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A Message From Jason P. Mahon 2009 Chair

Local, national, and global events since last year's Old Capitol Art Fair have been interesting, to say the least.

Human creativity, however, is our unique capacity to adapt to whatever changes we endure. What remarkable timing to celebrate human creativity than this year's 48th Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair. Everyone may indulge in any - and hopefully all - of the fair's fantastic offerings: peruse and purchase unique works of art in diverse media, enjoy live music, anticipate the treasures your children can buy for \$4 in the Children's Tent, refuel with tasty food from a variety of vendors, celebrate the warm weather, and stop to chat with the multitude of friends and neighbors you are bound to see. Everyone is afforded the opportunity to come together and enjoy a festive event in downtown Springfield.

We feel extremely fortunate to have the complete support of the community. Without the generous individuals and businesses that provide financial support each year, the Art Fair would not be possible. Without the plethora of citizens who appreciate and purchase art, we would not have

the privilege of selecting the highest level of talented artists who apply to come to Springfield every third weekend in May. Without the hundreds of volunteers who contribute endlessly: from handing out programs, to setting up and tearing down the fair, to the numerous behind-the-scenes tasks required to make the Art Fair run smoothly. The community truly does have the most important role in making us a success. For that, I want to thank you.

Something often forgotten, which never should be, is the past. I would like to bring special attention to all the past SOCAF Chairs, Board Members, Honorary Chairs, and community leaders who had the foresight, intuition, and drive to make this event flourish over the past several decades. Because of you, we have the privilege of continuing a great tradition that will soon be approaching its 50th year.

The Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair Board is proud to bring this event to the people of Springfield and surrounding communities. If you would like to learn more about our history, see a photo gallery of our 200 piece Civic Art Collection, or get involved, please visit our web site at www.socaf.org.

Please have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

All the best,

Jason P. Mahon
2009 Chair



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