

## **Woman's Club to Hold 48<sup>th</sup> Arts & Crafts Festival**

One of western Connecticut's largest and best attended arts and craft shows will be held rain or shine on September 16 and 17 on Iron Horse Boulevard in beautiful downtown Simsbury. The Simsbury Woman's Club's 48<sup>th</sup> annual Arts & Crafts Festival will have more than 100 juried artists and craft persons selling their works from 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Parking and admission to the event is free.

Participants in the event will include landscape, seascape, still life and portrait artists and photographers, fine and costume jewelry crafters, artisans who hand-craft soaps, lotions and other personal care products, clothing designers, potters, blown glass artisans and many other talented artists from around the Northeast.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, homemade baked items and beverages will be available on the festival grounds, along with a small antique car show sponsored by the Valley Collector Car Club.

Iron Horse Boulevard is located in the center of historic Simsbury and is within easy walking distance to area restaurants, shops, the Old Drake Hill Flower Bridge, parks, the scenic Farmington River, the Simsbury Historic Society's grounds, and biking and walking paths, making this event a wonderful outing for the entire family.

The Simsbury Woman's Club typically earns about \$15,000 annually by renting space for the artists and crafter booths. These funds are cycled back into the community through donations the Club makes to non-profit organizations that focus on the betterment of the lives of others, on the betterment of the environment, and on the community at large. The Simsbury Woman's Club's 2106 earnings were donated to the Simsbury ABC House for a business grade printer; to the Simsbury Summer Theater for advertising sign-boards; to the Community Division of the Simsbury Police Department for two Project Lifesaver Transmitter bracelets; to the Farmington River Association for four tools to help eradicate invasive plants; to the Simsbury Historical Society for sponsorship of their new Tea Room; to Simsbury Free Bike for one new bike and 50 helmets; and to the Simsbury Senior Center to subsidize the cost of monthly meals provided for seniors.

The SWC also awards three academic scholarships to qualifying Simsbury High seniors. A fourth scholarship is awarded to a local woman who is working to improve her life through the pursuit of higher education. Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in a college or university, and must be a student of high standing.

For more information visit online at [www.simsburywomensclub.org](http://www.simsburywomensclub.org) or contact Liz Reynolds, festival chairman at 202-288-3883.

