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How about a taste?

Food, drink music and fun on the menu Sunday for Taste of Olean



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Several area restaurants will serve up tastes of their own food at the annual Taste of Olean Sunday at the Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College.

OLEAN — If the way to a person's heart is through the stomach, then Olean is a destination visitors are sure to love on Sunday.

It will be time to loosen that belt a few notches, gather family and friends and head down to the 64th Annual Art in the Park and the 23rd Annual Taste of Olean on that day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College (JCC).

The Taste Of Olean, co-sponsored by the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC), National Grid Co. and GOACC's 47 corporate sponsors, provides an affordable and enjoyable festival in a socially responsible manner for families of the greater Olean area, enhances the quality of life in Olean, and promotes downtown. The Taste of Olean is a festival filled with a variety of great food and entertainment. Admission to the event is free.

There will be more than 65 items, ranging from Asian to barbecue to Italian to sweet treats and everything in between. They will be available for sampling from the 14 booths.

The restaurants will present "tastes" of foods — not whole meals or sandwiches — which are smaller portions with affordable costs between 50 cents and \$3.50.

Restaurants are encouraged to promote their famous dishes, to introduce a new menu item or a specialty drink.

Restaurants appearing at the Taste include: Bartlett Country Club, lobster mac 'n' cheese, curried and bibb lettuce wraps and marinated flank steak; Beef 'n' Barrel Restaurant, beef on wick, mudd pie, tin roof pie, peppermint mini snoball; Brother's Bistro, chicken tikia with rice, artichoke dip with pita chips, chips and salsa; Hammerback Bar and Grill, white chicken

chili, Philly steak wrap, mini Hammerback burger; Jared's Treats, prepackaged ice cream; JCC Alumni, Pepsi and water; Main Street Sweets, cupcakes, cookies, biscotti and organic coffee; Mangia Pizza; Pizza Hut WingStreet, pizza, cinni stix, boneless wings, strawberry and raspberry lemonade; Scooter's Pizza, pepperoni, cheese and specialty pizzas; Sheila and Co./JAG Cafe, New Orleans-style muffuletta, Tuscan bean salad, Italian salads; Torrey Family Jams, artisan breads and jams; Wrapped in Dough, baklava (traditional flavors), anise cookies (four) and coffee; Whispering Mountain Lodge, barbecue ribs, salt potatoes, pulled-pork sliders, meatball sandwiches.

Also, select refreshments from Sanzo Beverage (Southern Tier IPA Keg, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra) and Certo Brothers (Labatt's Blue Light, Yuengling and Sam Adams) will be available during this year's Taste.

Meanwhile, the Art in the Park, sponsored by the Cattaraugus County Arts Council and held in conjunction with the Taste, is a juried fine arts show with a long-standing tradition of showcasing the finest art in southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. Art in the Park will recognize several of the artists in the following categories: best of show; first place; second place; and third place.

There will be music galore at the event. Three stages will be providing continuous entertainment. Theater Workshop of Olean is lining up the entertainment that will include the Olean Area Irish Dancers, Studio 107 Chamber Players, Nancy Hefti's select students, Performance Class from Olean Theatre Workshop, The Olean Area African Drum Ensemble, Bent Brass, a sneak preview of "Les Miserable" Barbershoppers — Seneca Junction

Chorus, Vocal Jazz Quintet, Chordiac Arrest, and others.

Additionally, Dream It. Do It. of Western New York has teamed up with one of its partners, Abbott Welding, to bring a new experience to the Taste of Olean. Abbott employees will be demonstrating how to make ice cream during two different shows at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. People attending the event will be able to sample the product for free while supply lasts after each show. There also will be other science demonstrations throughout the day. People can also purchase tickets for a basket raffle with proceeds benefiting the Dream It. Do It. programs offered to local schools.

There will be a local author book signing. Tonya Burrows, formerly of Portville will be signing her recently released romance suspense book "Seal of Honor." Writing has always been the author's one true love. She wrote her first novel-length story in eighth grade and hasn't put down her pen since. She received a bachelor's degree in creative writing from the State University of New York at Oswego and is now working on a master's degree in popular fiction at Seton Hill University.

Event organizers said the Taste is a festival for the entire family. There is a children's area with rides from the Olean Family YMCA with all-you-can-bounce wristbands for \$6 each with a family pass for \$20 for up to five kids. The Arts area will have face painting and arts projects. Also, Eric Jones will be drawing some complementary caricatures from 2 to 5 p.m., and balloon animals will be created by Sassy Nats Creations from 1 to 4 p.m. WPIG-FM will be at

the event from noon to 2 p.m. with a live remote.

Those coming to the Taste are urged to bring non-perishable food items down to donate to the Olean Food Pantry. With each item donated, there's a chance to win \$250 Shop Olean Gift Certificate. The pantry's vision statement is to be able to feed the community's body, mind and soul.

There also will be a summer backyard giveaway. Individuals can sign up to win the Shurfine Foods Backyard sign. It's loaded with goodies (value of \$300) for the winner to have their own summer barbecue bash.

Finally, the Wall of Fame presentation will be held. The winners of the Taste of Olean Hospitality Awards will be recognized during the Taste of Olean at 1:45 p.m. in the CUTCO Theater right on campus. The seventh class of inductees include: Jackie Attard; John Malara; Richard "Dick" Marcus; and Louis V. "Little Louie" Marra.

Past inductees to the Hospitality Wall of Fame include: Guerino "Butch" Butchello and chef Anthony Lentola; Chef Pasquale "Patsy" Piccioli; John Sawaya Sr.; Carl Iseman; Louis and Nancy Giannechini; Lucia "Lou" Bardenett; William "Bill" Augustini; Quinto and Dora Bagazzoli; Nicholas "Nick" Fratarcangelo; Louis Marra; Daniel Fessenden; Robert Styles; Tony Bassano; Jim McAfee; Neal and Denis Goodemote; Paul and Mary Psathas; Anthony Zampogna; James Pappas; Lou Russo; John Augustini; Nick Livoto; and Steve Hollowell.

For more information on the Taste of Olean, call GOACC at 372-4433 or email taste@oleanny.com.

Connecting the arts with the public

Annual Art in the Park to be held with Taste of Olean

By Kate Day Sager
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OLEAN — Visitors to Sunday's Taste of Olean will be able to browse through the works of 64 artists during the 2013 Arts in the Park festival at Jamestown Community College in Olean.

Heather Carroll of the Cattaraugus County Arts Council said featured artwork at the show will include paintings, jewelry, photography, wood work and hand-crafted toys.

The event also will include face painting, arts activities and additional family entertainment.

She said artists involved with the show include Cherie Antle, John Balacki, Robin Zefers Clark, Lisa Conklin, Denise Drummond, Patricia Eckstrom, Jane Hittner, Sean Huntington, Elizabeth Jankowski, Kristina McLeod, Dee Marra, Elise Matthews, Keith McKale, Ellen Paquette, Cindy Pascatore,

Sandy Pickert, Dee Smith, JJ Watson and Michael Weishan.

Ms. Carroll said the show, now in its 64th year, is a one-day juried art festival dedicated to excellence in the visual arts. The show also is designed to enhance and promote the visual arts and the talented artists in the area.

"The event offers a wonderful opportunity to view and purchase locally made artwork directly from the artists who created it," Ms. Carroll said.

She said jurors for the show will be Mikel Wintermantel and Evelyn Penman, who will judge this year's participants. Ribbons will be awarded at 1 p.m. for Best of Show as well as for two Jurors' Choice prizes.

Ms. Carroll said the art show is produced by the arts council, which is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the creation, presentation and appreciation of the arts, art education and commerce in the Southern Tier. The arts council is located in Allegany and funded by the New York state Council on the Arts, and by members and donors.

For more information on the show, or adult and

children's art classes offered by the organization, call 372-7455 or visit www.myartscouncil.net.

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A number of people visited last year's Arts in the Park festival at Jamestown Community College in Olean. The annual event will be held Sunday in conjunction with the 2013 Taste of Olean.

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