

Wildlife Artist returns to fair

Artist Craig Carson captures the spirit and timeless beauty of his wildlife subjects in his paintings and drawings. Through the meticulous use of line and color, he pays homage to the land and animals that inhabit his native Midwest. Craig's unique method of painting provides his wildlife subjects with a rich vitality while maintaining their natural dignity.

Carson's childhood was spent in rural Iowa and he currently resides in Davenport. He has been drawing wildlife since he was old enough to hold a pencil. As a boy, he was inspired by the wild ani-

mals and birds he encountered as he walked the cornfields of the family farm. The pheasants, rabbits, squirrels, deer and occasional red fox were among his first subjects. Currently, Craig enjoys painting a wide variety of wildlife, with raptors as one of his favorites.

Many of Carson's original paintings are available in signed, numbered and limited edition reproductions. His paintings have reached collectors throughout the United States as well as in Europe.

Best art fair on the river

The "best art fair on the river," the 23rd annual Art in the Park in Clinton, will be held May 15 and 16. The outdoor art fair features 120 juried artists and craftspeople from 14 different states. Fair hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art in the Park is held in Foursquare Park on Main Avenue, just one block off of highways 67 and 136.

You'll find oak furniture, clay whistles, handmade paper jewelry and water colors. Forged ironware, clay and cedar birdhouse, airbrushed stoneware and hand loomed tapestries join photography, calligraphy and handblown glass as well as lots of other items. You won't want to miss the hardwood kaleidoscope or the handwoven baskets or framed batik designs for that empty wall.

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gram allows all budding artist to let their talent bloom right on the pavement of Main Avenue and when completed, presents a larger than life pastel and chalk masterpiece.

And then there's the food. Sample Italian pizza, grilled pork chop sandwiches, freshly made lemonade shake-ups and for desert cheese cake with fruit. Lots of snack foods are available too.

And the best part of all is that entry to Art in the Park is free and is held on handi-capped accessible grounds. It only happens once a year so don't miss it.

The fair is co-sponsored by the Clinton Art Association and Lyons Business and Professional Association.



"Chill in the Air" is one of the paintings available from previous Art in the Park winner, Craig Carson.



Art In The Park Specials

Saturday, May 15th Only!