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A Message From Jeffrey Perkins 2007 Chair

Welcome to the Art Fair!

Thank you for being a part of the 46th Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair. I would like to bring special attention to our Honorary Chairs this year. They are Diana DeWeese, Susie Fairfield and Ann Smallwood. Diana, Susie and Ann have been the behind-the-scenes support for the Children's Fair for many years. Their hard work and dedication have allowed thousands of children to purchase art, often for the first time, hopefully inspiring a love of art for years to come. It is this type of volunteer spirit that has made the Art Fair such a success over the last 46 years.

I am very proud to be the Chair of the 46th annual Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair. I joined the Board in 2000 after volunteering for many years. Volunteering at the Art Fair is a tradition in my family. My parents would bring me to the fair and while they worked, I would wander around looking at all the artwork. I purchased many an item from the Children's Tent, most of which I still have and eagerly display. I grew to have an appreciation for the incredible talent and passion the artists displayed. I listened to how they described their various media and was fascinated by how they expressed themselves in individual works. I can only hope my two daughters have as much fun experiencing the Fair, especially the Children's Tent, as I did.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all those who have helped make this year's Art Fair a success. We could not do it without our exhibitors, hard working volunteers, individual and corporate patrons, City officials, dedicated Board Members and tremendous community support.

The Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair Board of Directors is proud to bring this event to the people of Springfield and surrounding communities. I hope that after your visit to the Fair you love it as much as I do. Please enjoy your weekend and the artwork!

Jeffrey Perkins
2007 Chair

