



47TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM FINE ART AND CRAFT SHOW

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The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission is pleased to announce their **47th Annual Bethlehem Fine Art and Craft Show**. Held annually over Mother's Day Weekend, the side-walk show along Main Street in Historic Bethlehem is a celebration of the finest of local and regional artists. Over 75 juried artists and crafters are welcomed each year in this two-day outdoor Art Show.

Judging takes place on Saturday and along with the Best of Show, Second Prize, Third Prize, and Best Display, the judge also selects a Purchase Prize which is annually presented to the Mayor as a gift to the City of Bethlehem. **Our judge this year is Isadore LaDuca**, an Easton resident and artist who has taught courses at Northampton Community College and Lafayette College. He owns a gallery in downtown Easton with exhibits of his own work and works of local artists.

One of the delightful elements of the two day affair is the Artist In Residence. **The 2012 Artist in Residence is Susan Small**, a ceramic artist with a specialty in ceramic sculpture, tiles, and murals. Over the last 13 years she has experimented with all manner of clay work and in the past few years has concentrated on wall and tile pieces emphasizing texture and relief.

This year's show will also showcase a number of local musicians stationed at different locations along the Show route. Enjoy acoustic tunes as you peruse the artist stalls along the way! Music will be provided by Bethlehem's own David Frye and Easton's Earl the Accordionist among others.

We encourage families to take part in our **Children's Art Activities** sponsored each year by Crayola. We are excited to announce that on Sunday from 11am-3pm artist **Virginia Abbott** will be helping the children create an "up-cycled" sculpture from found and discarded objects! Ms Abbott is a nationally recognized sculptor whose work addresses variety of environmental issues.

Please join us Saturday, May 12th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, May 13th from 11am to 5pm. Planned by volunteer members of the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission. Sandy Gillen, one of the show organizers states, "Main Street will be happening -- with over 75 juried participants, musicians and an expanded children's program. We are so pleased to have such a rich variety of fine art and crafts represented this year. It's a perfect opportunity to bring the entire family to a wonderful experience in Historic Downtown Bethlehem."

A big thank you to the 2012 Art Show sponsors:

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SAVE THE DATE!!! Next year's Fine Art Show is **May 11 & 12, 2013** – our 48th year! For more information on the Art and Craft Show, the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission and other upcoming BFAC events, go to www.bfac-lv.org .