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5 Great reasons to attend Paradise City Arts Festival

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Browsing sculptures outside in the courtyard.

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The Paradise City Arts Festival unfolds at the Three County Fairgrounds October 12-14 and offers something for everyone. Whether you're a devotee of the arts or a curious browser, there are exhibits that will delight you. Hours are Saturday & Sunday 10am – 6pm, Monday 10am – 4pm, and admission prices are \$13 (adults), \$11 (seniors 65+), \$8 (students) \$16 (3-day pass) and free to those 12 and under. Call

Lovely and eye-catching jewelry is everywhere at Paradise City. Here's a bracelet by Peter & Alexa Smarsh of Florida.



1. Paradise City is extraordinary

- It's a not-to-be-missed spectacle...is truly one of a kind, with museum-quality ceramics, paintings, decorative fiber, art glass, furniture, jewelry, metal, mixed media, photography, large-scale sculpture, wearable art and wood, bringing 275 extraordinary artists together from every corner of the country.

Paradise City is coming this weekend...prepare to be dazzled!

- 2. "Hocus Pocus" Each year there's a special exhibit, and this year's is "Hocus Pocus." It celebrates all that is mystical, magical, mysterious and make-believe. Discover secret compartments, masks, imaginary worlds, trompe-l'oeil, surrealism and fantasy creatures.
- 3. **WGBY Benefit Silent Art Auction** PBS provides multi-media ABC's for kids, entertainment for grown-

ups like Masterpiece Mystery and Downton Abbey, and fascinating scientific, political and cultural programming for all. WGBY Public Television for Western New England receives 100% of the proceeds from the Festival's Silent Art Auction.

- 4. **Great food & music** The Festival Dining Tent always features fresh new menus of sensational food prepared by locally renowned chefs. Tap your feet to a different band every day while you take a culinary trip around the world! Roger Salloom Band, New England Swing & Soul Orchestra and the Valley Jazz Divas are the featured performers.
- 5. This is the "fairest of the fairs" according to *Yankee Magazine*, it was voted the #1 art and craft show in America, and it's right in your backyard.



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