 in the park with the various instruments they use – mandolin, banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass, and even vocal. Bring your instruments along for some free pointers and join them for a mini concert after the workshop.

Ohio made foods are featured here plus a little extra. Enjoy Candy's Gourmet Fudge, Jose Madrid Salsa, Misty Mountain Estate, Three Blooms Flower Farm and Crackpot Coffee. Copley Bee Co, a family of beekeepers, returns to the festival with honey in a variety of forms, No matter whether you enjoy a bottle of regular honey, creamed honey, wax or beeswax, Copley Bee will be able to send you home from the festival with a special treat. Golden Boy Biscuits gives you a chance to take home some homemade dog biscuits or some dog toys for your best friend.

Local artists will be displaying their talents while you watch. Watch clay pots being made, a blacksmith at work over an open fire, quilters and learn local history. Chuck and Shana Fair always attract attention as they make clay pottery and share how it is decorated. A special attraction this year will be Eli Wilson, who is demonstrating blacksmith techniques over an open fire outside the tent. Step back in time as you watch these artists.

Another new feature this year will be Hilary Frambes, a chalk artist, from Plain City. She enjoys painting large-scale chalk murals for festivals and will be drawing sidewalk pictures during the festival. Children will be encouraged to enter a contest and draw their own chalk pictures.

The Salt Fork Arts & Crafts Festival is a great place to pick up unique gifts of original design for your use or as a gift. Visit the artists, listen to some quality entertainment, and enjoy a tasty treat from the food vendors the weekend of August 12-14 at Cambridge City Park. Friends and families meet here to make lifelong memories.

For more information, visit [www.saltforkfestival.org](http://www.saltforkfestival.org) or call 740-630-8935.