



Art will be Rocking and Feet will be Running for a "Day at The Point" - September 25th



Spending a Day in Point of Rocks, MD with an Art Festival and Running Race and Fun Walk

Rekindling the spirit of a century ago, families will be enjoying a one-day outdoor, open air festival with arts and crafts, free admission and parking, food, entertainment, and healthy exercise.

A Call for Participating Artists and Sponsors

Art at The Point is a new, outdoor, juried fine arts and crafts festival, organized for its first year by the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club on Saturday, Sept.25, 2010, in Point of Rocks, MD.

Enjoy a day in the countryside with an entertaining arts festival located on grass parkland next to the C&O Canal National Historical Park, Old Mainline of the B&O Railroad, and Potomac River.

50 Artists and demonstrations, a variety of performing entertainers, free admission, free convenient parking, food and baked good, & central location of US Rt 15 at the Potomac River – will make a day's outing enjoyable and easy by both artists and visitors.

Open 10 am to 3 pm, the festival will be promoted in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania.

Call for artists of all types

The Point of Rocks Ruritan Club is now calling for participating artists and performers who will display or demonstrate their creations. Awards for best of show and most attractive displays are being considered.

This event will give art lovers a fresh venue to experience a variety of work ranging from paintings, drawings, photographs, ceramics, mixed media/ collage, fabric, sculpture, literary, and performing arts, and more.

Application deadline is July 1st - Space Fee \$30

The organizers gratefully acknowledge [redacted] for offering to review and recommend participants from the applicants received as of July 1, 2010. Artists will enjoy this festival for its natural setting, unique venue, and very affordable fees of \$30 for a 10x10 space in an open grass park. Additional types of disciplines of art will be an additional \$10. Tents, tables, and chairs will be provided by each artist. Email or call for entry form.

Featured Performer will be Dancing in the Air

The regional aerial dance theater company "Updraft: a Conspiracy of Movement" from Washington Co., MD, will be providing a special, unique performing art – dancing suspended from ribbons of silk, while being suspended from apparatus above ground.

Performers, Therese Keegan and Lizard Walker-Keegan, perform and teach modern and aerial dance. Therese directs Global Homestead, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen communities and their members through the arts. Accompanying musician, Bishop Saynomore, will bring to the performance his own unique sounds.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Ruritan Club is now seeking sponsors and patrons to help support this event that would delight artists and visitors alike. Please contact "A Day at The Point" chairman below.

The Many Images of the Point of Rocks Train Station

Point of Rocks is an historic town that was well established by 1831 when the railroad and canal reached the very site of this event.

The most photographed train station in America stands in view of this event – a fanciful, gothic brick station designed circa 1875 by the famous architect – E. Francis Baldwin.

"The Many Images of the Point of Rocks Train Station" is a special display of artworks and photographs of this famous station, and will be on view in the historic 1895 Fervency Lodge #200 A.F. and A.M. (Masonic) Lodge. Anyone with art of the station is asked to share with the public for the day at no cost.

Catocin Aqueduct 5 & 10K Run/Walk Same Day

The start for the 3rd running of CA10K on the C&O Canal National Historical Park's towpath will be at 8:00 am – just a few hundred feet from the festival grounds.

The entire run will be on the towpath, free of any traffic, and will be passing 2 railroad tunnels, 2 canal locks, 2 canal lock houses, and one 1830s stone aqueduct over the Catocin Creek now under restoration. The race is open to women and men, any age, and timed in age brackets by the Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club. Organized by the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club, pre-entries close September 10 and will include a commemorative t-shirt. Registration and packet pick-up begins 6:30 am. Same day entries close 7:30 am

Festival & Race - Benefit of C&O Canal Local Improvements

Net proceeds from the run/walk and art festival will be donated to The Community Foundation of Frederick Co. MD, for the C&O Canal Initiatives for Frederick County Fund – for improvements specifically in the Point of Rocks area.

The Community Foundation of Frederick County, organized in 1986 as a 501(c)3 public charity to serve as a catalyst to create positive and lasting impact by building and fostering relationships – for good, forever, for Frederick County, through grants and scholarships.

Point of Rocks Ruritan Club is a non-profit 501(c)4 community service organization, chartered in 1956, is a chapter of Ruritan National, a 32,000 member organization in over 1,200 local communities across America. For 54 years, this club works to improve life at The Point.

Directions to Festival and Run/Walk

The location 3729 Clay St./US Rt 28, just off US Rt 15 at the Potomac River Bridge - only 13 miles south of Frederick, MD, 12 miles north of Leesburg, VA, and approximately 50 miles from either Washington or Baltimore Beltways.

Motels are available in nearby Frederick, MD and Leesburg, VA. No electricity, hookups, or overnight camping on grounds allowed.

For More Information

- Updraft: a Conspiracy of Movement – www.globalhomestead.org
- Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club www.steeplechasers.org
- C&O Canal National Historical Park - www.nps.gov/choh
- Community Foundation of Frederick Co. – www.CFFred.org
- Tourism of Frederick County, MD www.fredericktourism.org
- Ruritan National, www.Ruritan.org
- Organizer: Point of Rocks Ruritan Club - Pepper Scotto, AATP@pointofrocks.org, 301-834-9907, www.pointofrocks.org