

Cottonwood
Art Festival

HUFFHINES
Harvest
Fest
Featuring
Pawtoberfest

Cottonwood Art Festival and
Huffhines Harvest Fest
Fall 2023 Preview

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Cottonwood Festival Details

- October 7th, 10am to 7pm & October 8th, 10am to 6pm
- 54th Anniversary for Cottonwood Art Festival
- Semi-Annual Festival held the first weekend in May and October
- Nominated as one of Sunshine Artist's 200 Best Fine Art Shows
- Thousands of people attend Cottonwood each festival weekend



Featured Artist Erin Curry

- First exhibited at Cottonwood in 2014
- Hometown artist – Dallas, TX
- Bachelor's Degree of Science in Biology
- Self taught artist creating intricate layers of mixed media that transform a subject into a story
- Draws inspiration from mythology, Hispanic culture, Japanese gods, children's tales and taxidermy



Exhibiting Artists

- 200+ exhibiting artists in 15 different mediums
- Selected from over 800+ applications
- “Blind Jury” selection process
- Jury panel includes artists, industry professionals, partner festival directors



2D Mixed Media



3D Mixed Media



Ceramics



Digital



Drawing/Pastels



Fiber



Glass



Jewelry



Metal



Painting Oil/Acrylic



Painting Watercolor



Photography



Printmaking



Sculpture



Wood

Visiting Artist Program

- Artistic program and partnership with Richardson ISD Fine Arts
- Designed to broaden the interest in visual arts and increase participation beyond the festival
- Opportunity for students to interact and learn from a professional artist
- Participating Schools:
 - Richardson High School
 - Berkner High School
 - Apollo Junior High
 - Stults Road Elementary
 - Richardson West Junior High
 - Lake Highlands Elementary
 - Bowie Elementary
 - Lake Highlands High School



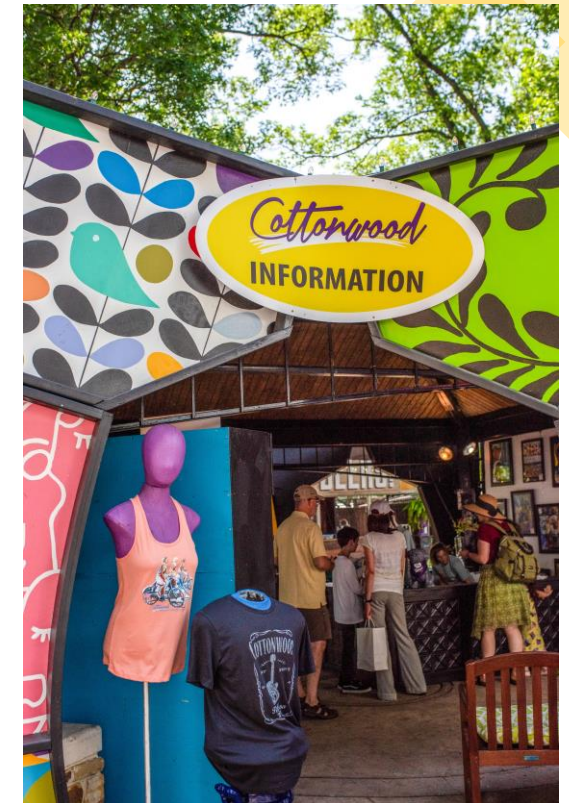
Chalk the Walk Contest

- Inaugural Chalk Art Contest
- Saturday, October 7th
 - Artist will have 6 hours to create artwork on the festival site (across the lake)
- Artist 12 years+ invited to participate in one of three categories
 - Adult (18+ years)
 - Youth (12 – 17 years on the day of the event)
 - Team/Family (Max 4 members)
- People's Choice available for voting online starting Sunday
- Prizes will be presented to winner in each category and People's Choice award on Monday



Around Cottonwood

- Art Stop- Interactive hands-on art and craft creations for children
 - Engages and utilizes over 40+ volunteers to implement program
- Select wine and craft beer garden
- Variety of artistic food and beverage options
- Two Stages of Live Entertainment
 - Courtyard Stage
 - Acoustic Stage
- Cottonwood Boutique
 - Official 2023 Fall T-shirt and Tank-top
 - Retired t-shirts | Jackets | Stickers | Hats | Water Bottles



Huffhines Harvest Festival Details

- October 21st 10am–6pm & 22nd 10am–5pm
- Family Fall Festival at Huffhines Park
- Celebrating 46 years at Huffhines Park
 - Originally known as the Huffhines Art Trails
- Pawtoberfest – special feature of Huffhines on Saturday Only
 - Partnership with Pawtoberfest started in 2019



Pawtoberfest Activities

- Costume Contest for pups and owner
- Pawkages – Official event bandana, mug, complementary beverage, goody bag of treats and discount beverage refills
- Dog-centric vendors
- Paw-some arts & crafts booth
- Great Ball Hunt throughout the park with prizes
- Pet Parade featuring animals available for adoption at the Richardson Animal Shelter



Family Fall Activities

- Pumpkin Patch – variety of pumpkins available to purchase
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Hay Daze Lawn Games – Pumpkin bowling, tic-tac-toe
- Adult, Kids and Family Costume Contest (Sunday only)
- Costume Parade
- Scarecrow Village – decorate your very own scarecrow
- Hay Maze
- Face Painting
- Petting Zoo



Around Huffhines Fall Fest

- 75+ vendors along the park trail
- Curators, craftsmen, growers and local makers
- Live Entertainment on two stages
- Variety of Fall inspired food vendors, craft beer and wine
- Various fall photo opportunities throughout the park





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