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### Highland Arts Council's "Art Family" Loves the Arts

Fourteen years ago, a small group of forward-thinking Highland residents expressed their love for the City by investing their time in developing Highland Arts Council and Art in the Park. The entire membership was then and is now dedicated to bringing art and culture to the residents of Highland and the surrounding area. The organization has sponsored individual and group art exhibits at local galleries and has shown buildings in Highland as projects of beauty in themselves. It has commissioned works of art to share with the residents of the City and visitors. Most recently, Highland Arts Council presented the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Art Of Soul," an educational opportunity for artists and/or attendees who simply want to learn more about being creative.

The past fourteen years have given the members an opportunity to "become a family of like minds." Tina Frank, Past President of HAC and current Vice President, said it well, "Every year I am so impressed when our "art family" pulls together to create the masterpiece of Art in the Park. We feel a sense of accomplishment that motivates us to do it all again the next year. It's been 14 years and we have a core group of committee members, volunteers, and sponsors who have been with us the entire time. The commitment the Highland Arts Council and its members have made to the success of this event puts Highland on the map with respect to the arts. That's a great feeling!"

The "HAC Art Family" has expanded from the original group, which increases the influence HAC can have on the community. As in any family, we all have different talents and share them equally for the benefit of HAC. Skills vary from organization to creativity, web design, promotions, photography, teaching and more. We welcome the artists, teachers, art enthusiasts and art collectors. Everyone can be a part of this "art family." What binds us together is love...love of the arts and the love of Highland.

Art in the Park is scheduled for October 13 - 15, 2017 at the Helvetia Sharpshooters' Lindendale Park in Highland. Hours are 10 am – 6 pm on Saturday and 11 am – 4 pm on Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

You can be a part of the VIP Preview Party on Friday evening from 6 pm – 9 pm. Call 618-558-0054 to find out more.

For information on becoming a member of Highland Arts Council, go to the website [www.HighlandArtsCouncil.org](http://www.HighlandArtsCouncil.org).