

# Hundreds flock to annual antique and craft festival

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A combination of vintage treasures and arts and crafts came together at Creekside Park in one big, eclectic show on Saturday — the annual Sisters Arts and Crafts Festival and Antiques in the Park.

Wide assortments of collectable antiques were on display in booths from vintage wooden signs to century-old pitchers. Mixed in the huge treasure chest that overflowed across the park lawns were a variety of crafts from fused glass on framed panel to skin products made with essential oils.

This year Shauna Harris, show manager for Richard Esterman, oversaw the event that showcased over 70 vendors.

“This is probably my favorite event all year,” Harris said. “Even though it’s hot and in the middle of the busy season, there is something relaxing about this event. Sisters has a lot to offer as a community, and we love being able to be a part of that.”

First-time vendors Doris Moravek and Angelica Burri started a new venture just four months ago, “Smell My Balls: Bath Enhancers,” a bath product business where they have taken bath bombs to a whole new level with naturally derived ingredients.

“We have three different lines and 62 bath-bomb

scents,” Burri said.

The idea was conceived when Burri’s boyfriend purchased bath bombs for his own bath.

“He was buying a very expensive product, so his mom Doris and I decided to come up with our own all-natural recipe for his bath,” Burri said. “It just took off from there.”

Bath bombs were first invented in 1989, when product inventor and Lush co-founder Mo Constantine was inspired by the fast-fizzing action of Alka Seltzer. Bath bombs are little round “bombs” that fizz when you drop them into water. The fizz is brought on by a combination of Epsom salts, citric acid, and baking soda — the basic ingredients of a bath bomb.

However, there’s a lot more to a bath bomb than the fizz.

“We know that over 60 percent of what we put on our skin will end up in our blood stream, and that’s why we designed our bath bombs to be beneficial for both skin and body,” Burri explained. “All of our bath enhancers are handmade with ingredients that serve a nourishing purpose.”

Visitors and vendors tapped their feet to musical entertainment by Scott Brown, who plays a little bit of everything.

Loads of folks gathered around the booth giving out samples of natural flavored

olive oils, butters, and balsamic vinegars.

New vendor James Welch is the brand ambassador for Sogno Toscano, a family farm located in the Tuscany region in Italy that produces quality Italian cooking products.

“It’s my friend Pietro Brembilla’s family farm,” Welch said. “Pietro came over about 10 years ago from Italy and started working in five-star restaurants and realized that his family products should be imported to the United States.

“The family hand-picks the olives and cold presses them within three to six hours, so what that does is create a 500-degree flash point on all of our olive oil which will last the buyer a lot longer.”

It has become a social media sensation and even led to high sales on glue! We are talking about slime — the all-new slime made by kids all around the country. The gooey make-it-yourself toy is taking the Internet by storm, and first-time vendor 11-year-old Dayanara Day from Portland knows how to craft a colorful variety, that kids of all ages were going gaga over.

“I make all my ‘unicorn slime,’ borax-free so you don’t burn your hands,” Day said. “I use laundry detergent, Elmer’s glue, food coloring and either hair gel or shaving cream. And I use essential oils for the scented slime.”

It was a family affair for Day, who was with her



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER

11-year-old Dayanara Day from Portland crafts “unicorn slime.”

stepmom Susan Flatau, and her brother Gianni at the same booth all promoting different products.

Besides live music, food, and searching for that perfect

treasure trove, folks of all ages stopped by the Family Fun Zone where they tossed a few bean bags or challenged their friends to a game of chess, checkers, or Connect Four.

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