



# Smoky Hill River Festival 2025

The logo features the words "Smoky Hill", "River", and "Festival" in a white, blocky font. "Smoky Hill" is on the left, "River" is in the center, and "Festival" is on the right. The "R" in "River" and the "F" in "Festival" are slightly taller than the other letters. The "2025" is in a green box in the top right corner. The entire logo is set against a background of orange and green wavy patterns.

JUNE 12–15

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#SHRF2025



A PROJECT OF SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES, A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SALINA

# Don't Miss This!

Come back at different times of day to experience different artists and pop-up performances.



Bask in the mist near Paintchoo Plaza and the Eric Stein Stage.

52 brand-new exhibitors this year. Unique, affordable, and beautiful works of art, jewelry, and crafts by 125 artists.

Accessibility improvements, including shuttles to and from the TPEC parking lot and wave n' ride shuttles throughout the park. See page 5 of the program for more details or the map on pages 24-25 to see the routes.

Sunday's scavenger hunt featuring 275 evolved plastic flower seeds will be hidden on the Festival grounds and ready to be removed from the environment before they spread uncontrollably! See page 41 for more details.



There are seven new food vendors. Visit your favorites and try something new.

The Eric Stein Stage and Stage II have two distinct vibes. Enjoy both!

Check out 20 art installations throughout the park. Each one will inspire you in different ways.

Send us your Festival Feedback or Scan to Share your Festival Feedback



# Welcome



Dear Festival Friends,  
It's an honor to welcome you to one of the most anticipated events of the year—the Smoky Hill River Festival! For decades, this beloved tradition has marked the

start of summer for Salina-area residents of all ages. We're proud to share it with you and thrilled to celebrate nearly 50 years of creativity, community, and unforgettable entertainment.

This exciting event wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our community. We extend our utmost gratitude to our generous sponsors, donors, and the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who enthusiastically bring this celebration to life each year. Your support is what makes this event such a meaningful local tradition.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a seasoned attendee, there's something here for everyone. Our three live stages will keep the energy high all weekend with an eclectic lineup of over 40 musical acts—from rock and jazz to folk and beyond. Roving

performers and children's entertainers add to the magic, creating memorable moments throughout the park. The Art Show features more than 125 talented artists from across the nation. Known for its quality and craftsmanship, it's a great place to discover unique works and connect with the creators behind them. Families will love Artyopolis, a festival within the Festival designed just for kids. With hands-on arts and crafts, face painting, Lego Lane, Game Street, and interactive performances, young attendees will be immersed in creativity and fun at every turn. And of course, no visit is complete without a trip down Food Row! With over 30 vendors offering everything from Asian noodles and Indian tacos to funnel cakes and homemade ice cream, there's something to satisfy every craving.

We invite you to explore, engage, and enjoy all the Festival has to offer. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary celebration of art, music, food, and community.

Here's to making lasting memories at the Smoky Hill River Festival!

Warm regards,  
Greg Lenkiewicz  
Mayor, City of Salina



## Festival Jam

Thursday 5:45 - 10 pm, Eric Stein Stage

The Jam showcases regional and local entertainers in a quick-time format, building to the colossal Jam at evening's end. Gates and Food vendors open at 4 pm.

5:45 pm	<b>Abie-Laine</b>	8:00 pm	<b>Don Wagner</b>
6:00 pm	<b>The Radicles</b>	8:15 pm	<b>HyWay 14</b>
6:15 pm	<b>Fed Up</b>	8:30 pm	<b>Soul Preachers</b>
6:30 pm	<b>Motor Co</b>	8:45 pm	<b>Love Like War</b>
6:45 pm	<b>Phi Ya</b>	9:00 pm	<b>Cash Hollistah</b>
7:00 pm	<b>Lix</b>	9:15 pm	<b>Bootleg Mercy</b>
7:15 pm	<b>Urban Spelunkers</b>	9:30 pm	<b>Steve Hanson &amp; Co.</b>
7:30 pm	<b>The Ghost Racket</b>	9:45 pm	<b>The Blades</b>
7:45 pm	<b>Hey Radio</b>		

Times are approximate. Lineup is subject to change.



*Connecting people through an arts experience  
celebrating the creative spirit.*

## Salina Arts & Humanities (SAH)

Smoky Hill Museum, a division of SAH  
Arts Infusion  
Big Ideas Cultural Plan  
Community Art & Design  
Community Services & Programs  
Horizons Grants Program  
Smoky Hill River Festival  
Spring Poetry Series

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## Plan Ahead for the River Festival

June 11-14, 2026  
June 10-13, 2027  
June 08-11, 2028

## Short On Cash?

ATM on-site, by pickleball court restroom  
ATMs located near Oakdale Park:  

- Bank of Tescott - 600 S. Santa Fe Ave.
- Central National Bank - 454 S. Ohio
- First Bank Kansas - 235 S. Santa Fe Ave.
- Equity Bank - 317 S. Santa Fe Ave.
- Sunflower Bank - 176 N. Santa Fe Ave.
- Sunflower Bank - 400 S. Santa Fe Ave.  
(Salina Regional Health Center)

## Festival Hours

Thursday 4 pm - 10 pm  
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 10 pm  
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

[riverfestival.com](http://riverfestival.com)

# Good Stuff to Know

## Festival Transportation & Accessibility:

- **Wave and Ride Shuttle:** Two marked golf carts operate between designated stops.
- **Shuttles:** Free shuttles and a CityGo bus run from Tony's Pizza Events Center to the Festival.
  - Thursday: 4 pm - 8 pm
  - Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm
  - Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm
- After-hours, contact Festival Headquarters for on-call transportation for mobility-impaired guests 785-827-9094 or 785-827-3112
- **Bus Services:** Free CityGo rides with a Festival wristband; expanded routes within Salina.
  - Thursday & Friday: 6 am - 10 pm
  - Saturday: 9 am - 10 pm
- **Accessibility Information & Resources**  
**Shelter:** Independent Connection staff available to assist, near Shuttle stop.
  - Friday & Saturday 11 am - 8 pm
  - Sunday 11 am - 3 pm
  - 785-829-6000

## Festival Headquarters:

- Location: East of the 4th St bridge.
- 785-827-9094 or 785-827-3112

## Information & Support Services:

- **Information Booths:** T-shirt sales, questions, and directions.
  - Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm
  - Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm
- **First Aid:** Located near headquarters, provided by Salina Family Healthcare.
- **Lost & Found/Lost Children:** Near the Fourth St Bridge, South of Headquarters
- **Ident-A-Kid:** ID bracelets available near Creation Crossing Tent.
- **Baby Station:** Offers shelter from the sun for a meal or diaper change
  - Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm
  - Sunday: Noon - 4 pm

## Photography & Videography:

- The Festival is documented each year through photographs and videos for marketing purposes. Purchasing an admission wristband implies permission to use your image in photo or video. The Festival accepts no liability and offers no compensation for any personal image used in this way.
- **Approved photographers and press will have Festival credentials.**
- Use hashtags #SHRF2025 & #EpicArtsParty for social media photos and tag us @SHRiverFestival on Facebook or @SmokyHillRiverFestival on Instagram

## Stay Informed:

- Important updates from Festival Staff available via text/email alerts available on RecZone. Scan QR code and select Oakdale Park during signup
- Local weather alert emails available from Saline County Emergency Management at [bit.ly/WeatherAlertsSCEM](http://bit.ly/WeatherAlertsSCEM)



## Festival Etiquette:

- **Allowed Items:**
  - Coolers (no glass), blankets, chairs, umbrellas, service animals
- **Prohibited Items:**
  - Glass, tarps, unauthorized tents/canopies, pets, unauthorized selling, skateboards, scooters, bicycles (except for emergency services)
- Use marked bins for trash and recycling
- Do not leave items overnight; lost items can be recovered at Lost & Found or after the Festival at the Arts & Humanities office, 211 W. Iron Ave
- Stay off Eric Stein Stage steps, Backstage is for performers and crew **ONLY**

Scan QR codes throughout program to learn more about events, artists, and more.

# Art/Craft Demonstrations

Friday & Saturday, 10 am - 7 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

Observe the creative processes of skillful artists and artisans as they exhibit, demonstrate, and sell under the Demonstration Shelter.

★ Contributor to First Treasures Program (see page 29)



**Liz Bonny** ★  
Fiber  
Lawrence, KS

**More Than Lemons** ★  
Glass  
Holton, KS  
*Near West Arts Show*



**Eleanor Carlson** ★  
Jewelry  
Blue Rapids, KS



**Tracy Musselwhite** ★  
Ceramics  
Salina, KS



**Julie Cates** ★  
Mixed Media  
Salina, KS

**Nicholas Pahls** ★  
Wood  
Salina, KS  
*In West Arts Show*



**Vaughn Evans** ★  
Glass  
Linwood, KS



[View Artists Online](#)

# Art Installations

The Smoky Hill River Festival's Art Installations distinguish it from any other event in the country! Enjoy a self-guided tour of all the Installation artworks. Refer to the center map (pages 24-25) for locations.

## Arte's Crew

Throughout the park  
Kourtney Sweet – Salina, KS

## Beyond the Horizon: The Journey

East of Fourth Street Bridge  
Ann Arkebauer – Leawood, KS

## Big Fan

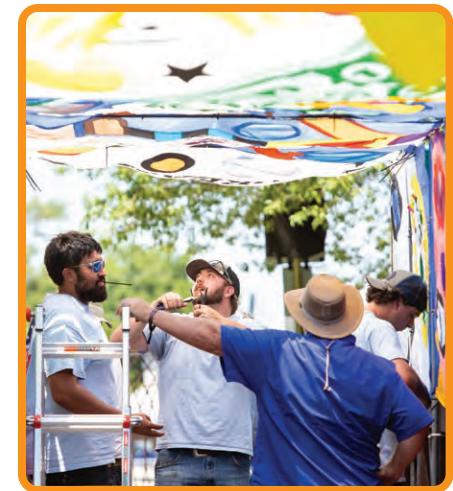
East Arts Area  
Juniper 'TJ' Tangpuz – Kansas City, KS

## Cooler Mom

East Arts Area  
Juniper 'TJ' Tangpuz – Kansas City, KS

## Crazy Cool Crochet Treewrap

Near the handball court and Stage II  
Tamara Kingery-Gonzales – Wichita, KS



## Crochet Bicycles

Throughout the Park  
Tamara Kingery-Gonzales – Wichita, KS

## Dream Dragon Bridge

Fourth Street Bridge  
Bill Godfrey – Tarentum, PA





### Poetry Wall

West of Kenwood Bridge  
Salina Public Library  
“S-Curve” sculpture by Rich Bergen

### Rainbowretum: tree wraps

Throughout the park  
Kate Jennings & Central High School  
students – Salina, KS

### Reinventing the Wheel

Kenwood Bridge  
Designed by David Exline –  
Aliso Viejo, CA  
Engineered by the family of Exline Inc.

### Food Truck Prime

Near Food Row  
Juniper ‘TJ’ Tangpuz –  
Kansas City, KS

### Four Elemental Directions

Attached to staff golf carts  
throughout the Park  
Juniper ‘TJ’ Tangpuz –  
Kansas City, KS

### Jitterbugs

Throughout Art Show  
Matthew Farley – Lucas, KS



### Riverbank Mural

Riverbank at Kenwood Bridge  
Colin Benson – Salina, KS

### SDI Trash Corral Mural

North of Pickleball court  
Mindy Allen – Manhattan, KS

### Setting Seed

By Art/Craft Demo  
Margaret Craig – San Antonio, TX

### Sneaky Snake

Pop-Up Locations  
Juniper ‘TJ’ Tangpuz – Kansas City, KS



### Standing Wave

Events Center Bridge  
Mike Miller – Wichita, KS

### Tea Party in the Park

Between Stage II and East Art Show  
Tamara Kingery-Gonzales – Wichita, KS

### Tiny Art Vending Machine

By Art/Craft Demo  
Various Kansas-Based Artists

### Tool Trailer Mural

West of Craft Demo  
Scribe – Kansas City, MO



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### Twisted Twister

By Art/Craft Demo & roving  
throughout the park  
Margaret Craig – San Antonio, TX

### Weaving a Community

North of Sound Garden  
Amy Schmierbach & Fort Hays Students  
– Hays, KS

### Who Let the Dogs Out

Pop-Up Locations  
Juniper ‘TJ’ Tangpuz – Kansas City, KS

### Wind-O-River

Mulberry Bridge  
Rich Bergen – Salina, KS

# Art & Craft Show

Wonderful artists selling a great variety of excellent work with prices ranging from \$20 to \$10,000.

Friday & Saturday: 10 am – 7 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm

## Purchase Awards

Since the initiation of a public art collection in 1995, \$2,000 in artwork has been purchased from exhibiting festival artists each year. The works are added to the Festival Community Art Collection and displayed in publicly accessible locations.



## Merit Awards

An on-site jury determines Cash Merit awards based on an artist's overall body of work and presentation.

*Martha Rhea Award of Merit, Marie Chapman & Caroline Lanterman Award of Merit, one \$1,000, two \$900, two \$700, three \$500, two \$400, and two \$250 awards.*

## Jurors

**Kim Brook:** Artist – Lawrence, KS

**Emily Howe:** Artist – Lindsborg, KS

**JB Jones:** Consultant – Salina, KS

**Cindy Lerick:** President, Art of Events LLC – Manhattan, KS

**Ruth Moritz:** Artist – Salina, KS

## Art Patron Program

An opportunity to support exhibiting artists and enhance your festival experience. Both new and experienced Art Patrons significantly contribute to a thriving art show, which draws visiting artists from all across the nation. Patrons mingle with artists during the exclusive Premiere party, an official kick-off to a vibrant weekend of art. Early access shopping on Friday morning and complimentary cold beverages at the VIP tent are just some of the additional perks to joining the Patron program. To participate in the 2026 program, visit [riverfestival.com](http://riverfestival.com) for more information and registration details.

## 2025 Festival T-Shirt

Artist: Paul Punzo, Lawrence, KS

This year's t-shirt features the design work of Paul Punzo of Lawrence, KS. Paul is also joining us for the third year as an exhibiting artist. His original artwork incorporates rich red brushstrokes as the background with stencil and relief cut printmaking techniques to create a familiar Festival landscape design within the shape of a guitar. Stop by and check out Paul's work in the West Arts area.

T-shirts and tanks are available in various sizes and can be purchased at the Festival Information Booths north of Eric Stein Stage and near Kenwood Bridge.  
Adult - \$15 | Children - \$10

## 2025 Festival Print

Artist: Nick Perry, Topeka, Kansas

With a foundation rooted in drawing and printmaking, Nick Perry of Red Legger Studio works in an illustrative, semi-psychadelic style of pop surrealism. He uses screen printing as the ideal medium to display his graphic style that teeters the line between fine art and a low brow cartooning vibe. He creates

narratives blending both the sacred and ephemeral. In addition to history and American culture his influences include underground comics and outlaw print makers.



# Art Show - East Side

Numbers E01 – E73 correspond with numbers on artist tents.

Sections are designated by coordinating rows of tent numbers and sidewalk colors.

◆ Returning award winner

★ Contributor to First Treasures program (see pg. 29)

## Magenta Section

### E01 Susan Theroff ★

Berryton KS  
Painting

### E02 Paul Nikitchenko ★

Wilmington NC  
Painting

### E03 Lyle Clift II & Teresa Clift ★

Pueblo CO  
Sculpture

### E04 Sean & Emily Ponder

Kansas City MO  
Ceramics

## Green Section

### E05 Noah & Greg Gowen ★

Albuquerque NM  
Metal

### E06 Gint & Regina Sabaliauskas ★

Evergreen CO  
Ceramics

### E07 Caitlin Penny ◆ ★

Lenexa KS  
Printmaking



## Orange Section

### E16 Gary Allen ★

Omaha NE  
Jewelry

### E17 Dona Bolland

Aguilar CO  
Photography

### E18 Jean & Zack Hutchison ★

Ottawa KS  
Photography



### E11 Janvier Ngamije ★

Lewisville TX  
Fiber

### E12 Marissa & Michelle Jager ★

Manhattan KS  
Mixed Media

### E13 Kris Kratz ◆ ★

Hickman NE  
Wood

### E14 Jill Calvert

Blue Springs MO  
Jewelry

### E15 Douglas Fulks ★

Lees Summit MO  
Drawing

### E19 Mary Pow ★

Minneapolis MN  
Fiber

### E20 Terry Evans ★

Overland Park KS  
Wood

### E21 Erin Gray ★

Marion IL  
Painting

### E22 Candiss Cole-Footitt & Rodger Footitt ★

Sedona AZ  
Fiber



**E23 Nick Perry** ◆ ★  
Topeka, KS  
Printmaking

**E24 Fred Tate** ◆ ★  
Austin, TX  
Jewelry

**E25 Luis Toro**  
Miami, FL  
Painting

**E26 Kindle Durden & Alex Schenker** ★  
Springfield, MO  
Ceramics

**E27 Nichole Collins** ★  
Lawrence, KS  
Jewelry

#### Blue Section

**E28 Deitra Biely**  
Jewelry  
Grove, OK

**E29 Dave Stephens** ★  
Rogers, AR  
Ceramics



**E40 Ryan Kettle & Thomas Hayse** ★

Topeka, KS  
Glass

#### Yellow Section

**E41 Diana Carbajal & David Ziser** ★

Wichita, KS  
Mixed Media

**E42 Janelle Crawford-Hine** ★

Kansas City, MO  
Printmaking

**E43 Toni Tischer** ★

Salida, CO  
Jewelry

**E44 Lori & Jim Stanziola** ★

Overland Park, KS  
Printmaking

#### Red Section

**E30 Don McCullough**

Kissimmee, FL  
Sculpture

**E31 Krystle Cole** ★

Wichita, KS  
Painting

**E32 Angie Spears** ◆ ★

Houston, TX  
Drawing

**E33 Christine & Ron Sisco** ★

Tumacacori, AZ  
Wood

**E34 Aaron Hunt** ★

Forney, TX  
Mixed Media

**E35 Jacquelyn Riggs & David Bonifazi** ★

Tulsa, OK  
Jewelry

**E36 Emily Chamberlain** ★

Wichita, KS  
Ceramics

**E37 Lisa Dagostino** ★

Vallejo, CA  
Jewelry

**E38 Virgil Penner** ★

North Newton, KS  
Painting

**E39 Justin Marable** ★

Lawrence, KS  
Printmaking

**E49 Sara Letsch** ★

Boone, IA  
Jewelry

**E50 Mollie Chounard** ★

Saint Ann, MO  
Painting

**E51 Greg & Laura Bloxom**

Jenks, OK  
Wood



**E52 Rob Gilmore** ★  
Maryland Heights, MO  
Photography

**E53 Mary James Ketch** ★

Norman, OK  
Painting

**E54 Jeff Dawald** ★

Faribault, MN  
Jewelry



**E45 Terry Groseclose** ★  
Berthoud, CO  
Jewelry

**E46 Greg Biel** ★  
Overland Park, KS  
Mixed Media

**E47 Sabrina Siebert & James Tollison** ★  
Woodson, TX  
Painting

**E48 Sharon Sudduth** ★  
Enid, OK  
Painting



#### Purple Section

**E55 Joshua Steele** ★

Des Moines, IA  
Photography

**E56 David & Jon Swartz** ★

Denver, CO  
Painting

**E57 Janet & Michael Funk** ★

Guthrie, OK  
Mixed Media

**E58 Diane Lawrence** ★

Berryton, KS  
Fiber

**E59 Kristen Haug** ◆ ★

Pierre, SD  
Jewelry

**E60 Caleb McGinn**

Sedgwick, KS  
Photography

**E61 Sara Grant Brown**

Wichita, KS

Drawing

**E62 Kent Burnett**

Arlington, KS  
Wood

**E63 Eric Johnson** ★

Hillsboro, ND

Printmaking



**E64 Holly Glenn**  
Liberty Hill, TX  
Painting

**E65 Jocelyn Woodson** ★  
Hutchinson, KS  
Painting

**E66 Neshama Roash** ★  
St. Louis, MO  
Photography

#### Red Section

**E67 Molly Strader** ★  
Frisco, TX  
Jewelry

**E68 Robert Cornman** ★  
Lakeland, FL  
Painting

**E69 Shaun Downey**  
Littleton, CO  
Photography

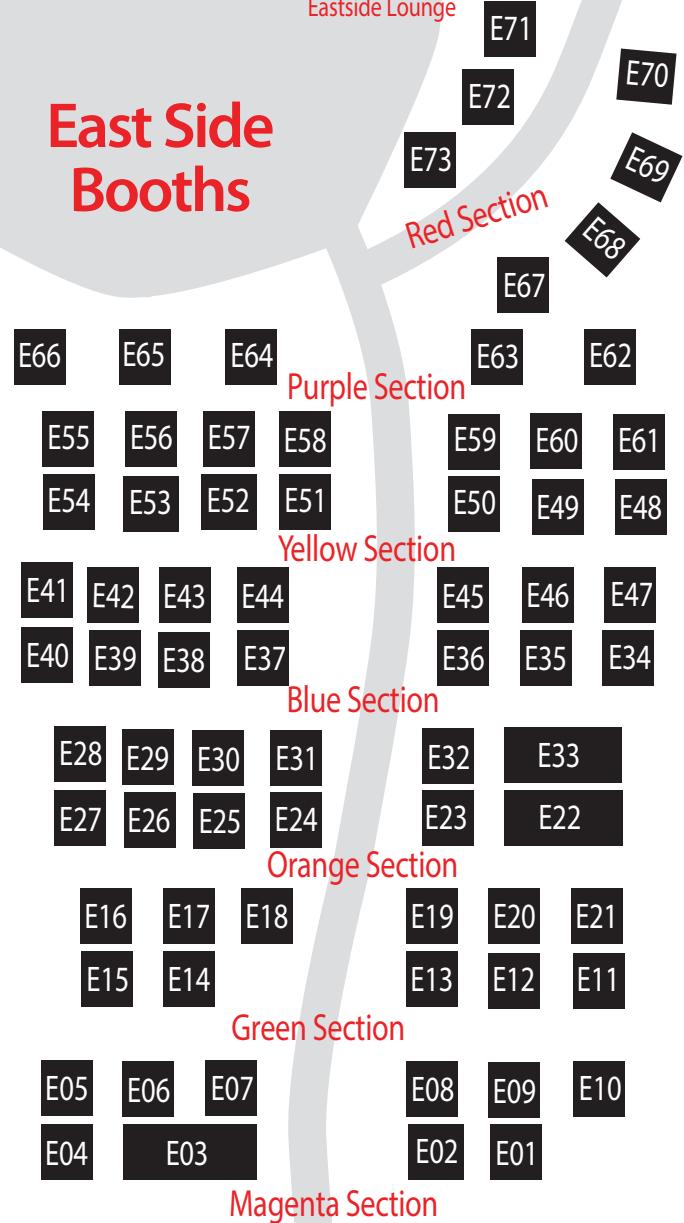
**E70 Robin Lauersdorf** ★  
Monona, WI  
Drawing

**E71 Roger Mathews** ★  
Wichita, KS  
Sculpture

**E72 Roger Mathews & Troy Welty** ★  
Wichita, KS  
Jewelry

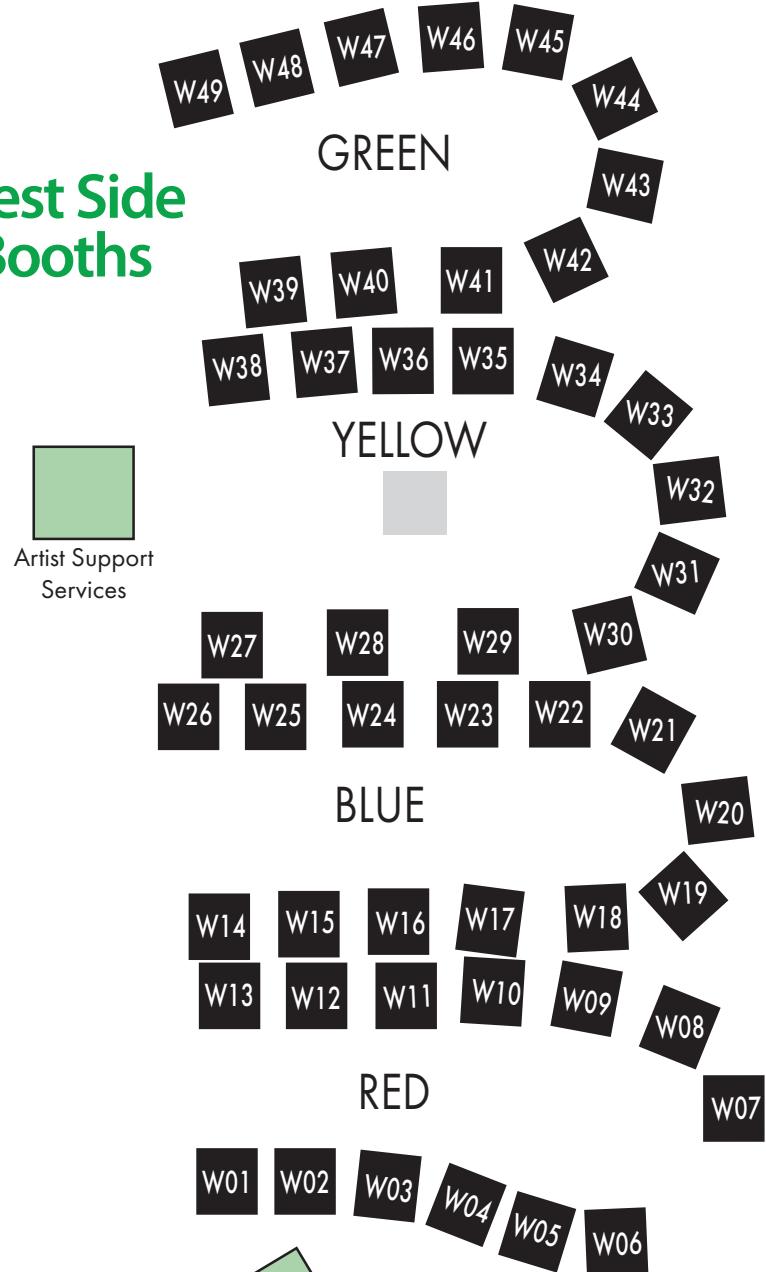
**E73 Donna Brunton** ★  
Tulsa, OK  
Mixed Media

## East Side Booths



See pages 11-13  
for a numeric  
listing of artists.

## West Side Booths



See pages 16-17  
for a numeric  
listing of artists.

# Art Show - West Side

Numbers W01 – W49 correspond with numbers on artist tents.

Sections are designated by color.

◆ Returning award winner

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## Red Section

### W01 Nick Pahls

Salina, KS  
Wood

### W02 Joshua Cook ◆ ★

Oklahoma City, OK  
Sculpture

### W03 Charley Forsyth ★

Lawrence, KS  
Printmaking

### W04 Naomi Nickerson ★

Littleton, CO  
Ceramics

### W05 Steve Germaine & Martha Stein

Fort Collins, CO  
Mixed Media

### W06 Deneena Hughes

Eden Prairie, MN  
Painting

### W07 Tonda Smith

Guthrie, OK  
Metal



### W08 Veronica & Orestes Villaclara

Northridge, CA  
Fiber

### W09 Jeffrey Schult ★

Mount Pleasant, MO  
Painting

### W10 Sherri & Gary Hanna ★

Edgerton, KS  
Ceramics

### W11 Jennifer & Ryan Farr

Marshfield, MO  
Ceramics

### W12 Tim Bachman ★

Colorado Springs, CO  
Painting

### W13 Will Shadwick ★

Kansas City, MO  
Wood



## Blue Section

### W14 Joani Feiner ★

Adel, IA  
Ceramics

### W15 David Jessup ★

Boulder, CO  
Mixed Media

### W16 Troy Daniel

Round Rock, TX  
Mixed Media

### W17 Patti Zieche Davisson & Rose Carder ★

Sedalia, MO  
Jewelry

### W18 Michael & Victoria Terra

Paducah, KY  
Digital

### W19 Jon Jahraus ★

Parkville, MO  
Drawing

### W20 Russ & Chris Hadley ★

Spring Hill, KS  
Photography

## W21 Hayley Nolte & Scot Ray

Charles City, IA  
Jewelry

## W22 Cassandra Elaine Dixon ◆ ★

Branson, MO  
Wood

## W23 Dawne Olsen ★

Carbondale, CO  
Traditional Craft

## W24 Darrel Bowman ★

Bangor, WI  
Ceramics

## W25 Delton Gerdes ★

Katy, TX  
Painting

## W26 Dennis Flores

Marquette, KS  
Jewelry

## Yellow Section

### W27 Paul Punzo ◆ ★

Lawrence, KS  
Printmaking

## W28 Maggie Henricks

Fort Collins, CO  
Fiber

## W29 Ronia Grillos ★

Durango, CO  
Fiber

## W30 Dennis Haugen ★

Kearney, MO  
Mixed Media

## W31 Megan Bassett ★

Franktown, CO  
Jewelry



## W32 Sidney & Laddavan Spencer ★

Elgin, TX  
Mixed Media

## W33 Fred & Taya Conlon ★

Salt Lake City, UT  
Metal

## W34 Russel & Debbie Skinner ★

Fort Collins, CO  
Wood

## W35 Christy Marchand ★

Gamaliel, AR  
Glass



## W40 Cindy & Bob Percival ★

Lee's Summit, MO  
Ceramics

## W41 Chris Bergstrom ★

Blair, NE  
Photography

## W42 Robert & Brooks Lyall

Indianola, IA  
Metal

## W43 Jason Bove

Oregonia, OH  
Ceramics

## W44 Connie Thatcher ★

House Springs, MO  
Jewelry

## W45 Connie Mueller

Clyde, KS  
Fiber

## W46 Kale Van Leeuwen ★

Kansas City, KS  
Printmaking

## W47 Melanie Fischer ★

Englewood, CO  
Mixed Media

## W48 Karien Bredenkamp ★

Omaha, NE  
Drawing

## W49 Kelli Van Camp ★

Topeka, KS  
Glass

## Green Section

### W39 Robert Linn

Edmond, OK  
Wood

# Performance Times

## Eric Stein Stage

### Friday

11:00 am	Salina Central Jazz Combo	Urban Spelunkers
12:00 pm	The Matchsellers	The Swallowtails
1:00 pm	Willy Vela Y Sus Aguilillos	Jaron Bell
2:00 pm	Me Like Bees	Papa Green Shoes
3:00 pm	The Randy Baldwin Band	Josue Estrada Band
4:00 pm	The Swallowtails	The Matchsellers
5:00 pm	Calibre Pesado	Me Like Bees
6:00 pm	Josue Estrada Band	Jon Muq
7:00 pm	Papa Green Shoes	Willy Vela Y Sus Aguilillos
8:30 pm	The Freedom Affair	

### Saturday

11:00 am	Salina Municipal Band	The Matchsellers
12:00 pm	Papa Green Shoes	Gabe Lee
1:00 pm	Jon Muq	Willy Vela Y Sus Aguilillos
2:00 pm	The Blades	Me Like Bees
3:00 pm	The Animeros	King Margo
4:00 pm	Willy Vela Y Sus Aguilillos	Papa Green Shoes
5:00 pm	Cash Hollistah & Friends	80 Proof Alice
6:00 pm	Gabe Lee	The Animeros
7:00 pm	Me Like Bees	Jon Muq
8:30 pm	My Son The Hurricane	



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Performers  
Online

### Sunday

11:00 am	Salina South New Dawn Singers	Pretend Friend
12:00 pm	The Animeros	Gabe Lee
1:00 pm	Jon Muq	Papa Green Shoes
2:00 pm	Pretend Friend	Everyday Lights
3:00 pm	Gabe Lee	Carswell & Hope

## Stage II

# Performance Times

## Arty's Stage

### Friday

11:00 am	Thad Beach
12:00 pm	Clan Tynker
1:00 pm	Duke Otherwise & Count Everybody
2:00 pm	Richard Renner
3:00 pm	Drum Safari
4:00 pm	Happy Faces Entertainment
5:00 pm	Clan Tynker
6:00 pm	Duke Otherwise & Count Everybody

**Pop Up Dance**  
Theatre Salina's cast from *Waitress*  
Saturday • 10:30am & 12:45pm  
Between Arty's Stage and Food Row

### Saturday

11:00 am	Jason D'Vaude - The Circus Man
12:00 pm	Happy Faces Entertainment
1:00 pm	Duke Otherwise & Count Everybody
2:00 pm	Richard Renner
3:00 pm	Clan Tynker
4:00 pm	Drum Safari
5:00 pm	Happy Faces Entertainment
6:00 pm	Duke Otherwise & Count Everybody

**Pop Up Dance**  
Tamara Howe School of Dance  
Saturday • 5:45pm & 6:45pm  
Between Arty's Stage and Food Row

### Sunday

11:00 am	Jason D'Vaude - The Circus Man
12:00 pm	Happy Faces Entertainment
1:00 pm	Arty's BIG Party
2:00 pm	Dance Storytime
3:00 pm	Jason D'Vaude - The Circus Man

## Festival River History Walk

Sunday • 1-1:45pm  
Meet at the east end of  
Mulberry Street Bridge,  
north side

## Acme Fife & Drum

Art Show Awards  
Friday • 4:45 pm

## StoneLion Puppet Theatre

11am-1pm  
Giant puppet display in the  
grassy area east of Arty's  
Stage on Friday & Saturday!  
Watch as the puppets come  
alive and move around the  
park throughout the day!

## Roving Entertainment

Acme Fife & Drum

Clan Tynker

Drum Safari Presents:  
Roving Drum Circles

Friends of the River Puppets

Happy Faces Entertainment

Jason D'Vaude - The Circus Man

Richard Renner

Margaret Craig

Mattson & Weaver

StoneLion Puppet Theatre

Tamera Howe School of Dance

# Entertainment

## Eric Stein Stage and Stage II

Familiar yet different sounds energize listeners, including country, indie, hip-hop, folk, rock, blues, jazz, and soul.



### 80 Proof Alice

Bluegrass  
Hays, KS



### The Animeros

Columbian/Mexican  
Regional  
Austin, TX



### The Blades

Horn Band  
Salina, KS

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Mexican Regional  
Salina, KS

### Carswell & Hope

Alt Rock  
Lawrence, KS



### Cash Hollistah & Friends

Hip-Hop  
Salina, KS



### Everyday Lights

Folk/Jazz  
Salina, KS

### The Freedom Affair

Soul Band/  
60s-70s  
Kansas City, MO



### Gabe Lee

Country  
Nashville, TN



### Jaron Bell

Country/Singer-Songwriter  
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### Me Like Bees

Indie Rock  
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# Entertainment



## My Son The Hurricane

Funk/Jazz/Hip-Hop/Rock  
Niagara, ON

## Papa Green Shoes

Blues Rock  
Springfield, MO



## Pretend Friend

Progressive  
Bluegrass/  
Folk  
Wichita, KS



## Randy Baldwin Band

Country/Southern Rock  
Salina, KS

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Jazz  
Salina, KS

## Salina Municipal Band

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## Salina South New Dawn Singers

Vocal Ensemble  
Salina, KS



## The Swallowtails

Indie Folk Rock  
Kansas City, MO

## Urban Spelunkers

Bluegrass/Emo/Folk  
Kansas City, MO

## Willy Vela Y Sus Aguilillos

Mexican Regional  
Kansas City, MO



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# Entertainment

## Roving Entertainment

Experience spontaneous Festival excitement off-stage and throughout the park as our roving performers pop up in the most unexpected places!

## Acme Fife & Drum

Salina, KS



## Clan Tynker

Santa Fe, NM

## Drum Safari

Kansas City, MO

## Friends of the River Puppets

Salina, KS



## Happy Faces Entertainment

Kansas City, MO

## Jason D'Vaude - The Circus Man

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Salina, KS

## StoneLion Puppet Theatre

Kansas City, MO

## Tamara Howe School of Dance

Salina, KS

## Richard Renner

Lawrence, KS

## Theatre Salina

Salina, KS

## Arty's Stage

Music, dancing, singing, imagination, laughter, and curiosity all come together under one tent, designed specifically for the young and young-at-heart.

## Clan Tynker

Santa Fe, NM



## Dance Storytime

Salina, KS

## Drum Safari

Kansas City, MO

## Duke Otherwise & Count Everybody

Madison, WI

## Happy Faces Entertainment

Kansas City, MO

## Jason D'Vaude - The Circus Man

Kansas City, MO

## Richard Renner

Lawrence, KS

## Thad Beach

Salina, KS



The Salina AMBUCS Club provides an important service to the River Festival by collecting trash throughout the park from 7am until sunset each day. Special thanks to the AMBUCS as they work "Shoulders Together" to help keep the park clean.



**#EpicArtsParty**

**#shrf2025**

# Festival Food

See numbers 1-36 on Festival map for vendor locations

Key: \* = food item under \$4; # = vegetarian; + = vegan (per vendor)

## 1. Bongos Fruit Smoothies \*

Pineapple and Watermelon Fruit Smoothies

## 2. Pop's Kettle Corn

Popcorn

## 3. Allan Dennis Corndogs

Corndogs; Nachos

## 4. Boxcar Tasty Express \*

Italian Beef, Italian Sausage, Sidewinder Fries, Funnel Cakes, Fried Pickles, Cinnamon Rolls, Cheesecake

## 5. Dusek Funnel Cakes #

Funnel Cake with various toppings

## 6. Roasted Corn Stand #

Roasted Corn

## 7. Indian Taco Stand \* #

Indian Tacos; Nachos; Quesadillas; Stuffed Cucumbers

## 8. Linda Chan's Concessions \*

Teriyaki Steak or Chicken; Shrimp Fried Rice; Vegetable Noodles; Egg Rolls

## 9. Bucket List BBQ \*

Ribs; Pulled Pork; Smoked Sausage; Burritos; Beans



## 10. Kings Cotton Candy \* #

Cotton Candy; Hard Candies

## 11. Snoasis \* #

Shaved Ice; Snow Shakes; Dole Whips

## 12. Cappuccino Connections \*

Chocolate Covered Frozen Cheesecake or Banana; Frozen Cappuccino; Smoothies

## 13. Lots N Nuts + #

Nuts - Sweet and Spicy Variety; Trail Mix

## 14. Big G's Cajun \*

Bourbon Chicken; Sausage; Gator-on-a-Stick; Crawfish; Turkey Legs

## 15. Big G's Ice Cream \*

Ice Cream, Sundaes, Shakes, Floats, Cones

## 16. Cactus Jacks \*

Artisan Burgers; Nacho's; Hot Dogs

## 17. Makin' Sweet Dough \*

Mini Donuts; Ice Cream Sammich; Fruit Smoothie

## 18. Seafood Market

Paella; Jambalaya; Crab Cakes; Coconut Shrimp; Frog Legs; Calamari

## 19. Chapmans Take Away \* # +

Sandwiches, Grilled BBQ Pork & Mac, Grilled Cheese

## 20. Ma-Ma C's Meat and Sweet Pies

Meat Pies; Fruit Pies

## 21. Sam & Louie's Mobile Pizzeria #

NY Style Pizza; Fried Lasagna Sandwich; Fried Beef Ravioli

## 22. Chubbs & Spudds \*

Chicken Fried Steak; Popcorn Chicken; Popcorn Shrimp; Gator Taters; Curly Fries; Deep-Fried Treats

## 23. Old Time Ice Cream

Homemade Ice Cream

## 24. Hoopingarner Concessions \* #

Korean Corn Dogs; Cheese on-a-stick; Hot Pretzel; Fried Pickles; Nachos



## 25. Fargo Fillies +

Philly Cheese Steak; Chicken Philly; Italian Sausage; Home Cut Fries; Philly Fries; Fried Pickles

## 26. Mac Daddy's \* # +

Mac & Cheese Varieties

## 27. MMM Rootbeer \*

Homemade Root Beer and Creme Soda

## 28. Tacos el Cora \*

Tacos; Birria; Quesabirria; Quesadilla; Burritos; Torta, Rice, Beans



## 29. Midstate Cookers

Alligator On-A-Stick; Chicken Tenders; Hot Dogs; Chili Dogs; Pork Tenderloin; Chicken Fried Steak; Nachos; Gator Tators; Deep Fried Treats

## 30. Dippin' Dots

Dippin' Dots; Floats; Sundaes

## 31. Pacific Rim Noodles \* #

Veggie Noodles

## 32. Russ & Annie's \*

Loaded Fries; Cranberry Pecan Chicken Wrap; Pork Parfait; Grilled Lemonade

## 33. Parthenon Concessions and Catering \* #

Greek Salad; Gyros; Spanakopita; Baklava

## 34. Tad's Bodacious Burritos \* #

Burritos; Nachos; Quesadillas; Tacos

## 35. Tickled Pink Drinks \* + #

Specialty Lemonade- Cotton Candy Bomb; Sour Gummy Surprise; Magical Mermaid; Bikini Bottom; Goldfish Bowl

## 36. Snowie Bus \*

Shaved ice; Ice cream bars



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Menus

# Artyopolis

Having fun is what the Artyopolis neighborhood is all about! Come and spend time together as a family and enjoy activities designed to foster lasting memories in a welcoming environment.

Friday & Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm | Sunday, Noon - 4 pm

## Creation Crossing

The home of free make-and-take projects.



## Baby Station

A shady spot to change a diaper, feed your baby, or give your little ones a break from the sun and heat.

## Button Boulevard

Cruise by and make a one-of-a-kind button to wear all weekend



## Construction Junction

City PlayCorps – Lawrence, KS  
An opportunity for child-directed play where kids get to problem solve, explore, and build using various materials. While adults are around to facilitate and provide a helping hand, the child gets a chance to take the lead!  
Imagine, Create & Play!



## Game Street

FREE games with fun facades designed by Craig Hinca.



## Other Fun Places

### Arty's Stage

(see pgs. 18 - 19 for schedule)

### Chill Zone

### Ident-A-Kid

### Lego Lane

### Paintchoo Plaza

Children are offered two options: face painting or temporary tattoos on Friday and Saturday and face painting only on Sunday.



[View More Online](#)

## 24th Annual First Treasures, Art for Young Collectors

- **When:** Saturday, June 14 ONLY from 10:15 am - 1:30 pm
- **What:** Children buy original artwork by Festival artists.
- **Who:** Children between 4 and 13 years old
- **Cost:** \$5 or less (scholarships available)
- Entry tickets are required for each child – pick up at First Treasures Tent beginning at 10 am, Saturday. Lines form 10-15 minutes before ticket times. Children are led by volunteer guides through the tent to make their purchase; parents/caregivers wait outside near the exit. Children are encouraged to seek out the artist to learn more about the work they purchased and the artist. Tables are restocked every 30 minutes, ensuring quality selection throughout the event.

\* If a child needs additional assistance in the tent or with check-out, please inform staff when you pick up child's entrance ticket.

# Festival Legacies

The Salina Arts & Humanities Commission greatly appreciates the contributions of time, talent, and treasure that make the Smoky Hill River Festival a success. Well over 350 businesses and individuals support the event with products, services or financial support each year. The Arts & Humanities Commission would like to recognize a few examples of the community's generosity.

## ROMEYN LAUBER

Romeyn served as a key leader and passionate supporter on the Artyopolis Committee for more than 16 years. Her dedication, service, and selfless contributions to making Creation Crossing and the rest of the children's area fun and engaging are greatly appreciated.

## LILA AND ROBERT BERKLEY

Lila and Robert (deceased) have supported the River Festival every year since its founding. Their belief in the importance of the event and the pride it has instilled in Salinan's is something Lila continues to value. Their generosity has provided an excellent foundation of support every year.



## BETH & TOM ARPKE

Beth & Tom served as the chairpersons of the Information Booths for more than 25 years before retiring in 2024. They continue to help with this area, ensuring excellent customer service at the Festival continues for generations to come.

## BENNINGTON STATE BANK

Since establishing its bank in Salina in 1989, Bennington State Bank has supported the Festival. In recent years, they have checked all three boxes, time, talent, and treasure, through financial support, providing staff to volunteer in Game Street, and designing and distributing bandanas to Festival attendees before the Friday night headliner opening.

# Smoky Hill River Festival Legacy Fund

## The Festival's Future

The future of the Smoky Hill River Festival is in your hands. You can ensure the Festival's success for future generations by making a donation or designating an estate gift to the Smoky Hill River Festival Legacy Fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation. The earned interest from your gift ensure the best possible musical, visual arts, and children's programs.

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Lodging



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Saturday, June 14

6:00 am - Registration Open

7:00 am - Start of Five-Mile Run

7:10 am - Start of Two-Mile Run

7:15 am - Start of One-Mile Run

7:20 am - Start of Two-Mile Walk

8:20 am - Start of Children's Races (ages 8 and under)

50 Yard Dash - Age 1 and under; Age 2; Age 3; Age 4

200 Yard Run - Age 5-6

Quarter Mile Run - Age 7; Age 8

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## "Setting Seed" invades the park!

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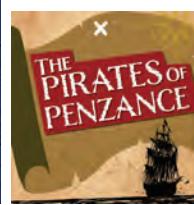
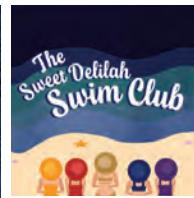
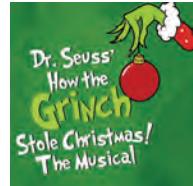
Starting Sunday morning, viewers will notice a reduction in their numbers as they leave their hive/colony to spread and invade the areas of the Festival grounds.



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