

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 12

THE CROCODILE HUNTER: COLLISION COURSE

Inspired by the Animal Planet TV series, the story centers on Steve Irwin, the Australian crocodile hunter. Steve once again puts his life in danger when he gets involved in a CIA operation after a crocodile swallows a missing satellite. "Generally, Steve captures the animals, often putting his life in great danger. He's famous for being bitten, mauled, chewed, sliced, poisoned, impaled, mangled, and ridiculed by the animals." Featured players include David Wenham, Maggie Szuabanski, and Teri Ivin (TV's The Crocodile Hunter). John Stalton directs the action, marking his feature directorial debut. (MGM/UA) Rating PG

REIGN OF FIRE

In the year 2024, highly evolved dragons are the dominant species left on the planet. Only a few human beings exist. A brave Englishman, Quinn (Christian Bale), and his followers battle for survival against the creatures, taking refuge in an

abandoned castle. They unexpectedly encounter American dragon-slayer Van Zan (Matthew McConaughey) and his rag-tag squad, who are planning a dangerous crusade to post-apocalyptic London to fight the dragons. Also featured in the cast are Isabella Rossellini and Gerard Butler. Bob Bowman directs the action. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated PG-13

ROAD TO PERDITION

Set in Depression-era Chicago, the story revolves around hitman Michael O'Sullivan (Tom Hanks), known to friends and enemies alike as the Angel of Death. Uncompromising in his work, O'Sullivan is just as devoted to his private life as an upstanding husband and father of two young boys. But when those worlds collide, taking the lives of his wife and younger son, O'Sullivan and his surviving son, Michael Jr., leave their sedate home life behind and embark on a startling journey of revenge. Sam Mendes directs the drama. (DreamWorks) Rated R

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MIS doesn't have me." Marilyn Joy is just as grateful about for a different reason. The Birmingham jeweler exhibits year round art fair from West Bloomfield to Charlotteville and Florida. She'll bring necklaces, anklets and earrings made with sterling silver and natural gemstones. This is her fourth year at Art in the Park.

"I feel very lucky to be doing this. It's a lot of fun," said Joy. "I used to own Lotus Import Co. in Royal Oak. It was in the late 80s that I began doing jewelry there. I'm drawn to beads and other cultures. I travel to Asia in winter to find beads from Bali, India and Thailand."

Although Joy no longer owns Lotus Import Co., her work is still on display there, and at Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville.

Debra Metter shows her one-

of-a-kind jackets and purses at about 20 shows a year including Art on the Lake in Northville Hills in Troy Sunday, Aug. 25. She's been in Art in the Park for the last eight years.

"I call them my Urban Grunge," said Metter, a West Bloomfield artist who used to run a business of creating and selling stuffed bears. "I recycle sweaters for jackets and sew on a lot of applique. The purses I use telephone cords for handles. I call them my conversation pieces."

"I also make jackets out of both towels, shower curtains and table cloths to wear for fall and spring but people wear them through the winter because they're warm. People say they're unique and one of a kind. I think, they think they're fun and jackets made out of both towels are very comfortable and cozy."

Art fair goers love Nina Cambron's fused glass works and ceramic tiles because they're fun. In addition to Art in the Park, they can be found at Dancing

Art in the Park

What? More than 400 artists from around the country show their wares in the 22nd annual fair. When? Noon to 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14. Where? Downtown Plymouth on Main Street, Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman surrounding Kellogg Park. For information, call (734) 453-1640. Shuttle: Complimentary



from Visteon parking lot on Sheldon Road, off M-14

Eye Gallery in Northville; Arianna Gallery, Royal Oak; Elements in Charlotteville; Studio 23, Bay City; and Art Folk in Grand Rapids. Her Web site is www.ninacambren.com.

"I'm a greeting card artist for Recycled Greetings in Chicago and do whimsical women oriented cards as I guess that carries over into my glass and tiles. The ceramic tiles are women oriented and funny," said Cambron, a

Novi resident who earned a bachelor of fine art degree after studies at Cleveland Institute of Art and the University of Michigan.

"I like doing Plymouth because it's a terrific show, very well run. That's important to an artist. There's a cross section of art work. It offers things other fairs don't."

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Table listing movie showtimes and theaters across the region, including National Amusements, Showcase, Star Theatres, and United Artists.

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the catalogue of artists. Some people have talked about filling the bears and making people guess at the amount so they have to go the business location to win something. In any case \$6,000 can be a good value. It's only \$4,000 if they have their own artist, or they can go in with other bears. The prize is an additional \$1,000 that can choose to keep the bear for marketing purposes."

The brass at Chevrolet is still deciding on their design. At first they thought to chrome the bear and make it the world's largest hood ornament but have gone back to the drawing board and might tie it in with the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Stangerfarms has signed up to put a pirate bear adjacent to the theater to announce the first production of its 2002-2003 season, Pirates of Penzance opening Sept. 13 and continuing to Oct. 6. A smaller "tinker" bear alongside the bigger bear tells of its summer production, Peter Pan, July 19-28.

The Red Wing Bar is sponsoring a Red Wing Bar while the Detroit Pistons and Detroit

Shoek are teaming up. The design for Cardell, Robert and Lanfair, a Royal Oak law firm, will feature the scales of justice. Oak Park artist Shawn Bible begins painting the zoo's "Impostor" bear, fiberglass of course, to look like a zebra the week of July 8. Among other participating in the Polar Palooza are Paula Homes, Shostack Bros., Build-a-Bear Workshop at Twelve Oaks and Somersett malls, Fox 2, and Custom Mason Contractors.

"It's a community effort," said McGannon. "AAA is providing 50,000 bear finger maps."

Scott Carter's just grateful so many people are coming together to help polar bears. As the Detroit Zoo's curator of mammals, he's been delighted by the response to the seven polar bears in the Arctic Ring of Life, the zoo's 4.9 acre polar bear habitat which opened in October. Now Polar Palooza is uniting artists and businesses to bring attention to the plight of the polar bears - and not a minute too soon. Visitors can learn more about the zoo's support of Arctic researcher Nikita Ovsienko by watching footage about him on the screen

in the Exploration Station. "Global warming is effecting them and accumulated environmental waste or pollution," said Carter. "Polar bears are at the end stage of the food chain and we're seeing effects of that. The shortening season for hunting on the ice because of rising temperatures appears progressive. It's affecting them - the time they are on the ice."

"I'm excited about Polar Palooza because it's about polar bears. It creates an awareness. It's all about bringing people here. Polar bears are one of the coolest things to us. Polar Palooza is fun and gets visitors to Detroit."

A plaque mounted next to each of the fiberglass bears acknowledging the sponsor will go a long way to creating goodwill in addition to helping the polar bears and artists.

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July 17	July 20	August 6	August 15
Chris Isaak	Kenny Rogers	Michael Bolton	Al Green
July 9	July 12	July 13	July 14
Cirque Eos • 11am & 7pm	Jody Pendergrass & Jeffrey Osborne	Golden Hits of Don Wauchope (Little Anthony & The Imperials, Billie Holiday's Original Duetters and Carl Gardner's Coasters)	Heart & Eric Burdon
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