

Cochrane to host fourth annual arts festival

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The Arts and Culture Foundation of Cochrane (ACFC) is gearing up for the fourth annual Cochrane Arts Festival on Sept. 28 and 29 and is looking for artists to showcase their work.

The Art Festival is part of Cochrane's celebration of Alberta Culture Days, a province-wide celebration of arts and culture. Normally a three-day celebration in the province, ACFC will celebrate with a week full of activities, which will end with the art festival.

"Last year's event attracted 40 local Cochrane artists and approximately 2,500 visitors," said ACFC member Sandy Johnson.

She added ACFC is hoping to increase both artist and visitor numbers this year.

"Art-lovers, collectors and community members flock to both the streets and the indoor tent areas of this annual event for its combination of art and live entertainment," according to an ACFC press release.

The group is currently looking for visual artists to participate in the festival that runs in downtown Cochrane.

"We are seeking applications from artists who produce paintings, drawings, photos, sculpture, pottery and original jewelry," according to the ACFC.

Johnson also notes the festival includes performance artists as well and encourages them to apply too.

"New this year is ACFC is filling a week full of culture in Cochrane," Johnson said of the town's participation in Alberta Culture Days.

The group is still working on the details of the

week of cultural celebration but Johnson said it will also include a music festival on Sept. 21 to start culture week off on a high note.

"ACFC is proud to be chosen as a Host Celebration Site for Alberta Culture Days," she adds.

Alberta Culture Days is a province-wide celebration with more than 60 Host Celebration Sites throughout Alberta.

Cochrane's annual Art Festival will transform the town's core into an art-lovers paradise and will close Centennial Plaza up to Second Avenue to traffic, allowing a large tent to be set up for artisans who require indoor space and street spaces for artist who supply their own small tents.

"This festival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate both fine arts and music, to network with other artists and to enjoy all the festivities," writes ACFC.

The submission deadline for artists looking to participate in the weekend event is Sept. 20.

Interested artists can complete an application form for the event by visiting, cochranefolkclub.com/application.pdf

For more information visit, www.artscochrane.ca or contact Johnson at teacher_sandy@msn.com



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