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Fantastic Four Support STUDIO 1219's Fire & Ice Art Education Festival and Fine Arts & Crafts Fair

Port Huron –With the change in economy and views of the government as to where it allocates funding, it's no secret that the arts have taken a definite downward spiral, it takes some keen minds and caring hearts like the ones behind Chase Bank, Blue Water Arts Council, Times Herald and Kohl's Cares for Kids. They have been outstanding in supporting Studio 1219's Fire & Ice Art Education Festival. Their contributions along with other area organizations' financial support have allowed the Studio to host and help create a hands-on art education festival for their third consecutive year for the entire community to enjoy. Thanks to such strong support, this year's festival will expand and add a few new areas of activity and aspire to continue growing in the future.

Volunteers have been working year-round on *Fire & Ice* as it is a well-received Art Education Festival growing more features and creative activities each year. *Fire & Ice* will take place at Vantage Point in downtown Port Huron this year. It will run September 12th and 13th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The festival offers FREE children's and adult's activities, artists demonstrating various techniques in pottery, glass and wood arts, Clay Games that *anyone* can get involved in, and a Raku Pottery Yard where for just \$10 people can paint, finalize their piece and take it home. This year have added a theatre arts, emerging artists and young collectors' tents and expand a fine arts & crafts area. Volunteers can sign up to help with the festival by visiting www.studio1219.com/fire/volunteer.

On this, the studio looks to another successful year with heartfelt thanks to the Chase Bank, Blue Water Arts Council and Times Herald. Without generous donations like theirs, Studio 1219 simply wouldn't have a festival that brings art education to a local level hit by the falling economy. For more information please contact Maureen Scallen, Educational Director, by phone (810) 984-ARTS or email Maureen@studio1219.com.
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