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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

**What: Summer Art Fair 2011**

**When: June 4 and 5 – 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](http://www.mcfta.org)**

**SUMMER ART FAIR ADDS  
*Collars for a Cause* Pet Adoption Booth  
and All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast!**

MIDLAND – Almost 100 artists will display their juried exhibits of fine arts and crafts for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Art Fair, June 4 and 5. 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.

**New activities this year:**

- ***Collars for a Cause!*** Help shelter animals find their “forever” homes by visiting the Humane Society of Midland County’s *Collars for a Cause* pet adoption booth, **Saturday from 11 am – 2 pm**. You can also support our local animal shelter by purchasing a commemorative collar for your own pet.
- ***Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast!*** Come for an “all-you-can-eat” Pancake Breakfast **Sunday from 9 am – 11 am!** Dig in to hot pancakes, sausage and coffee before you browse our artist booths. Tickets are just \$5 per person; ages 3 and under are FREE! Proceeds benefit Museum arts programs.
- Midland’s ***Chinese Cultural Ongoing Program*** will be educating the public about their offerings, including Conversational Chinese, Cooking, Tai-Chi, and Calligraphy. They will have Chinese costumes to be photographed in, as well as traditional Chinese music.

**Returning are these popular Summer Art Fair features:**

- The **Children’s Corner** offers face painting and lots of hands-on art projects, include the opportunity to decorate your own umbrella 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!
- **Lou E. Loon** makes a special appearance on Saturday morning.
- Michigan Blood's **Blood Mobile** will be drawing donations Saturday from 11 am – 4 pm.
- Representatives of the **Saginaw River Marine Historical Society** will display photographs of vessels, books and other items.
- **Dean/Black School of Performing Arts** will perform Sunday from 1 – 1:30pm.
- **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.

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The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) provides a forum to engage the people of mid-Michigan in the constructive and creative expressions found in science and in art. 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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