

The Art of Drawing a Crowd

Area groups collaborate to highlight artwork and artisans, with something for every age.



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Leo Mantoan, 2, and sister Emma, 4, of Dale City take part in the Old Towne Manassas Fine Arts Festival. A piece by them, below right, was among ways attendees — regardless of age — took a hands-on approach. The event was presented by the Manassas Art Guild, the Prince William Art Society and ArtBeat Gallery.



Ivette Asencio becomes a living work of art as she models for House of Bella hair salon.



Debbie Gilbert, above, looks at a display in the Loy E. Harris Pavilion. Sunday's festival provided a showcase for local artists. Members of the Magnificent Belly Dance troupe perform, below. In the festival's first year, local artists, musicians, singers, actors and writers were featured.



The day-long festival included an art sale and a scavenger hunt to encourage attendees to visit shops in Old Town Manassas.