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A Message From Kim Stone 2010 Chair

Welcome to the 49th Annual
Old Capitol Art Fair!

I am so proud to be the 2010 Chair of this wonderful event. I have been a member of the Old Capitol Art Fair Board for 14 years, and it is a project very close to my heart. It seems as if I was just bringing my own children to the fair to visit the children's tent, and very soon I will be bringing my grandchildren!

The Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair is a long standing Springfield tradition. As the fair approaches its 50th Anniversary, it can certainly be said that the Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair has withstood the test of time. This art fair continues to draw thousands of visitors to Springfield in search of that particular piece of art work that appeals to their senses. These visitors find much more than they anticipate each year. Visitors to the fair enjoy the beauty of the newly renovated downtown Springfield area, live music, and delicious food offered by a variety of vendors. However, most importantly, they have the unique opportunity to appreciate a variety of art work presented in a large array of mediums.

The Honorary Chair of the 2010 art fair is someone whose long-term involvement in the fair demonstrates its importance to the members of our community. Mr. Paul Wheeler has selflessly donated his time to draw the maps for our fair program for many, many years. Take a look in this very program at the wonderful job he has done! These maps help all of our visitors find that special piece of art work, or the artist, that they are looking for. Although the map itself looks simple, the job of creating it each year is not. Mr. Wheeler's patience and commitment to this project over the years is very much appreciated by the Old Capitol Art Fair Board.

If you have children with you today take time to visit the children's tent. The Old Capitol Art fair has made a commitment to help the youth of our community continue to grow in their understanding and appreciation of the world of art. The children's art tent is open to children ages 15 and under, and provides children an opportunity to purchase up to three pieces of art for \$4, \$5, and \$6. The art work in the tent comes from pieces selected to be placed in the tent by the exhibiting artists.

Also, please take a moment to stop and take a look at the student art work exhibited in the Old Capitol Building in the center of the plaza. In an effort to encourage our youth to pursue careers in art, the Art Fair Board awards annual scholarships to local high school artists who submit pieces of work for judging. Each year one student is lucky enough to also have their art work displayed on the Annual Old Capitol Art Fair Poster. This year's art student art work is amazing!

Thank you to the City of Springfield for its ongoing support of this wonderful event. Also, thank you to our 2010 sponsors of the fair. Your contributions have allowed this great tradition to continue. Finally, thank you to our numerous volunteers. It is your selfless donation of time that allows this event to go off without a hitch.

Thank you for visiting the
2010 Old Capitol Art Fair!

Kim Stone
2010 Chair

