



**Great Lakes Art Fair announces opening night Artist Reception,  
proceeds to benefit Detroit Public Television and ArtServe Michigan**

*Novi, MI:* All Michigan art patrons and enthusiasts are invited to attend a grand **Opening Night Reception** for the **Great Lakes Art Fair**, with proceeds to benefit **Detroit Public Television** and **ArtServe of Michigan**

On **Friday, April 17 at 7 pm** at **Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave** in **Novi**, participating artists will display a favorite piece of work, competing for an array of cash and prizes. The resulting display, also offered for sale, promises to provide a fascinating and diverse cross-section of regional talent.

Live entertainment and a delicious hors d' oeuvres buffet provided by **Epoch Catering** are also included in the **\$50 ticket**, available for purchase at [www.greatlakesartfair.com](http://www.greatlakesartfair.com), at the administrative offices inside the Rock Financial Showplace, or though the DPTV and ArtServe websites, [www.dptv.org](http://www.dptv.org), [www.artservemichigan.org](http://www.artservemichigan.org).

The Great Lakes Art Fair is the latest, bi-annual addition to Michigan's famous juried fine art fairs. Its central theme for spring 2009 is "**A Grand Marketplace**". The Fair will be constructed around a beautifully landscaped City Square, featuring gardens, creative demonstrations and art-based entertainment.

A **Marketplace Café** offering tempting light fare and a spa area providing treatments on-site will be located at the heart of the Fair.

Well over one hundred regional and national artists will offer works at the spring Great Lakes Art Fair in the mediums of **oil, watercolor, glass, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture and mixed media**, along with select epicurean items.

As part of its commitment to sustaining Michigan art education and development, the Great Lakes Art Fair is pleased to present "**Generation Next**" a collaboration with Detroit Public Television and ArtServe aimed at nurturing young artists through creative activities and a special student art exhibit.

The Great Lakes Art Fair will be open to the public on **Friday, April 17 from 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday April 18 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday April 19 from 10pm to 5pm**. Tickets are available at the door, **Adults \$7.00, Children 12 and under are admitted free of charge, and parking is free of charge**. Please visit [www.greatlakesartfair.com](http://www.greatlakesartfair.com) and event sponsor websites for more information and available ticket discounts. A fall Great Lakes Art Fair is also planned.

The Great Lakes Art Fair is made possible by event partners **Varsity Lincoln Mercury, The Landscape Group, Troy Clogg Landscape Associates, Epoch Catering** and **Visions Spa Salon**.

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