

Ann Arbor goes all out for street art fair

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair will be held July 19-22 on South and East University streets, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

When the fair began, there were 145 artists involved. Now, with the tremendous growth over the years, the number has increased to 300. Actually, 600 artists apply to the fair committee for acceptance, but the number is limited to 300. The best are selected from slides submitted.

The acceptance committee is made up of artists who judge only in their own field of expertise.

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is the

oldest of the fairs held in the city in late July. The fair has been a symbol of the fair since the first year. A merchant donated several Japanese paper fish, and they've been floating over the fair ever since.

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, Inc. sponsors the fair along with cooperation from the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, the South University Merchants Association, the University of Michigan and individuals from the community.

Some confusion has resulted in recent years since the emergence of the University Artists and Craftsman Guild Fair and the State Street Fair.

held in the city at the same time as the street art fair.

The Guild Fair is at the far end of East University and downtown on Main Street. The State Street Fair is in the State Street Shopping area.

THESE LATTER (two are injured) and feature work by students and local artists. They operate independently of the street art fair.

Along with the 300 artist's booths in the street art fair, there will be artists demonstrating watercolor painting, wood-block printing, hard-edge acrylics, pen and ink, batik, wheel-thrown pots

and face casting as well as silk screen and intaglio printing and photo etching.

The artists will post their demonstration times on their booths. A master schedule will be posted in the information booth at the corner of South and East University streets in the center of the fair.

The information center will have a complete list of participating artists and the location of individual booths. This will answer the most frequent asked question: Where is a specific artist?

In addition to the fish symbols, one of the easiest ways to recognize the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is by the white canopy over the artist's booths.

The booths underneath are put together each year by volunteers from the community. A lot, but not all, of the construction materials are reused from year to year—but there is always some damage from the

The actual construction begins the Monday evening before the Wednesday opening.

This year's fair will be the testing site for superumbrella, a tensile structure designed by Kent Hubbell and his U-M class of architecture students. This is a stretched, curved, stabilized surface.

With his students, Hubbell has been working on a series of fabric structures that are as easy to deploy as umbrellas.

Twenty to 40 feet in diameter, the superumbrellas act as artificial trees.

"They provide shade and a degree of enclosure during the milder seasons of the year," Hubbell said.

Hubbell received a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to design an enclosure system for short-term public events.

In case of rain, water drains down through the central shaft rather than over the edges of the umbrella. It can then be diverted to a storm drain. The structure can withstand winds of up to 60 miles an hour.

In sports, still a long way to go

By SHERRY KAHAN

For Marcia Federbusch of Ann Arbor, the idealized world of sports would include an opportunity for both sexes to appear in all school athletic meets, and to play as equally valued players on school teams.

Connie Tarran of Rochester worries about the possibility of serious injury to the bones or inner organs of girls who tangle in contact sports.

Mrs. Federbusch, a member of the state task force on athletics, and Mrs. Tarran, state membership chairman of Happiness of Womanhood, presented their views at the forum on women's issues held recently at Schoolcraft College.

"Playing as members of the school team, girls could share the spotlight and allow their fellow students to cheer both male and female athletes," Mrs. Federbusch said.

The Ann Arbor housewife and mother of two, also on the Ann Arbor task force on athletics, sees girls and boys on different squads initially. But she believes their playing together is becoming a fact.

"The University of Michigan already has co-recreation softball, basketball and volleyball teams, whose members are half one sex, half the other," she observed. "It's been very successful."

MRS. FEDERBUSCH goes to bat for students on the question of equality, not only for the sexes, but for all those interested in the sporting life.

"Interscholastic sport should be available to all, the gifted and the not

gifted, not just the biggest and the best," she asserted. "Athletics are supported by school funds, and I believe all children have the right to play. How can we exclude the great mass of students when sports are financed by taxes?"

Supporting her view against a shut-out of the majority of students from athletic opportunity, she pointed to studies that affirmed that there are numerous advantages to stretching a muscle or two.

"A three-year study revealed that knowing how to compete can be helpful to people in their life," she said.

Involved in athletic games, they become more goal-oriented, more self-disciplined and also begin to understand the value of cooperation, she believes.

"One reason women are not in top jobs today may be that they didn't have athletic experiences, she indicated.

Nonetheless, she cautioned against an over-emphasis on competition. "When I taught sixth grade, the kids in Little League who had a game that day, couldn't eat or work well," she recalled. "They were in a panic all day."

WHILE EXPRESSING agreement with most of Mrs. Federbusch's comments, Mrs. Tarran drew the line at contact sports.

"Regardless of what anyone says, women are different, their insides are different," she said. "Our bodies are not put together for contact sports."

This kind of punishment is not good for women."

She added that a gynecologist had told her that if a woman breaks a hip bone she is asking for trouble with inside organs.

The doctor also told her of three teenage girls, who in the process of playing contact sports had ovaries twisted upside down. All three needed operations to have the damaged ovaries removed.

Mrs. Federbusch contended that with proper training and padding, many injuries could be prevented for both girls and boys. But for the most part, sports are harmful and fun.

"I submit that if something is good for one sex, it is good for all," she said. "If both are competing at the same meet, they can learn to appreciate each other. But they should get equal kinds of transportation, the same uniforms of the same quality and equal training."

But her main thrust remained that "if athletics are so good, the benefits should be available to all taxpayers' children."

To implement this, she suggests programs which group all children by weight, height and fitness and places them on teams where they compete with children of comparable ability.

ONE OF THE MANY advantages of this, in the opinion of Mrs. Federbusch, is the opportunity to be coached together by a common staff with the same quality, quantity intensity and goals of training, and the same level of expectation for competency.

Some of the differences she has noticed between coaching females and males are coaches for females are often without substantial training or experience, while coaches for males are often highly trained.

"Coaches for females are paid minimally, often all at the same low rate," she contended. "Female head athletic directors are almost non-existent. Women who are ADs or assistant ADs get low pay and don't get free periods or secretarial help."

"Male ADs are highly paid and have secretarial service. Funding for uniforms for boys and their transportation is simply provided by the school. Girls run bare soles, sell apples and babysit to raise money for uniforms, transportation and to meet expenses."

"They generally have to pay for their own medical exams. Trainer service and insurance are frequently not provided. Physician's and trainer's services and insurance are standard for boys' athletic programs."

She also claimed that generally girls compete only with schools close to home and are limited in number and length of games and practices.

BOYS TRAVEL hundreds of miles to play, and they have more competition and practice sessions, she said.

Mrs. Federbusch labeled the prevailing philosophy for girls is that priority is put on teamwork and enjoyment while boys must "win at any cost."

She added, "We shouldn't be teaching dirty tricks. Boys sports are full of that."



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