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**PARK SYSTEM TO HOST
*CREATIVE ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL***



LINCROFT — The Monmouth County Park System is hosting its annual *Creative Arts & Music Festival* from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1 at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. This juried arts festival features specially selected artists' works of pottery, photography, jewelry, paintings and other mediums. Participating artists are:

- Lisa C. Budd
- Green Boots Studio
- B&C Ceramics
- Petal & Stone
- The Bumble Bead, Jewelry

- Leslie Eaton Jewelry Design
- Trazart Pottery
- Grace Modla Studios
- Robert Raia, Photography
- John Nandor, Photography
- Joyce Nokes
- Mary Leather & Katie Stone
- Ichiban Bonsai
- Bruce Perlmutter, Woodturner
- Carolyn Roche Design & Kate Grady
- Michael Scherfen
- Terry Grewen
- MaryAnn Goodwin
- Sun River Arts
- Mustard Seed Treasures

Besides the artwork, visitors will enjoy live music and art activities including a plein air painting competition. The performance schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 30

Theater Barn: Presented in collaboration with Musicians on a Mission.

11 a.m. – Shore Blue Band

12:15 p.m. - SØF

1:30 p.m. – Peter V. Blues Train

2:45 p.m. – Cat London & Rich Aveo

4 p.m. - Gil Velazquez Band

Activity Barn Music Tent

11 a.m. - Ravine Crossing Chorale

12 p.m. - The Danjo's

2:30 p.m. - Downstream

4 p.m. - Waiting on Mongo

Sunday, May 1

Theatre Barn

1-2:30 p.m. - Rockit Music, presented in collaboration with the Count Basie Theatre and Rockit Live Foundation

3-5 p.m. - Annie Breen Ensemble

Activity Barn Music Tent

11 a.m. - Peter Myers

1 p.m. - Joe Frame

2:30 p.m. - This Old House Band

The plein air competition is held both days of the festival and is open to middle and high school students on Saturday and adults on Sunday. Artists must bring their own supplies and can create any landscape scene from Thompson Park in any medium during the festival. Judged by New Jersey Plein Air Painter Anthony Migliaccio, each day of the competition will have a winner who receives a \$50 gift certificate to Colorest. There is no charge for entering the competition.

Admission and parking for the festival are also free. For more information about the *Creative Arts & Music Festival* or the Monmouth County Park System, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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