



Emily [unclear] sculpts a clay pot during the Clemson Festival of Arts on Saturday.

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# Art festival draws crowd to downtown Clemson

Event had parade kickoff, music in Jaycee Park, Catherine Smith Plaza

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CLEMSON - Art and sunny weather conspired Saturday to draw a big crowd to downtown Clemson.

Vendors and organizers were pleased with the turnout for the seventh Clemson Festival of Arts. The day kicked off with a mid-morning Parade of Characters along Edgewood and College avenues, featuring princesses, superheroes and subjects from famous art pieces.

Catherine Smith Plaza and Jaycee Park slowly filled throughout the morning with families and art lovers taking advantage of the warm spring weather to look for music, food, demonstrations and art for sale.

"It's been great so far to-

day," said Lisa Barry of the Arts Center of Clemson. "The festival seems to be getting a little bigger every year."

Sculptor Jake Dueland and some of his colleagues from the Pendleton Square Artists Cooperative displayed their work in Jaycee Park. The cooperative artists were there to thank the Arts Center for taking them in temporarily after a runaway SUV crashed into their Pendleton town square showroom in January.

They were also there to sell some art.

"This is a fairly good sized event," said Dueland. "There's been a lot of foot traffic today and a lot of interest from buyers."

Dueland, a welder by trade, uses recyclable scrap metal



A couple of girls test bubble makers they made during the Clemson Festival of Arts on Saturday.

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