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Busy Weekend at Art & Wine Festival

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Jessica Laversin and Sophie Braccini serving wine at the Lamorinda Weekly booth Photo Wendy Scheck

One only had to look around at the number of adults, children, dogs and strollers to appreciate the magnitude of this event. By all measures the thirteenth annual Lafayette Art and Wine Festival, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was a big success.

"We do not have final numbers yet; however, based on what we sold, we had our biggest crowd ever. Good weather, no major problems to speak of, the artists reported better sales of artwork and the non-profits were happy with the people they met," said Chamber Executive Director Jay Lifson. "This is, of course, our biggest event of the year and it does represent close to 40% of the chamber's annual budget. Without it, we could not provide all the free services to the community."

A portion of the proceeds after expenses will go to LASF, the Lafayette Art and Science Foundation and other community partners.

Police Chief Hubbard said that Festival goers were well behaved; no fights, no drunk driving arrests.

Staff, including yours truly, was pouring wine as fast we could at the Lamorinda Weekly wine booth. Perhaps it was the opportunity to chat up a local newshound, ask the correct pronunciation of Viognier, or maybe just people waiting for the chiropractor next door, we will never know.

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