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## Arts

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The Salem Art Association and Bank of America proudly present the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Salem Art Fair & Festival on July 21 - 23 at Bush's Pasture Park. This highly anticipated event is free and open to the public.

Set among historic oak trees, visitors will have an opportunity to purchase unique contemporary fine art and crafts from over 200 artists. Over 50 percent of this year's group of excellent artists were not at last year's Art Fair. There will be a lot of wonderful art to see in a wide range of media, including painting, ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fiber, and much more.

In addition to the highly acclaimed Artist Marketplace, live entertainment by regional and national performing artists will be presented on the Spirit Mountain Main Stage and the First Security

Bank Family Stage. The line-up of headliners includes nationally-renowned blues legend John Hammond (San Francisco) and popular Paul DeLay Band (Portland), the saucy Latin sounds of the Bobby Torres Ensemble (Portland), and folk rock sextet Calobo (Portland).

Other attractions include the always popular Kids' Court, where children will be amazed by the juggling Gravitini Brothers, Tears of Joy Puppet Theater and the popular Maharimbas; the Open Studio, where visitors can try their hands at the potter's wheel and painting; the Bush House Living History program, where actors portray the Bush family; and much more.

The Art Fair is the largest juried art festival of its kind in the state of Oregon. As one of the best community-driven events on the west coast, over 3,000 volunteers

participate annually in the three day celebration. Visitors hail from all ends of the I-5 corridor and beyond, with attendance at last year's festival estimated at 110,000. Other presenting sponsors include Spirit Mountain Casino, Kettle Foods, AT&T Cable Services, Coldwell Banker Mountain West Real Estate, and Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. The Salem Art Association (SAA)

is one of the largest non-profit community arts organizations in Oregon. SAA operates the Bush House, the Bush Barn Art Center, and the Marjorie T. Sherman Community Ceramics Center, a wide range of arts education programs, and the annual Salem Art Fair and Festival.

African American  
Fine Arts TourCONTRIBUTED STORY  
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You are invited to join an exciting tour event scheduled for Labor Day weekend. An airline/hotel travel package to Los Angeles is being organized to visit the African American Art Museum, The California African American Museum in Exposition Park, The Fowler Museum on the UCLA Campus, and a number of prominent African American galleries and Artist's Studios. Among these, the studio and gallery of nationally known artist and publisher, Kathleen Atkins Wilson.

The focus will be on Black Art. This tour is planned for the Labor Day weekend of September 1<sup>st</sup>, through the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

The weekend will find the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual African Marketplace and Culture Faire in full swing. We expect everyone to have a glorious, culturally fulfilling and educational experience. This tour will provide a great opportunity to meet and interact with several prominent African American artists and publishers of Fine Art prints. Among these will be Charles A. Bibbs, one

of the most successful and prolific producers of collectible prints in the country. Mr. Bibbs has agreed to make a presentation to the tour group. A reception and Mr. Bibbs' presentation will be held at Gallery Plus in the Liemert Park area.

The purpose of this tour is to widen the audience for the fine arts in general and for African American art in particular.

A short walking tour of the Liemert Park area, which includes several galleries and artist studios, ethnic shops and restaurants are included though optional.

This event is sponsored by Regional Artist Market of Portland, Oregon. Promotional material produced by Graphix 2000 Inc. of Portland.

The African American Fine Arts Tour package includes airfare, hotel and reception for the cost of \$395.

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