

ELI Weekly

ArtsFest!

It's almost the first weekend in May, and you know that that means don't you? No? It's time for ArtsFest, that what! If you have never heard of ArtsFest, it is an annual event that takes over Historic Walnut Street for an entire weekend. Each year, the festival includes live performances, arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, food, and more. This year will have all this plus a few new additions.



It is the 28th year for ArtsFest and this time around the theme will be "Art Goes Green." You have probably heard the word "green" a lot lately, as it refers to taking steps to make the Earth cleaner and better. To promote "greenness," at ArtsFest you will see recycling bins instead of trash cans, as well as Rain Barrel Reveal 2008, an exhibit which will showcase how to conserve water by utilizing rainwater. There will also be a simulated "Art Garden" created with recycled materials by local high school students.

Artists who participate in the yearly festival come from various artistic backgrounds and create using different mediums. Some of the mediums include clay, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, and print making. There will be over 140 artists from all over the country represented during the weekend. There is even an international artist, Hector Salgado Aranda, who is a world-renowned jewelry maker and only the 2nd international artists to ever present at ArtsFest.



If you want to go to ArtsFest, it is easy to find. It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th, on Walnut Street between National Ave. and John Q. Hammons Pkwy. (behind Sunvill). It costs \$5.00 at the entrance, but you can buy a discount ticket at area McDonald's restaurants for just \$3.00. Children under 10 are free. If you have a dog, you can even bring him or her along! You just have to sign a waiver stating that you accept all responsibility for your pet. On Saturday, ArtsFest will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Also, the Friday before ArtsFest, May 2, will be the annual ArtsFiesta! celebration in Founders Park (where we took the ELI group photo). This event, which has a Cinco de Mayo theme, will include performances from Grupo Latinoamericano, Central High School's Salsa/Merengue dancers, and a mariachi band straight from Springfield's sister city, Tlaquepaque, Mexico. There will also be Mexican art, giveaways, a soccer shoot-out, children's crafts, and a market area.

You should really consider attending ArtsFest (and ArtsFiesta!). It is a neat festival and a great place to buy unique gifts!

Activities This Week

Wed. April 30

May Day--fun annual event on campus with food, music, films, and more!

10:30 a.m. to midnight; in front of the Plaster Student Union; FREE

Saturday, May 3

A Cub Bella Spring Concert

See the women's a cappella group perform some great songs. They are awesome!

7:00 PM in the PSU theater; Tickets cost \$3.00



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

Announcements



- The money for the Six Flags trip is due **TODAY**. If you want to go, turn your \$45.00 in to the office by 3:30 p.m.
- There will be no class on Friday (May 2). The day off will allow you to go to Six Flags or study for finals.
- The End of the Semester Party will be Wed., May 5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Millie's Café. This week you will get an attendance form. Turn it in as soon as possible!

Did You Know....



A few interesting facts about Namibia:

The Namib desert is considered one of the oldest in the world.



Namibia is home to the world's largest number of Cheetahs.

The Petrified Forest near Khorixas is about 260 million years old.

The Etosha National Park, a game reserve since 1907, is one of Africa's most important wildlife sanctuaries.

Namibia's shore is known as Skeleton Coast, as ghostly shipwrecks can be found along its inaccessible beaches. In fact, if you want to go there, you can enter the southern part in a 4-wheel drive vehicle, but can only go so far. If you want to visit the northern part, you must enter by a special fly-in safari.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

This week:

- The Counterfeiters
- 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days
- Married Life
- Medical Renaissance: The Secret Code



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for April 28-May 4

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	60/32	16/00
Tuesday:	66/51	19/11
Wednesday:	77/62	25/17
Thursday:	77/56	25/13—chance of rain
Friday:	68/46	20/08—chance of rain
Saturday:	64/38	18/03
Sunday:	66/47	19/08



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.