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Allison MacGillivray, foreground, works on her masterpiece, Water Dragon, while her twin sister Elise draws the Original Roswell Incident, Saturday morning during the Art Block Party & Chalk Art Festival. (Mark Wilson Photo)



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RMAC art fest draws goodly crowd

Sunday, October 11, 2009



Maggie Ybarra

Children sporting multi-colored hairstyles celebrated their individuality as they examined the chalk-covered sidewalks baring entries into the third annual Art Block Party & Chalk Art Festival at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Saturday.

Laurie Rufe, the museum's director, said the festival is supposed to feature the best of what the museum has showcased and accomplished throughout the year.

There were juggling workshops to participate in and funky foil jewelry to make. There were art and craft vendors selling original art such as fused glass, handmade soap and ceramics. A large, satin, jeweled horse on stilts romped cautiously through a sea of happy kids, who were learning self-expression through first-hand experience.

Some children walked around wearing wire headbands that looked artistic, yet alien — objects they had created at one of the Make 'n' Take art stations which abide by the basic rule of "if you create it, you can take it."

"If you can make it, you can wear it," Rufe said.

As for the new hair styles that almost everyone at the festival paired with their antenna-looking headbands, that outer expression was inspired by children's author Barney Saltzberg's book Crazy Hair Day, she said.

There were close to 50 entries in the chalk art competition this year. The artists convened on the south side of the museum to create windows into alternate universes where rainbow-colored giraffes romped beneath a sunny sky and cows were abducted by spaceships.

Rufe said the point of the festival was to inspire people to explore their creative minds and find new artistic interests. "I think what is so important about this event is it's not about making money, it's about creativity and fostering artistic events that change people's lives," she said.

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