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Celebrating 55 years of Festival of the Arts

Glen Ellyn, IL: Saving the best for last, before the summer comes to a close, mark your calendar for one of the favorite fine art shows in DuPage, Glen Ellyn's Festival of the Arts. Returning to beautiful Lake Ellyn, the Festival of the Arts will be celebrating its 55th year.

Find that perfect piece of art for the home, a gift for a friend, and don't forget to treat yourself! Discover over 65 artisans with various mediums including Acrylic, Fibre, Glass, Graphics, Jewelry, Metal, Mixed Media, Oil Painting, Photography, Pottery, Watercolor and Wood.

Bring the whole family to enjoy a talented lineup of musicians along the historic boathouse under the pergola adjacent to Lake Ellyn. Stay for lunch and enjoy food trucks serving everything from empanadas to gelato. Savor the end of summer with a cold beer, hosted by the Lions Club of Glen Ellyn. Bring the kiddos and discover the fun to be had from the Old Town School of Art, Wiggle Worms Activity Area with crafts and an instrument petting zoo!

Come to view and bid on one of Glen Ellyn's Cicadas on Parade. Twenty-five hand painted cicada sculptures who are currently lining the streets in flowerpots, windows and trees throughout Downtown Glen Ellyn are being auctioned off to raise money for public art in Downtown Glen Ellyn. These 18-inch cicada sculptures are 8 lbs. each and made of plaster with copper legs. Each sculpture is hand painted by local artists and storefront owners. All 25 cicadas will be collected and available for viewing at the Festival of the Arts on August 24th and winners can collect their prize on Sunday, August 25th or otherwise arranged.

All the festivities are held at Lake Ellyn Park, a 28.7-acre park known as the gem of Glen Ellyn. Enjoy beautiful walking paths around Lake Ellyn and the surrounding nature of this picturesque setting.

The Festival of the Arts is brought to you by the Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn, with special thanks to the many amazing sponsors that make events like this possible. Thank you to our sponsors Renewal by Andersen, Maureen McCarthy @Properties and the Village of Glen Ellyn.

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About the Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn:

The Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn is a 501c3 non-profit organization comprised of dedicated business owners with a goal to be an economic driver for the central business district and to create Glen Ellyn as a destination for Chicagoland. We are supported by the Village of Glen Ellyn, members, sponsors, and events.

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