



45TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

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The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission is pleased to announce the **45th Annual Bethlehem Fine Arts and Crafts Show**. Held annually over Mother's Day Weekend, the side-walk show along Main Street in Historic Bethlehem is a celebration of the finest of local and regional artists and artisans. This year over 87 juried artists and crafters will be welcomed.

Judging will take place on Saturday and along with the **Best of Show, Second Prize, Third Prize, and Best Display**, the judge also selects a **Purchase Prize** which is annually presented to the Mayor as a gift for the City of Bethlehem. Our judge this year is Barbara Briggs, artist and faculty member at Northampton Community College.

One of the delightful elements of the two day affair is the **Artist In Residence** and watercolorist **Ed Havas** steps into the spotlight this year. Ed is Professor of Art Emeritus at Seton Hall University, where he taught art for thirty-six years. He is a member of the prestigious American Watercolor Society, the Banana Factory, Bethlehem Palette Club, and the Lehigh Valley Art Alliance. His paintings have earned over one hundred-twenty awards throughout the years and his work is included in numerous public and private collections in the region. Stop by and visit Ed while you're at the show

New to this year's show is the **ART IN MOTION** interactive art activities for children and youth. We are showcasing young artists from the Baum School who will demonstrate and display different medium of Fine Art. We encourage families to take part in learning about fine art and enter a piece of art created at the show into our Fine Art Contest For Kids.

The show runs Saturday, May 8th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, May 9th from 11am to 5pm. Planned by volunteer members of the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, the event is funded by the local community. Sandy Gillen, one of the show organizers states, "Main Street will be happening-- with over 85 juried participants, and an expanded children's program. We are so pleased to have such a rich variety of fine art and crafts represented this year. It's a perfect opportunity to bring the entire family to a wonderful experience in Historic Downtown Bethlehem."

A big thank you to this year's sponsors:

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Next year's Fine Arts Show is May 7 & 8, 2011—46th year!

For more information on the Arts and Crafts Show, the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission and other upcoming BFAC events, go to [www.bfac-lv.org](http://www.bfac-lv.org) .