



## **Art-A-Licious Festival**

**Celebrating the Arts & Culture of Lenawee County!**

**September 14 & 15, 2007**

**E. Maumee Street, Downtown Adrian, Michigan**

*downtown...everything's great when you're*

*downtown...everything's waiting for YOU!*

Lyrics from Petula Clark's "Downtown"

Join your friends and family at the Art-A-Licious Festival, in downtown Adrian, on Friday, September 14 & Saturday, September 15. The Art-A-Licious Festival, celebrating arts and culture in Lenawee County, will feature art demonstrations, unique and original art for sale, youth art activities, lost arts exhibits, storytelling, free musical entertainment, including singing & dancing, plus food and family fun!

Among the many festival exhibits and displays, don't miss these two very special events! The Bank of Lenawee will, again, present "Lenawee Live", their annual show of support for our incredible local artists! Come enjoy beautifully displayed artwork, all exhibited on three floors of their historic downtown bank branch. Also, be sure to visit the Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts' Downtown Gallery to enjoy unique artwork and live music during "The Box Show", their annual silent auction fundraiser. This exhibit brings a special touch of fun to the gallery in the form of unique and unusual "box" artwork created using a variety of mediums and all eventually going home with the highest bidders!

Local artists will also be "on the street" demonstrating and displaying their wonderful talent, including, but not limited to, glassblowing, jewelry making, drawing & painting, pottery building, woodturning, stained glass design and you'll discover a variety of Lost Arts, as well! Wander through the tents, enjoy the music, visit with the artists, observe them working and you just may find something you can't live without! All exhibiting artists will have their artwork available for sale during the Art-A-Licious Festival.

Musical acts performing during the festival, on the main stage, include the River Raisin Ragtime Revue, Raisin Pickers String Band, Saline Big Band and sounds of Tejano music by the Hermanos Villegas Band. Late Friday night, during the Teen Dance, everyone will be dancing in the street to the sounds of three live bands, including Silhouettes of Something Strange, the Drew Carter Band and Best Kept Secret. Additional entertainment throughout the two-day festival includes student dancers from the Encore Dance Studio and the Eleanor Brown Dance Studio, high school jazz bands; drum line fun, local choir groups and a variety of traveling street performers.

Don't want to cook all weekend? The festival kicks off, Friday at noon, with Lunch in the Square! The Adrian Symphony Orchestra String Quartet will provide the music and lunch will be available for sale in Library Square, located just outside the backdoors of the Adrian Public Library and the Bank of Lenawee. On Friday night, gather the entire family, or meet your friends, for dinner at the Art-A-Licious Tasteables and Toastables Event.

During this delicious event you will have the opportunity to sample a variety of local food, beer and wine while supporting Associated Charities of Lenawee County and the festival committee. Then, on Saturday, catch the Adrian Noon Rotary Club members grillin' and chillin', with beer and brats available for sale all day, noon to 9pm, to support the club's many charitable activities!

All day Saturday, there will be a Youth Art Tent, sponsored by the Adrian College Art Education Program, with art related activities for all ages (K-12), including a skateboard art design event, an early morning story-time, provided by Learning Works & Wonders, and a captivating storytelling hour, for everyone, provided by the Adrian Public Library. On Saturday night, be sure to bring your blankets, pillows, lawn chairs, friends and the entire family to enjoy the fun free family-friendly movie, shown on a big outdoor screen!

Along with free "backstage tours" of the historic Crosswell Opera House, on Saturday afternoon, the Crosswell Art Gallery will feature artwork, created by local youth, during Adrian College's 2007 Summer Youth Art Camp. Be sure to stop off at the Adrian Public Library to enjoy the Lenawee Historical Museum's quilt display and then stroll over to the Museum to view artwork by local artist, Tom Thiery and an antique doll display.

For a complete online schedule of the festival happenings, exhibits, main stage events and fun, go to [www.visitlenawee.com](http://www.visitlenawee.com) and click on the Art-A-Licious Festival Logo. While attending the Art-A-Licious Festival, be sure to visit the Information Tent to pick up a schedule of events, brochures and county maps.

The Art-A-Licious Festival committee would like to thank our many sponsors, including the Adrian Downtown Development Authority, City of Adrian, Adrian Dominican Sisters, Wacker Silicones, Elizabeth Ruthruff Wilson Foundation, Robert & Muriel Bell, Denis & Carol Jodis, Roto Plastics, Kris Schmidt Studio, Stevenson Lumber, Michigan Milk Producers, Adrian College Art & Design Department, Adrian Education Foundation and WLEN Radio.

### **Contact Information**

Website: [www.visitlenawee.com](http://www.visitlenawee.com)

Artist Info: Pi Benio, [pbenio@adrian.edu](mailto:pbenio@adrian.edu), 517-264-3901

Sponsorship Info: Kyle Hoffman, [khoffman@ci.adrian.mi.us](mailto:khoffman@ci.adrian.mi.us), 517-264-4804

General Info: Marilyn Schebil, [lccvb@tc3net.com](mailto:lccvb@tc3net.com), 800-536-2933

Entertainment: Mary Scott, [mscott104@comcast.net](mailto:mscott104@comcast.net)