

Artesian Arts Festival 2017 – VNR script pre artists

CG: SULPHUR, OK

NATIVE AMERICAN ART, MUSIC, DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOD AND FUN ARE ALL ON TAP AT THE ARTESIAN ARTS FESTIVAL IN SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA THIS WEEKEND.

CHICKASAW ARTIST JOANNA UNDERWOOD, WHO SPECIALIZES IN POTTERY AND SCULPTURES, IS ONE OF 116 ELITE ARTISTS TAKING PART IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING ARTS FESTIVALS.

DISTINGUISHED CHICKASAW ARTIST MIKE LARSEN WILL CONDUCT A LIVE PAINT IN THE ARTESIAN ART GALLERY AT 10:30 A.M. LARSEN IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE NATION FOR HIS DYNAMIC SCULPTURES AND PAINTINGS.

BLADESMITH DANIEL WORCESTER, WHO WAS NAMED THE 2013 "RED EARTH HONORED ONE" WILL BE DISCUSSING MATERIALS AND METHODS USED IN FORGING HIS KNIVES.

WORCESTER, A CHICKASAW, HAS SPENT MORE THAN 25 YEARS PERFECTING HIS CRAFT.

A VARIETY OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IS PLANNED, AS WELL AS TRIBAL DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS. BANDS AND DANCE TROUPS WILL PROVIDE CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT ON TWO STAGES.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A WIDE VARIETY OF CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, SENIOR CITIZENS' ARTS AND CRAFTS BOOTH, AND FOOD VENDORS WITH EVERYTHING FROM BARBECUE AND INDIAN TACOS TO ICE CREAM AND KETTLE CORN.

MORE THAN 100 ELITE ARTISTS, REPRESENTING 25 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND CANADA, ARE TAKING PART IN THE FOURTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL, WHICH BEGINS AT 10 A.M. AND ENDS AT 6 P.M.

ACTIVITIES ARE CENTERED AT THE ARTESIAN PLAZA, 1001 W. FIRST STREET IN DOWNTOWN SULPHUR.