Easley adds art to festival

Annual event is Saturday on Main Street

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Antiques of all kinds will return to the streets of downtown Easley on Saturday as part of an annual fall festival, and this year some additions — from artwork to local cuisine — will also be joining the show.

The combination of antiques, art, food and more is a part of the Autumn in Easley Arts and Antiques Festival, which is free to attend and will be from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Main Street, according to Sam Norris, owner of Uncle Sam's Antiques and Collectibles and treasurer of the Easley Downtown Business Association, which is putting on the event.

He said the fall festival has featured antiques in past years but said residents also wanted the DBA to have an art festival.

"We thought let's just tie it in with this one and see how well it gets off the ground," Norris said, adding that if the event does well it could eventually be turned into a separate festival.

He said antique vendors will be selling everything from furniture to pottery and glass.

Artists have the opportunity to sell their art, pass out information about what they do, or showcase their talents painting, creating pottery or doing other work during the festival, and local restaurants and caterers will be selling food and distributing samples, according to Norris.

Mitsubishi is sponsoring a venue in front of Doodle Station that will include local schoolchildren's artwork and a selection of its new vehicles, he said.

Scott Buckhiester, vice president of operations for DunBurks Premier Events and president of the DBA, said the festival will also feature wine tasting, beer tasting and an art crawl that will send people on a walking tour of galleries and other art highlights around the downtown area.