



#### INFORMATION FOR CALENDARS/SCHEDULES

49th Annual Mt. Gretna Art Show, 9am to 6pm, Saturday, Aug. 19, and 9am to 5pm, Sunday, Aug. 20, Downtown Mt. Gretna. 200 artists. Admission fee of \$15 for those 12 and over; free for under 12. Free parking. For more information, check <http://www.mtgretnaarts.com>.

**NEWS RELEASE (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)** For further information: 717 964-3270. Please call for a complimentary ticket if you wish to cover the Art Show.

49th Annual Mount Gretna Art Show – Aug. 19-20, 2023

MT. GRETNA – Preparations are underway for the 49th annual Mount Gretna Art Show, to be held Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, on the streets and in the parks of Mt. Gretna. Show hours are 9am to 6pm, Saturday, and 9am to 5pm, Sunday, rain or shine.

Held on the historic grounds of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, the Art Show is consistently ranked highly by artists' trade publications. The show was ranked in the 200 Best nationwide by *Sunshine Artist*. "As Mount Gretna's iconic summer offering, the outdoor Art Show brings award-winning fine art and craft from nationwide artists. We offer gourmet food, music, and entertainment under the trees of Old Chautauqua," said Art Show Director Kerry Royer.

The Mt. Gretna Art Show features 200 exhibitors, as well as an "Emerging Artists" section. Parking will be at Soldiers Field on Timber Road, in Mount Gretna, (the fields near the lake) and shuttle service will be available from dedicated parking compliments of WellSpan Philhaven hospital.

Upon arrival, patrons will be directed to the appropriate parking area. The Mount Gretna Volunteer Fire Company will provide shuttle service for handicapped visitors. During the Art Show weekend, traffic flow in and out of Mt. Gretna is substantially altered. Route 117 will be closed during show hours. All routes are clearly marked and staffed.

The Art Show features a gourmet food court with outstanding local restaurants and caterers, including Cracked Pepper, Hershey Bistro, Gosia's Pierogies, The Oasis, What If ... Hershey, and The Hershey Pantry. Snitz Creek Brewery will offer craft beer and wine in the Hall of Philosophy during the show.

The Kids Art Show, created with family in mind, is scheduled for both days, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Chautauqua Playground. Children will be invited to participate in make-and-take art activities, a, spin art, and more. The Art Show invites kids to register to display and sell handmade artwork during the Saturday show. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Kids Art Show is sponsored by a grant from the Mount Gretna United Methodist Church to support the arts.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE on the stage by the Food Court:

**Saturday:**

11am-1pm, Ken Gehret and Friends: The renowned fiddler and guitarist playing bluegrass and New Orleans style jazz.

1:30-3:30pm, Paul Colombo Group: Jazz/Rock Guitar

**Sunday:**

11am-1pm, Andy Roberts with Fragile Fire: Contemporary and Re-Imagined Arrangements

1:30 - 3:30pm, Third Stream: Legendary Jazz

Proceeds from the Art Show are used to support cultural programs of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua. Media is sponsored in part by a grant from the Lebanon County Commissioners. The show also contributes substantially to the Mt. Gretna Volunteer Fire Company and funds a variety of community projects throughout Mt. Gretna.

The Art Show has an admission charge of \$15 for adults and is free for children under 12. The admission fee includes parking in designated parking locations.

Please note that no pets are permitted on the Art Show grounds.

Mt. Gretna is a small Victorian community founded in the late 1800s as a summer resort. Initially, the only way for residents to reach their cottages in the woods was to travel by train. The streets in Mt. Gretna were footpaths until automobiles became the regular mode of travel. Many of the original cottages surround the Mt. Gretna Playhouse, an open-air theater where numerous cultural events are held. The quaint atmosphere attracts many visitors every summer for music, theater, miniature golf, a walk in the woods, a ride on the rail-trail, a hike to Governor Dick (an observation tower on top of the mountain), a visit to the Jigger Shop (a local ice cream parlor), and of course, the Art Show! Patrons who want to explore more of the Lebanon Valley can check out <https://visitlebanonvalley.com/>.

Volunteers from throughout the community help visitors find their way and keep things running smoothly. The Art Show is made possible by a small army of more than 300 volunteers.

For additional information, including images of the artists' work, posters, puzzles and admission tickets, as well as directions to the show, visit the Art Show website at <http://www.mtgretnaarts.com>. Mt. Gretna is located on Pennsylvania Route 117 approximately three miles north of Exit 266 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike; seven miles south of Lebanon; 15 miles east of Hershey; or 20 miles north of Lancaster. GPS address is 101 Chautauqua Drive, Mt. Gretna, PA, 17064.

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