

Historical artists converge to Gettysburg April 18-20 for the 11th annual History Meets the Arts show

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For those who love art in all its forms, the annual History Meets the Arts festival in Gettysburg, Pa., on April 18-20 is an enthralling must-see. About 50 nationally acclaimed artists, sculptors and artisans congregate in galleries throughout the town during the third weekend in April to meet with the public, teach technique, discuss design and serve as mentors to encourage future artists.

The festival was designed to occur during the slow spring months which would be good for the historic Pennsylvania crossroads village. Already filled with galleries that showcase Eastern Frontier, Colonial American, Civil War, Aviation and Southwestern art, Gettysburg was the natural place for the merging of history and art appreciation. The first event was held in 1998. Artists came from as far away as Canada, England, California and the Southwest to participate. Eleven years later, the festival continues to draw renowned artists from all over the nation.

Lord Nelson's Gallery, the largest participant in the event will host over 30 artists in two locations: The physical gallery at 27 ½ Chambersburg Street in Downtown Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Community Fire Hall located at 35 N. Stratton St. The hours are Friday, April 18, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free to the public, the artists, artisans and authors appearing in person will be showing their latest works – original paintings, bronze sculpture, artist signed prints, contemporary 18th century period accoutrements, redware pottery, hand carved wooden art and more. Genres to include Celtic, French & Indian War, Revolutionary War, nostalgic, aviation and wildlife subject matters. The grounds of the firehall will also be turned into an 18th century encampment providing visitors with a glimpse into frontier and military life complete with period settlers.

While the success of the event has brought significant business into Gettysburg during the spring, the real satisfaction of History Meets the Arts is seeing so much talent in one place at the same time.

Enjoy the historical significance and artistic talent of some of the nations leading artists while you relax in the country! The Gettysburg Country Inn & Suites by Carlson is the ideal place to relax after you enjoy the day's festivities. Located just a short 5 minute drive to downtown Gettysburg, the Country Inn & Suites by Carlson offers an indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center, free breakfast, and complimentary wireless internet access.

For more information about the Gettysburg Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, please contact Bryan Johnson at (717) 337-9518 or by e-mail at b.johnson@cisgbrg.com.

For additional information on Lord Nelson's Gallery's participation in the festival, contact them directly at 717-334-7950 or by email at info@lordnelsons.com. The gallery is located at 27 ½ Chambersburg St. in Gettysburg and the website is www.lordnelsons.com. For information on the History Meets the Arts show as a whole, contact Maggie Abbott Fowler at American Historical Art at 717-334-0172.