Lafayette Art & Wine Festival

By Lee Borrowman

he 12th Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in downtown Lafayette. Celebrating over a decade of excellence, the event has grown from a tiny street fair into a premier outdoor event. Art, wine, food, wine, music, wine, shopping and beer, this annual event has something for everyone and is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the season.

Over 100,000 people are expected to attend this year's event, which features continuous music on three stages, and

the Chef's Stage with cooking demonstrations by some of the area's top chefs, including Andy Tseng (Uncle Yu's Szechuan), Gordon Drysdale (Pizza Antica), Chuck Courtney (Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa), and Michael Zeiter (Postino). Also visit the Premium Wine Pavilion, Kid-Zone, and 200 unique arts and crafts booths. A wide variety of tasty tidbits will be available to satisfy any appetite.

Free parking is available at the Lafayette BART station; Black Tie Transportation and our own Lamorinda Spirit will run a free event shuttle to and from the BART parking lot.

The Lafayette Art &

Wine Festival benefits local non-profit organizations, including the Lafayette Art and Science Foundation. For more info go to www.lafayettechamber.org.

Road closures during the Lafayette Art &Wine Festival:

Beginning at 6:00pm on Friday, September 15, through Sunday, September 17, at approximately 9:00pm, Mt. Diablo Boulevard will be closed in both directions from Lafayette Circle (The Round Up Saloon) to Dewing Avenue. The east portion of Lafayette Circle (by Round Up Saloon) will also be closed from Mt. Diablo Blvd. to Hough Ave.

(Residents and Businesses will be allowed access up to Chow's Restaurant.)

Parking restrictions in the affected area will begin at 4:00pm on Friday, September 15. All meters will be "bagged" with no parking notices as of that time so that all vehicles can be removed before the street officially closes at 6:00pm. Cars parked in the area after that time will be subject to towing. Please note that parking lots with access/egress only on Mt. Diablo Blvd. will also be affected as cars parked there after 6:00pm will not be able to leave.



Photo by Michelle Billing

Music schedule:

Saturday, September 15, 2007:

ART STAGE-50 Lafayette Circle

11:00-12:30 Ellie Athayde 1:00 - 2:30 Nitelites

3:00 - 4:30 Bob Athayde

5:00 - 6:30 Annie Sampson

5:00 - 6:30 Evolution

WINE STAGE-3583 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

11:00-12:30 Red House 1:00 - 2:30 Red House

3:00 - 4:30 Workingman's Ed

Sunday, September 16, 2007:

ART STAGE-50 Lafayette Circle

11:00-12:30 Big Sirs

Pure Honey 1:00-3:00 Delta Wires 3:30-5:30

WINE STAGE-3583 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

11:00-12:30 Sound Advice

1:00-3:00 Aia Vu

The Sun Kings 3:30-5:30

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