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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

What: Summer Art Fair 2010

When: June 5 and 6 – 10 am to 5 pm – Rain or shine!

Where: Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: FREE admission

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

MIDLAND - Over 100 artists will display their juried exhibits of fine arts and crafts for the 44th annual **Summer Art Fair**, June 5 and 6. The event, which runs from 10 am to 5 pm each day, is presented by the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art and takes place outdoors on the grounds of Midland Center for the Arts, **rain or shine**. Admission is **free**. Exhibits include original works of glass, photography, jewelry, ceramic, mixed media, painting, unique apparel, metal work and more including artist demonstrations. Proceeds from the art fairs support ABDM exhibitions, Museum School classes and outreach activities such as Picture Parent.

The Children's Corner offers face painting and lots of hands-on art projects and other fun activities for a small fee.

Live entertainment performed by local musicians will accompany each day's activities with special Resonator's stage all day Saturday.

Artist demos: Visitors can also stop at the Faculty Tent to visit with Museum School instructors who will be working on their favorite form of art, such as drawing, ceramics and painting.

Tasty food options with an international flair will also be available including Greek and Italian food, as well as good old-fashioned hot dogs with the works!

Creative 360's Traveling Pants Exhibit: Participants will walk from Creative 360 to the Summer Art Fair, arriving around noon on Saturday. Teens from area middle and high schools painted jeans, using R-E-S-P-E-C-T in relationships as their theme. This activity was in collaboration with Shelterhouse, observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

Awards: On Saturday, the Summer Art Fair committee will present three prestigious awards totaling \$1,000 in cash prizes to selected artists based upon artistic merit and unique craftsmanship. Award winners will have ribbons displayed at their booths throughout the rest of the weekend.

Summer Art Fair 2010 sponsors include Arbury Insurance, Enterprise Holdings, Morley Companies, Inc., Paper Moon, Stevens Sports Center, Elco Water Distributing Co., Midland Daily News, Creative 360, Kiwassee Kiwanis, Midland Ford Lincoln Mercury, and Sports Junction

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) celebrates discovery, creativity and individual expression through art, science and the interplay between them. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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