

Clemson plans three-day arts festival

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CLEMSON — Clemson will be a very festive place this weekend as The Arts Center hosts a series of artist-related events in the downtown area.

Today, the State of the Arts Luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Old Greenville Highway. Ken May, executive director of the South Carolina Arts Commission, and Greg Shelnett, chairman of the Art Department at Clemson University, will be the featured speakers.

Tommye Hurst, executive director of The Arts Center, will discuss where the center is going as it moves toward the new fiscal year starting in July. In addition, a program will be presented to honor the late Clemson Mayor Larry Abernathy.

"We will present the (inaugural) Abernathy Art Award, given to someone who has made

scheduled to appear Saturday are: Deana Baker, Lane Owen and Wendy Senn, painting and 2D; Marty Bynum, Martha Ervin, Jay and Sherri Jacobs, Renee Mendola, Dorris Sias and Patricia Stalb, jewelry; Full Moon Artists, ceramics, 2D, collage and wood; Sarah Kargol, mixed media and assemblage; Lou Koppel, sculpture; Kathy Smiley, glass and jewelry; Helga Sutt, textile and fiber; Chris Troy, ceramics; and Adam Young, mixed media and assemblage.

Sidewalk art, which Hurst said was a popular feature last year, will be back.

Kids activities will take place at Jaycee Park and the parking garage will be available to accommodate vehicles. There is no metered parking fee on weekends.

For more information regarding any of the events, contact Hurst at (864) 633-5051 or email info@explorearths.org.

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a major impact in the arts," Hurst said.

On Friday night, A Member and Guest Celebration is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Arts Center, featuring a dinner, open studios and entertainment. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-

The three-day event will wrap up Saturday, as the Clemson Festival of Arts will take place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Catherine Smith Plaza and Jaycee Park. Some 20 artists, songwriters and storytellers will be featured, fine art will be

for sale and entertainment, food and children's activities will be provided.

"We plan to have artists in action, including ceramics, photography, jewelry and painting and people will get to see what is available," Hurst said.

Among the exhibiting artists



Sidewalk art, above, will be among the activities offered at the Clemson Festival of Arts from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Catherine Smith Plaza in downtown Clemson. The event, which also features a kids play area at Jaycee Park, concludes the three-day Arts in Clemson hosted by The Arts Center.

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