

## ANNUAL REPORT - 2015 Festival of Art

The 2015 Festival of Art opened with a musical bang this year. The Belfast Bay Fiddlers returned to be part of our opening night and first viewing of the show. We had 160+ people attending. The Fiddlers were an immediate hit and continued to play throughout the evening, much to the pleasure of all.

There were 130 artists in the show this year, and many entries from new talent. David Estey's presentation on Saturday afternoon was superb! The audience of 80-90 seemed completely charmed with the video-enhanced tour of his life and art history. He spoke uninterrupted for two hours, and then entertained questions. Many remained to visit with him and pick up a copy of his new book.

My thanks have been conveyed to the fabulous volunteers who served as our Greeters, Security Guards, and providers of the delicious variety of foods offered on the buffet. As always, we are grateful and appreciative. I would also like to thank my unflappable committee, who despite several glitches which would have caused most to flee, faced it all with valor and humor: Juliane Dow, Judith Long, Dianne Horton, Joel Karp, and Ginny Yarnell. Special thanks also go to our emeritus committee members, Dorothy Alling, Fran Torresen, and David Estey. All three were called on for help, and graciously accepted.

As the lucky chair of this fine committee, I am very pleased with our event this year and would like to do even better next year. I would like to see about 150 artists in the show, and I would love to add three members to our committee to replace those who have "retired". So, if you would like to be part of the planning and production of this once-a-year event, I can be reached at 223-4459, or [cathy\\_bradbury@umit.maine.edu](mailto:cathy_bradbury@umit.maine.edu)

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