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Fire & Ice Art Education Festival

Port Huron – Fire & Ice is a Free Art Education Festival that is being organized for September 13th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and September 14th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. It will take place northwest of the Studio 1219 at the intersection of Court and 6th Streets. Our vision is to enrich the quality of life that leads to a growing economy, increased educational opportunities, and cultural tourism while just having FUN with Art. Studio 1219, Port Huron Museum and the St. Clair County Library System have partnered to bring many exciting, educational art activities to Port Huron. This is all made possible by the support of our generous sponsors: Chase Bank, Blue Water Arts Council, Gannett Foundation and many local business and organizations.

Our Studio1219.com web-site now has a Fire & Ice page full of information such as schedule of activities, sponsors; maps and parking for the event. Watch as it grows into one of the areas favorite art destination weekends.

The Adult Hands-on tent will have four unique art projects for 14 & up. Try Plein Air Drawing; Airbrush painting, make a Microkiln pin or learn about many of the Fine Art classes offered at Studio 1219.

Visit the Arts in Action tent any time and see the artists at work in pottery, wood, blacksmithing, airbrush, glass or paint. Three times throughout the weekend you can watch artists sculpt underwater down at Vantage Point.

The county stage plays host to Clay Games; friendly competitions in clay for public, potter and business professionals. Try the pinch pot relays, blind throwing on the potters wheel or Team sculpture with your organization, family or business. If you don't mind getting a little muddy, having fun and possibly winning awards this is the place to be.

In the Raku Yard we will offer \$10 unfinished bisque pottery. Sit and glaze it; then watch our Raku artists fire it for you. Raku is an ancient Japanese firing and reduction process for Pottery.

Our cultural partners for the festival have many adventures in store. At the Port Huron Museum you can learn about a Great Master - Michelangelo and paint under our "Sistine Chapel" ceiling on the lawn. Just pull on a paint shirt, lie down on the ground and paint upside down. In the Classroom of Studio 1219, the St. Clair County Library System will display Altered Books, artists will demonstrate how to make Altered Books, and there will be an altered book activity. The Blue Water Musician's Network will be on stage from 5 – 7 p.m. Saturday night with Wood's Edge Warblers and Tom Kirkpatrick.

Make an egg shaker and decorate it with Ofbeat Percussion, one of our incubated businesses at Studio 1219.

Have your Caricature drawn by talented artist Steve Baker for a minimal donation to support Art Education at the Studio.

Take a tour of Grace Episcopal Church's Stained Glass windows, some of which were created by Tiffany. Tours begin on the hour during the festival. Grace Episcopal Church has generously donated the use of their parking lot for Fire & Ice.

ArtServe Michigan will be available during the Festival with up-to-date information concerning Michigan's art scene for artists and the public. ArtServe pledges to: Cultivate the creative potential of Michigan's arts and cultural sector to enhance the health and well-being of Michigan, its people and communities. Come meet the people that work for you in the arts.

Remember to visit the Artist Alley on Court Street and the Artist Network Gallery at Studio 1219 to add to your own collection! For more information please contact Maureen Scallen, Educational Director, by phone (984-ARTS) or Maureen@studio1219.com

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