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2022

The Hot Times Community Festival is scheduled for September 9-10-11, 2022

This weekend long celebration is a special occasion where the community gathers to celebrate peace, harmony, community unity, friends, family & the arts.

Please enjoy your time at the festival, and upon leaving, take away with you a bit of happiness and friendship that is HOT TIMES.

Hot Times is generously supported by The Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Community Properties of Ohio, Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Community Festival, The City of Columbus, Central Community House, Beacon Property Management, Carriage Trade Realty, Crabbe Brown & James, and many, more community partners who have helped Hot Times Festival remain the only event of its kind in Central Ohio.

240 Parsons Ave.

Parsons & Main

(lawns of the Columbus Health Dept.)



September 9-10-11

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With mature shade trees and beautiful lawns, 240 Parsons Avenue is the perfect setting for HOT TIMES. The historic building on the site was constructed in 1874, on land donated by the citizens of Ohio, for use as the Ohio State School for the Blind. Throughout the years, the building has remained remarkably intact and is now leased by The City of Columbus, who renovated and modernized it for The Columbus Health Department. Jazz notables Rahsaan Roland Kirk and Art Tatum were educated here and directly across the street was James Thurber's birthplace. The Community thanks the State of Ohio, Columbus Health Department and The City of Columbus for their continued support of the Hot Times Community Arts & Music Festival.



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Hot Times Community Arts & Music Festival

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Rules to Festival By

- * ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH
- * PLEASE WALK YOUR BIKE, SKATEBOARD, SKATES, SCOOTERS THROUGH THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS
- * NO PARKING OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES ON THE LAWNS
- * DO NOT CARRY ANY ALCOHOL ONTO OR AWAY FROM THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS
- * DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE LOTS
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- * NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND

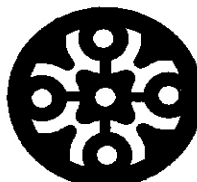


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Bars will serve:

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Service hours:

Friday 5:30 P.M. to 10:45PM - Last Call 10:30P.M.
Saturday 11 A.M. to 10:45- Last Call 10:30 P.M.
Sunday Noon to 7:45 P.M. - Last Call 7:30 P.M.



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STREET FAIR

The Hot Times Festival hosts a wonderful Street Fair that is an eclectic mix of Arts, Crafts and Community Organizations to enjoy browsing among. Meet interesting and friendly people and find rare treasures to take home.

Great things await you in the Hot Times Street Fair.



MUSIC ON MAIN STREET

FLEX CREW

Originating in Columbus, Ohio, this multi-talented band has been blessing the ears of audiences across the country with its unique style for almost two decades. Accomplished singers, musicians, producers and songwriters in their own right- the Flex Crew has also shared the stage with



Reggae superstars including: Luciano, Steel Pulse, Third World, Burning Spear, Pato Banton, & The Meditations.

ARK BAND

One of America's top reggae groups, the Ark Band regularly performs at festivals and concerts to appreciative crowds using vocals, musicianship, and sweet harmonies to blow audiences away. The Columbus, OH-based bandmembers aren't studio rats, preferring in-your-face, live, and in-concert confrontations. The members are united in the belief that they were assembled to uplift community spirits via Caribbean music.



THE FOUR MINTS

The Four Mints, recorded for both Holiday Records and Bill Moss' Capsoul Records. The group's first single was "You're My Desire". The second release was "Row My Boat," The recording hit the R&B charts, and was their biggest record.



JAMES "SMOOTH" ELLIOT & THE GENE WALKER TRIBUTE BAND

James "Smooth" Elliot has been a part of the Hot Times Festival and the Listen For The Jazz Project for decades. He is dedicated to the preservation of Jazz in Columbus and so for Hot Times he puts together the Gene Walker Tribute Band to honor not only the past leader of the Listen for the Jazz Project but also the project itself. find the whole book online at www.hottimes-festival.com scroll to the Listen For The Jazz page!

WILLIE PHOENIX



Willie Phoenix has been performing at Hot Times for more years than anyone can remember. His fabulous sounds and great stage presence, whether it's haunting blues, straight forward rock, raw garage band noise or psychedelic fusion is always proof that Willie Phoenix delivers.

Willie's career has spanned decades and so has his passion; never stopping, never failing to deliver jaw-dropping performances with an undeniable edge.

MAKE JAZZ NOT WAR!

Make Jazz Not War is an affiliation of Citizen Artists and a collection of extraordinary musicians who cover a vast range of experience and styles. The group has played at Hot Times since 1985, many times featuring world renowned artists joining Columbus's finest local talent.

For more info check out <https://www.makejazznotwar.org>



All of the Jazz sets at the Festival are dedicated to the memory of Gene Walker, Arther Baskerville, Hank Marr, Billy Brown, Bobby Alston, Rusty Bryant, Jimmy "Stix" Rodgers, Clarence Slaughter, Wilbert Longmier, and all the members of the Listen for The Jazz All-Star Band who have led the way! All the reggae sets at the Festival are dedicated to the memory of Maria Rosamond Coles former manager of the Ark Band and dear friends and Near East Neighbors Hugo and Donna Cabrera

THE MAIN STREET STAGE

THE NANCY WILSON TRIBUTE



GREGG SWAN & THE LATE CREW

The Late Crew is a unique combination of musicians with diverse musical backgrounds who have come together to create a special musical experience, encompassing many genres, from the smoothest jazz, to classic rock remixes, to some good ol' booty shakin funk & roll!

The Late Crew is always very excited share in the unique, spirit lifting experience that is live music!

SHAUN BOOKER

Shaun Booker is full of energy and love for the Community. She has played annually at Hot times for years and has, in that time, become an international star. Hot Times is fortunate that Shaun still finds time to come play for us all. Get ready to dance!

Friday, September 9

- 4:30 - Eric Ahlteen
- 5:30 - Don Norman Blues Band
- 6:30 - Make Jazz Not War
(formerly Jazz Poetry Ensemble)
- 7:45 - Mendelsonics
- 8:45 - All Star Jammerz
- 10:00 - Willie Phoenix

Saturday, September 10

- 12:00 - Lungu Vybz
- 1:00 - C/O Hot Boyz
- 2:00 - CYNTsation
- 3:15 - Gregg Swan
& The Late Crew

- 4:30 - The Four Mints
- 6:00 - Nancy Wilson Tribute
- 8:00 - Flex Crew
- 9:30 - Deal Breakers

Sunday, September 11

- 12:00 - Glen Echo Saxophone
Quartet
- 1:00 - Guitar Company
- 2:15 - James Smooth Elliot
& The Gene Walker Tribute Band
- 3:30 - fo/mo/deep
- 4:30 - Awards & Memories
- 5:30 - Shaun Booker Dammit Band
- 7:00 - Ark Band



THE PORCH SWINGS!

Friday, September 9

7:00 ComFest Annual Group Photo

7:30 **The Wedding of
Angi Seals & Dave Brunswick**

Maid of honor Lu Brammer

Officiant Loyce Theesfeld

Saturday, September 10

12:00 - Ebrie Yaloe

12:30 - Tony and Sal

1:30 - Victoria Frey

2:00 - James "Frisky" London

3:00 - TBA

4:00 - Elias-Dylan

5:00 - Roger Parish

Sunday, September 11

12:00 - Linden and Melvin

1:00 - Lysa Lawing

2:00 - The Hillel Dancers

3:00 - Kim Denizard

4:00 - Sara Cooperider

4:30 - Aaron

FREE PRESS SALON

Saturday, Sept 10, 7:30PM

On the Lawns / look for the sign



DRUM CIRCLES

Opening Drum Circle - Fri. 5:30 PM

Super Sunday Drum Circle - Sun. 11 AM



Everyone is welcome to join the drum circles
- bring a percussion instrument to play,
energy to dance or come
and just have fun listening!

Hot Times Opening Circle

led by

Community Elder Wahru Cleveland

Friday, 4:30 PM,

near The Parsons Stage.

Traditional Sunday Morning Drum Circle

led by the

Legendary Master Drummer & Elder

Tony West

Sunday at 11 AM,

under the big tree on the lawn.



THE POETRY SLAM

Hosted by: Rosemary Valentine

Honoring Is Said

This is the REAL THING!

The Annual Hot Times Poetry Slam attracts Poets from all over Central Ohio. Come hear the Poets compete in a lively battle of words!

Sign up to participate any time on Sunday, afternoon at The Parsons Avenue Stage.

THE PARSONS AVENUE STAGE!



Girlz Rhythm N' Rock Camp is a non-profit designed to build self esteem in female youth through music creation and performance. The Camp provides workshops and technical training for girls ages 8 through 18, creating leadership opportunities, and cultivating a supportive community of peers and mentors.

www.girlzrhythmnrockcamp.com



FRIDAY:

4:30. Opening Drum Circle
with Community Elder
Wahru Cleveland

MC Leslie Battle

6:00. Coffeehouse Rebels.

7:00. The Deeptones

8:00. Black Book

9:00. Funk City 2.0

SATURDAY:

12:00. Cosmic Dance
with James Amaral

1:00. Teddy Martin

2:00. Ms Scarlet

3:00. Spirit Drummers

3:40. Battle Talez from
Flavor'd Flow Studio

4:15. Billy Zenn & the Enablers

5:15. The Bittertones

6:15. Christopher Tracy's Parade

7:15. Roots Society

8:15. HIT M ENT

SUNDAY:

11:00 Community Drum Circle
with Master Tony West

12:00. Zumba with Aziza

1:00. Wednesday Wine

2:00. Anna & the Consequences

3:00. Made of the Mist

4:00. Poetry Slam

5:00. N Soul Deep

6:00. Austin & the Syd Xperience

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THE LARGEST ART CAR SHOW IN OHIO!

The Art Car Motto.... New Cars Depreciate - DECORATE!

ART CARS are MOVING SCULPTURE; Fun Art Straight To The People.

Once again the largest collection of Art Cars in Ohio will appear at Hot Times. The Artists will be available for conversation and advice on how to start your own Art Car. Pure Imagination! No Idea Too Wild! Vote for your favorite Art Car and experience the baubles, bubbles and beads. Step under the Art Car Gate that leads you to a wonderful world of imagination.

In the twenty six years there have been Art Cars at Hot Times, the times and the cars have changed! Now there are decorated, ubiquitous food trucks giving the art car artists help in the color-on-the-road category! Advertising “wraps” on cars and trucks, crazy logos, and bumper stickers also adorn the wanting-to-be-different driver’s vehicle. Of course Art Cars have been around for a long time.

Most art car artists start with a specialized license plate and a theme; then “Things” “grow” on the car’s surface. Artists use varying glues, from silicone to construction adhesives, the kind in a tube that goes into a “gun.” Special outdoor-use paints can make car murals; the use of magnets can provide on-again, off-again support for art themes, like plastic letters, dots, lizards, mirrors, laminated pictures.

The Hot Times Art Car Show has grown into Ohio’s largest Art Car exhibition and has been host to many Art Cars and Artists from all over the globe who show up at Hot Times with cars bearing thousands of brass, glass or plastic objects, or spewing thousands of bubbles - or who come to bring their talents to local cars - Hot times has hosted dozens of famous Art Cars and their artists including Halle Halle from Canada and Haider Ali, known as the “King Of Pakistani Art Trucks”, who hand paints elaborate scenes, using his unique style!

Artists this year include: Cari Webber, Alan Miller, Paulette Perlman, Kelly Israel, and all your favorite local Art Car Artists.

All over the world Art Cars are fun art straight to the people; rolling galleries!

Come see the cars and visit with the Artists at Hot Times – let the cars inspire you to mobile creativity and plan to return next year with an Art Car of your own creation!



Pictures from The Art Car Lawns at Hot Times

Far right - Haider Ali painting the Heal Mobile Beachwold Community

THE CULTURAL OLYMPIC GAMES 2022

The Hot Times Festival hosts the Cultural Olympic Games presented by The Art of Livin' and African-American Quad-Centennial Program creator, Norman Jones. Historians, humanitarians, scholars, archaeologists, and human culture specialists

all agree that the exact origin of cultural games is unknown however variations of these games have been played and enjoyed for over 5,000 years!

The Art of Cultural Games teaches discipline, provides communication and analytical skills, and offers non-physical combative events, while creating self esteem and pride among peer groups. On Saturday & Sunday, board games will be taught and open play and competitions will take place. Stop by to play, learn, compete, chat and watch! And during the year check out the Cooperative Chess Cultural Center at 80 Parsons Ave. for the Upper Cup Chess Community Open Play held twice a month.




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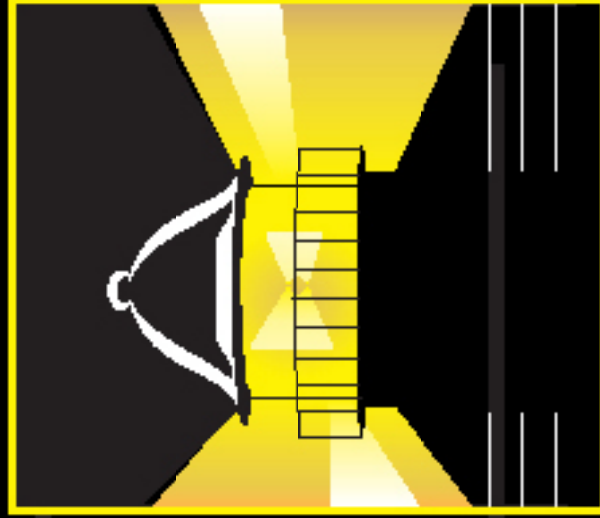
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**CHANGE IS
COMING!**

240 Parsons Avenue (from an old postcard above), the current site of the Hot Times Festival is entering into a time of change.

To the right is a drawing illustrating changes that are planned for the lawns. Note the whole South West corner of the site is scheduled to be shaved off to make wider turning lanes from E. Main St. to S. Parsons Ave.



The Arts Foundation of Olde Towne, the Olde Towne East Neighborhood Association and the Columbus Heath Department have met with the planners and developers for ODOT to advocate for the preservation of as many of the old canopy, signature trees as possible and to remove and safely store the old brick gates, historic markers and the iron fence surrounding the site and replace them at finish of work.

While slow this change is still coming!



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HONORED ARTISTS

The Near East Area has traditionally been a place where creative people gather to live and work. The Honored Artist Award is presented yearly to an artist or administrator who has been active in serving the Near East Community through his or her work. In 2022 David Turner and Scot Lacy are being honored.

With this award, they join a distinguished group of dedicated and creative people that includes: Smoky Brown, Walt Neil, Anna Bishop, Tony & Aziza West, Gene Walker, Leon Page, Kojo Kamau, Is Said, Aaraaman, Daniel Work, Queen Brooks, Jim Arter, George Miller, Denny Griffith, Eric Marlow, Dougie Simpson, Becky Ogden, Barbara “Wahru” Cleveland, Jeannette Williams-Brewer, Jackie Calderone, Don Bullard, Roman Johnson, Chief Shongo, Bill Agnew, Ann DeWald, Ron Hope, The Four Mints, Bobby Shaw, Gail Larned, Bettye Stull, Lee Savory, Shaun Booker, Arnett Howard, BHB, Jack Marchbanks, Aminah Robinson, Deighton Charlemagne, Richard Duarte Brown, Delton Boyd, Mary McClendon, Ralph, Roger Williams, Riccardo Davenport, Daniel Colvin, Pepper Johnson, Mary Daniels, Voszi Douglas, Suzanne Gallagher, Suzan Bradford Kounta, Willie Phoenix, Clint Davidson, Barbara Fant, and Michael VanderDoes, Eustace & Terry Bobb, Harry Wozniak.

DAVID TURNER

David Turner is a photojournalist, musician, influencer, dad, uncle, cousin, friend and long time fixture at all the best Columbus shows. His photos are simply put a fantastic record of the performances and festivals in this wonderful city.

Influenced by Gordon Parks, James Van Der Zee, Carrie Mae Weems, Kojo Kamau and today's artists Shellie Fisher, Stephen Pariser, Randall Schieber, and many African-American photographers.

His works have delighted hundreds of people through the years. You will see him behind the camera at all your favorite events. So don't forget to smile.

We tread on the here and now. The high and low, the giving and not so giving, the sun is your friend, time is your friend, that Moment is your friend. it will never return, SEIZE IT!!!

The Big or Little picture is you.

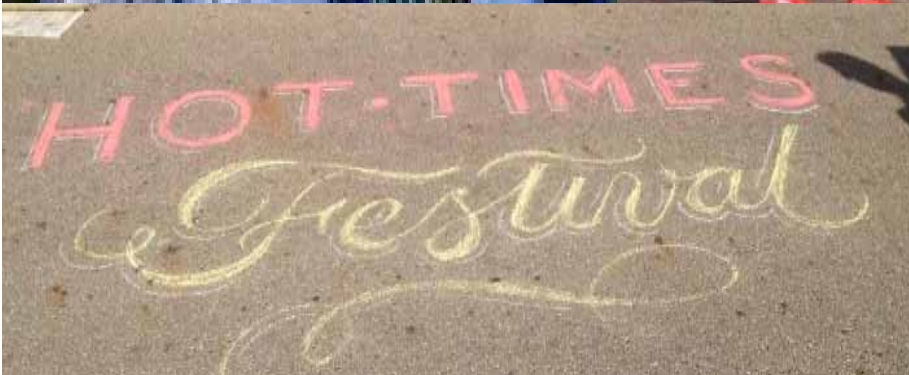
“Two Thumbs UP“, STAY FOCUSED. Be good to yourself. See it, capture it, send it. All Praisers and Blessings ----Aaikum Salaam

SCOT LACY

Scot Lacy has been quietly recording Hot Times and ComFest for years. His videos are loaded onto YouTube and you can visit them at: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCaNOZ9sg16GsQYn2gj0XubA>

I met Scot Lacy at ACTV, the public access cable television station, when we were both employees there. He was a videographer and editor. We worked together in the early 90s. He was an avid videographer of the Comfest throughout those years, producing a video each year that he shot all three days -- the bands, the people, the booths, everything. He also helped me with a lot of video shoots throughout the years, for the Columbus-Copapayo Sister City Project, the Free Press, and other activist groups. He is a video activist, always working on projects to help youth learn video production. Recently he worked for the King Arts Complex and runs his own business called Milo Pictures. written by Suzanne Patzer





Columbus Children's Parade

The idea is simple: Have Fun Together!

The Columbus Children's Parade gives children opportunities to freely and creatively celebrate themselves through music and the arts. Decorated bikes and strollers, costumes, community kids and parents become the parade marching along.

Parade LINE UP
Saturday Sept 10
at 2:45 P.M. in the AME Zion Church
Parking Lot at 18th and Bryden Rd.

Parade will step off at 3:15 P.M. arriving at the
Hot Times Community Arts & Music Festival
at 3:45 PM!
Join the Parade along the route too!

Through the years The Parade has served as a focal point of self and community esteem for hundreds of children who have participated.

Thank You Central Community House
for organizing and funding the Parade
for 2022.

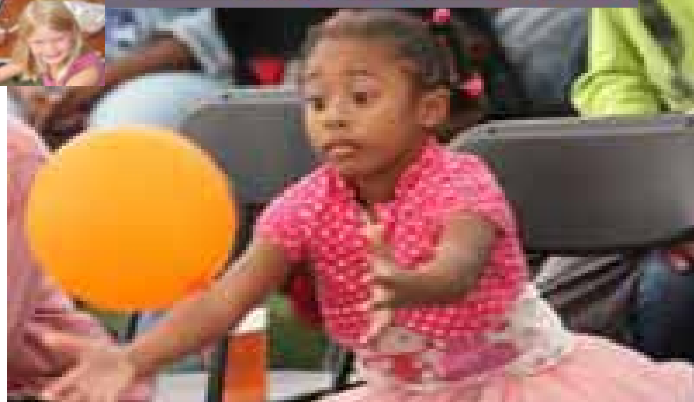
Bring the kids, join the Parade,
and cheer for the marchers!
Join in on the fun!



CREATIVE KIDS' ACTIVITIES

On Saturday and Sunday afternoon enjoy creative, non-competitive play designed to engage children and parents.

The fun takes place in two tents located on the front lawns. One tent has crafts and hand demonstrations, and the other tent has a variety of board games!



REMEMBER

Self-described as "coming out the womb singing," **Jeanette Williams** began her professional career at the age of 14 as an opening act for Dionne Warwick. Shortly after, she found her passion in jazz and became a pillar in the Columbus jazz community. Over the five plus decades of her career, Williams performed with countless local and national artists including Rusty Bryant, Hank Marr, Bobby Floyd, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, Mary McClendon, Doc Severinsen, George Benson, Arturo Sandoval, and many others. One of the highlights of her career was when she was invited on stage to sing with legendary jazz singer Sarah Vaughn. Jeanette's final performance was in 2019.



Harry Wozniak, a self-taught artist born in Buffalo, NY in 1957, subsequently moved to Columbus, OH where he spent fourteen years as an active member of the arts community before moving to Western North Carolina then eventually moving back to Columbus. Harry's work was inspired by Cubism and early 20th-Century Modernism. His paintings focus on hedonistic aspects of life; eating, drinking, indulging and the objects associated with these activities in an energetic play of form, movement and color. He worked predominantly in oil to create his portraits, genre scenes and still

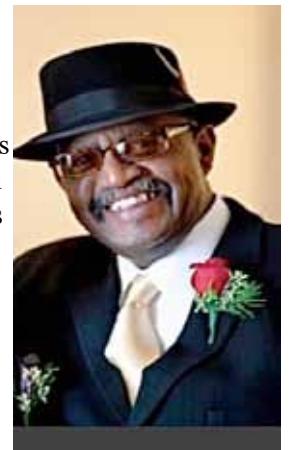
life interpretations. Harry's work was featured in The Laurel of Asheville magazine, Bold Life magazine, and The Short North Gazette and is included in many private collections in New York, West Palm Beach, Boston, Columbus OH, Asheville NC, Buffalo NY, and Fort Lauderdale FL.



Gloria Jean Jackson served as the Volunteer Coordinator for Hot Times Festival for 15 years. Her personal phone call to each volunteer was something looked forward to and her smile greeted everyone who come to sign up.

Gloria archived mountains of recognition from various Organizations for whom she volunteered. Gloria was literally the glue that held Hot Times together, knowing just how to assign the volunteers so each opportunity was an adventure. She is missed greatly by the everyone who knew and worked with her.

So much has been said about **Joe Jackson**. He was a family man: he loved his family and was so proud of all of them, a rib man: the awards piled up for him all over the US, and he had a grin that made you smile right back every time. He was good friends with C.J. Chenier and always brought him ribs and sauce when he played in Columbus, Gene Walker always had to get ribs from Joe at any show he was in; everybody flocked to Smokin' Joe's. Joe always celebrated his birthdays at Hot Times as he did at the Hot Times 2021 event.



Josh Roberts was one of a kind. A smile, a handshake a hug, Josh was your guy! He was a longtime Hot Times Volunteer and sometimes Crew member. Josh was a union carpenter so he could pretty much fix anything that got broken at Hot Times which usually was a lot. He was a great Dad to his children and everyone was happy to see him at Hot Times 2021.



Judy Vierow's real work was her first love – creating art. She had a studio on the second floor of her very old home in downtown Columbus that was once an extra bedroom. Her background a zillion years ago was in painting at the University of Oklahoma. She went from there to The Ohio State University when she received a Master's Degree in Fine Art. After school she was a weaver and specialized in quilt making and batiking. Once she discovered acrylic paints about a decade later, she never went back to quilting. Usually she did not have an idea of what the finished piece will look like when she first started painting. She got in a zone somewhere and let the ideas flow through her and onto the paper. That's part of the fun of being an artist – not having a solid idea where you are going at the beginning – just letting it come naturally. She will be missed.



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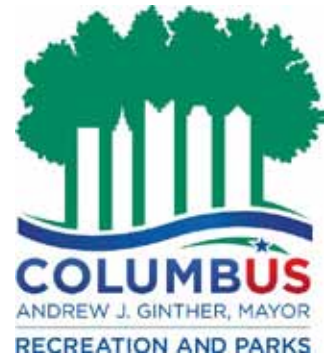
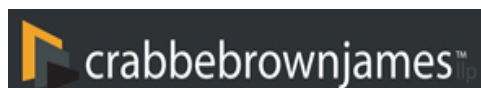
THANK YOU

The focus of Hot Times is the Arts. The Artists who make it a point to perform, exhibit on the street fair, run workshops, teach children, and do other creative and wonderful things, are the heart of the festival.

Thank You to each and every Artist who has taken her or his time to participate - your spirit is what makes this celebration so special and important.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE FUN HAPPEN!

HOT TIMES is totally organized and administered by community volunteers. Hot Times Festival belongs to the community and is produced by the community. Hot Times has built 45 festivals in 43 years with shared community experience and history, and is known as the friendliest festival in Columbus. When you see a person in a Hot Times volunteer t-shirt, give them a big smile, a handshake or a hug. Their spirit of giving is enriching the entire community.



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