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August 24, art-A-palooza. Contact: Joan Smith and the Green Arts Council. Address: P.O. Box 704 Green OH 44232. Phone: 330.896.8166. Website: <http://www.greenartscouncil.org/id24.html>. E-mail: greenartscouncil@gmail.com. Fee: \$90 or \$160 for a space in the community tent, plus a non-refundable \$10 jury fee. Exhibitors: 70. Hours: 10-5. Admission: free.

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Art-A-Palooza is a one-day, juried, fine art show held on the third Saturday in August at Boettler Park in Green, Ohio. 2013 marked the 9th year for this festival and it was a great show. During the course of my art show career, I have never seen so many smiling artist faces. Amazingly, positive energy permeated the show and artists were happy. As I sit here trying to pick words to describe it, all I can think of is the wave of pleasant, grateful comments I heard from the artists for days after the show. Not only were artists happy about their sales, I also heard about the care they felt they were given from the committee and volunteers. Fellow jewelry vendors even noticed that no customer ever complained there were too many jewelry artists (which is extremely rare).

Boettler Park is easy to find and centrally located as it is close to the CAK Airport. The show itself is set-up on a walking path around a pond. This beautiful setting has ample parking, walking trails, playgrounds, tennis courts, and easily accessible restrooms (with sinks). Artist load-in can begin anytime (10-7) on Friday and there is hired security overnight. For artists setting up Saturday morning, they can arrive starting at 7am but must have vehicles removed from the show area by 9:30.

The only caution I would advise is that the pond setting isn't very maneuverable for large vehicles. Artists are set-up along a narrow, winding path, which I would imagine to be very difficult to get trailers or large vehicles around. Besides that, it's a great fine art show that features artist from mostly Ohio but some do come from out of state. With the great momentum from this year, I think next year will mark a significant increase in participating artists, so make sure to get your application in on time!