

Centre Square Art Fair

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Easton ready to paint the town

Saturday will be a colorful day in downtown Easton at the 15th annual Centre Square Art Fair, sponsored by the Community Art League and the Downtown Improvement Group.

More than 100 artists will bring a wide variety of painting, sculpture, photography, pottery and original crafts to the tree-shaded circle and surrounding quadrants.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If it rains, the fair will be postponed and a new date set.

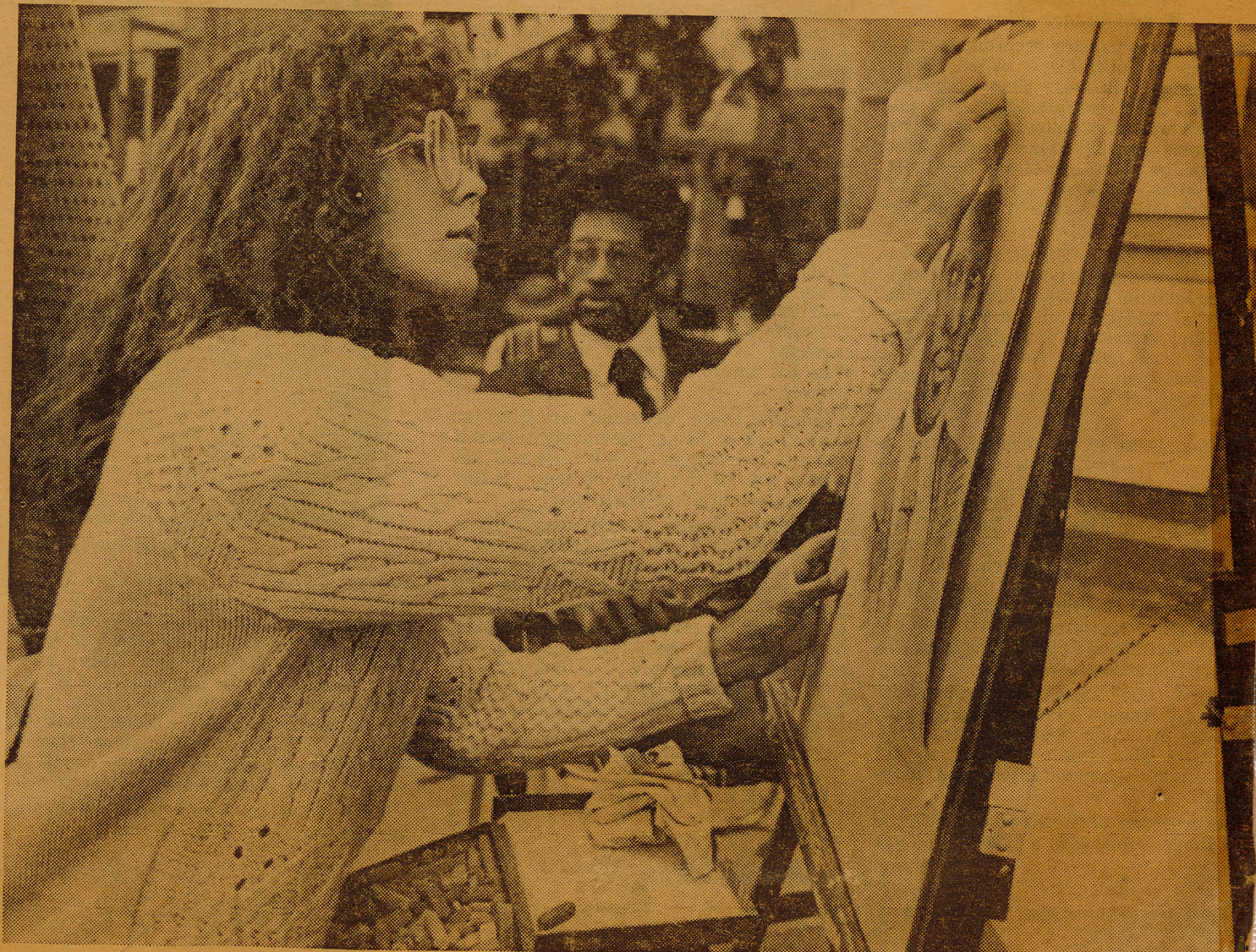
Visitors will have a chance to meet artists from the Lehigh Valley and those in surrounding areas. Many of the artists will offer their works for sale.

A special feature at this year's fair will be a balloon corner — for children and for the young at heart. For a nominal fee, you can decorate helium balloons in the "creative corner" in the southwest quad, and let fly your imagination.

Serenading the artists and viewers will be guitarist Tom Walz, who will perform in the Square.

Another new feature this year will be a "People's Choice" contest. Viewers will be encouraged to vote for their favorite artist. Ballots will be distributed with programs at the Fair and should be deposited at the information booth before 2:30 p.m. The winner will be announced between 3 and 3:30 p.m. along with the prizes awarded by the official panel of jurors.

Among the artists to be showing



Bethlehem artist Donna Haney draws a portrait at last year's Art Fair. Chuck Stonewall, who took this picture, will exhibit works at this year's Fair

at Saturday's fair are Joe De-Thomas, an Easton favorite and creator of the Chamber of Commerce's official picture of the Christmas Candle; Neal Bittner from Connecticut, a frequent Fair

award-winner with his silk screen prints and collages; Larry Bartosh, president of the Community Art League and sculptor, new to the Fair this year; Jane Conneen of the Little Farm Workshop in

Bath, a designer of hand-colored etchings of wildflowers and miniatures; and the LaDucas - Joseph LaDuca with drawings and temperas; Pamela LaDuca with pastels; and Isadore LaDuca with oils