

MontiArts PARC Update Sept 2022

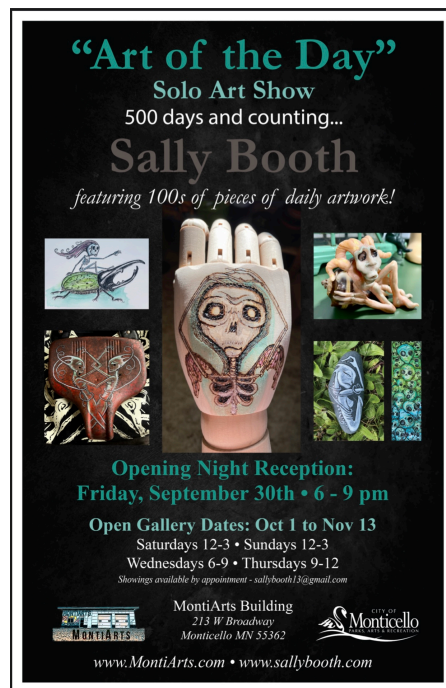
So many exciting things happening with MontiArts right now!

Student Art Club

Today (9/14) is the first meeting of our high School art club. Despite some delays in Community Ed preparing our registration, initial interest is high. We're expecting about 20% more participation than last year, and have plans to use both locations to handle this group. We're excited about the potential of these young creatives and what energy they might bring to our other community projects, but it's all an unknown at this point. We've done a lot of work to prepare for them, and are looking forward to seeing where their creativity leads this year.

Sally Booth Art Show

Sally is a local artist who will be showing her work for the very first time this October/Nov at MontiArts. The show that opening Fri the 30th with a reception from 6 to 9 will be unlike anything anyone around here has ever seen before, with art displayed on vintage automobile hoods just for starters. There will be over 500 pieces of mostly tiny pieces of art on display. Be sure to come out and take a look. Should be a fun opening on the 30th.



Parker Mcdonald returns to Monticello

On Mon 9/26, Parker will return to Monticello to install his beautiful sculpture of a small mouth bass at Ellison Park. I am waiting to hear more from him on the exact timeline of that day so people can attend a short installation celebration and meet him very briefly,

before he gets to work on several days of mural restoration he'll be do at the MCC that week during his visit. The sculpture is really impressive looking from the few progress pics he provided so far, and we know his work is phenomenal. We will be doing a lot more to promote this post installation so the public can share in the excitement over this new addition to Monticello's public art collection.

Chalkfest

Let's Chalk Monticello is the official name of this event and Haley (Communications) has done a great job of creating fun colorful tees and other graphics to help promote the event as it gets a bit closer. We've had some interest from local artists who will be participating and volunteering, and have been working very hard to ensure our MontiArts space is ready to be a comfortable home base for the visiting artists hired to create work for this event. It takes place the weekend of Oct 22nd/23rd on Walnut, and should be a good time so be sure to come by and check it out.

Black Friday/holiday art show/crawl

This is still coming together, but we tried a spring Art Crawl a few months ago that people seemed to really enjoy despite a very short timeline, so decided to give it another try with a new twist this fall. Starting Fri 11/24, and running the following weekend as well, we'll be partnering with local potter Mae Spencer's long time twice a year show at her studio to create a crawl for any area artists who want to open their own studios for this public art show/sale. We'll also be offering artists spacer at the MontiArts buildings to give people a way to experience some of the fun right in town. Look for updates on our website and Facebook as this gets closer and we get more artists signed-up.

Art Squad Projects

We've created a short list of fun community art projects to kick off this initiative local creatives will be invited to participate in. Looks for fun pops of art to spring up around town starting in October.