

Art fair to spring back to Royal Oak Farmers Market

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ROYAL OAK — The third annual spring art fair will roll into the Royal Oak Farmers Market Thursday, April 4, and Friday, April 5.

The juried event will kick off the art fair season with 55 artists featuring a wide range of mediums, including ceramics, painting, photography, glass, jewelry, sculpture, mixed media, drawing, printmaking and more.

The art fair will be open from noon to 10 p.m. both days, and admission and parking will both be free.

Nosh Pit Detroit, Regina's Food Truck, Brewery Vivant and Dessert Oasis coffee will be on-site, and patrons also will be able to purchase wine. Live music will be provided by Wyck Elm April 4 and Stormy Chromer April 5.

Karen Delhey, executive director of the Guild of Artists & Artisans, said the farmers market is the perfect fit for the first art fair of the season, since it is located indoors.

"It's a great date night. People can come after work, have dinner and drinks, and listen to some great music," Delhey said. "It's a fun night out, plus you can get some great art. It's the time of year to start working on your house and get some fun stuff."

She said painter Kim Rhoney, of Milan, Michigan, is the show's featured artist, and she also highlighted jewelry maker Ivy Solomon, of Oak Park, and glass artist Matthew Richards, of Toledo, Ohio.

Amy Ferguson, of Royal Oak, who creates drawings and prints, will set up shop during the spring art fair. She studied illustration at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and now makes her living selling her art at art fairs.



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The artwork of Amy Ferguson, of Royal Oak, will be at the spring art fair at the Royal Oak Farmers Market April 4-5.

Photo provided by Amy Ferguson

“My work is very fantasy, magical, storybook-looking. A lot of it is animals, and I do a lot of botanical stuff too. Sometimes I illustrate a specific passage from a book I’m reading,” Ferguson said. “I sell cards all the way up to framed large pieces.”

She said the Royal Oak Farmers Market is an ideal location for an art fair because it’s a small enough venue to see everything without being overwhelmed, and it has a boutique feel.

“It’s a nice way to start the art fair season,” Ferguson said. “It’s fun to do a show in a local place you like to hang out.”

The Royal Oak Farmers Market is located at 316 E. 11 Mile Road, east of Troy Street.

The Guild of Artists & Artisans will host Art Birmingham May 11-12, the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair July 18-21 and the Levis Commons Fine Art Fair Aug. 17-18. It will also host the fourth annual fall art fair at the Royal Oak Farmers Market Nov. 21-22.

For more information, visit **www.royaloakartfair.com** (<http://www.royaloakartfair.com>).

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