

33rd Annual

ART in the PARK

2026 Artist Application

Saturday, September 12th • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, September 13th • 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Presented by Kent Parks & Recreation Department



Kent's Art in the Park Festival, held the weekend after Labor Day, has become a premier community event for the city. This festival is a family friendly experience that attracts residents from all over Northeast Ohio. Art in the Park is hosted in Fred Fuller Park, Kent's oldest and largest park with majestic trees and scenic walking trails along the Cuyahoga river. The 2025 event featured over 100 artists who expressed their creative talents through photography, painting, artful apparel, ceramics and pottery, drawings, jewelry, glasswork, metal, mixed media, sculpture, and wood. This includes youth artists, who have a valuable contribution to the world of art. Art In the Park emphasizes the "Young At Art" with a designated area for artists 3rd through 12th grade.

There are numerous demonstrations throughout the two day event where community members can experience art with their own hands. The annual Sylvia Coogan Silent Auction is stocked with items donated by exhibitors to benefit future art programs in Kent. In addition to the wonderful visual art experiences, music is performed on two stages throughout both days. Many of the regions favorite performers will delight attendees with a wide variety of music such as jazz, country, folk music, and others. A variety of delicious food vendors will be available for attendees as well.

Art In The Park is a juried show featuring both local and regional artists. Monetary prizes are awarded to best of show, first, second, and third places. Ribbons are awarded for honorable mention and best display.

We want those who are serious about fine art and quality products to be able to showcase and sell their work at this year's Art In the Park Festival that attracts over 10,000 people over the two days. Artists, Demonstrators, Vendors and those who wish to have a Community Information Booth are invited to apply.



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Eligibility: Only original works of art done by the youth artist.
Age categories are as follows: School year 2026-2027
1. 3rd - 6th grade
2. 7th - 12 grade

Cost: Cost: \$25.00 entry fee with completed application. Make check payable to **City of Kent.**

How to Apply: Each youth artist must submit:
1. Completed application form with description of work.
2. Submit a maximum of 4 photos of your work with this application. Photos can be printed out and submitted, or emailed to oliver.wuensche@kentohio.gov.

Deadline: July 31st, 2026 or until we have 25 complete youth artist applications.

Acceptance: You will be notified by Kent Parks and Recreation Department no later than August 16th.

Set Up: Youth Artists are required to provide their own tent, a table with chairs and your art work and displays. Youth Artists **are** permitted to share a tent with other Youth Artists. An adult must be present at the event at all times.

Awards: Awards will be presented in both age categories for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Ribbons will be given for all places and a special reward for 1st place in the 7th-12th grade category and a special reward for 1st place in the 3rd-6th grade category. Booths with multiple artists will be judged together, not separately. Judging will be based on the following:
A. Artistic ability B. Professionalism C. Organization of the booth

Booth Spaces: Booth space is approximately 12' x 12'. The Artist must supply all equipment necessary to set up their booths. Sites are mostly located on grassy areas and most are not level. All artist tents must be weighted or staked into the ground.

Youth Artist Application Form - Please cut & return the portion below

(One application and booth per youth artist)

Name as you wish it in the program Grade

Telephone (include area code) Parents e-mail address

Address, City, State & Zip

Parent's Signature & Date

Please provide a brief description of your work, including the materials used and the process. Feel free to add a sheet of paper if space is inadequate.

