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Attendees view, buy, make, wear art in University Park

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DOWNTOWN AKRON — A warm Aug. 15 was a good time for many to leisurely browse their way through displays of local art pieces at the University Park Art Fair.



Shown at right top, Nora Glauberman, of Fairlawn, looks at a bowl by ceramic artist Dave Repicky, of Stonehenge Studio in Richfield.

Repicky was one of more than 100 artists who displayed their wares under tents at the event, as was West Akron hatmaker Paula Singleton, shown at left bottom, standing, as she helped Penny Sutherland, of Akron, select one of her hand-sewn, hand-blocked hats. Singleton's Fairlawn studio is called What a Great Hat!

Bill and Karen Hoffert, of Tiffin, are pictured at left top behind metal artwork of John Comunale's Comunale Sculptural Concepts of Akron.

The event also included entertainment, music and food.

Attendees not only got to view pieces by local artists but try their hands at making their own art, too.

Shown at right bottom wearing a hat she made at the Akron Art Museum make-and-take table is Flora Csejtey, with fellow Firestone High School sophomore Dred Geib.

The fourth annual fair took place at Grace Park. It is organized by the University Park Development Corp., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the renewal and rebirth of the University Park neighborhood.



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