

Wide range of vendors jam Capitola for art festival

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CAPITOLA — Brilliant sunshine set the stage for the 30th annual Art & Wine Festival over the weekend. Dozens of art booths lined the Esplanade for the two-day affair that brought out a wide range of goods, from jewelry and clothing to photography, glass and sculpture works, weavings, paintings and lawn sculptures from more than 150 artists. The free event also featured gourmet food booths and live music.

"I've sold my photographs at this event every year except for one time; that's 29

years I've been here," said photographer John Gavriliis. "It's always a great time and a good hometown show. I live in this area and I'm happy to be a part of the community. This event is always well organized. The sun came out early and so did the wallets."

Capitola Mayor Mike Termini said the festival was getting a strong showing both days.

"This festival is all about 30 years of success," he said. "Any time you can have this many people in one place where they all respect one another and have a good time — that's a great thing. And this

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Warm conditions and plenty of art and wine drew large crowds to the festival.

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beautiful weather — I'm taking responsibility for that because I am mayor this year."

The event called for 560 cases of wine from 21 Santa Cruz Mountain wineries, Termini said.

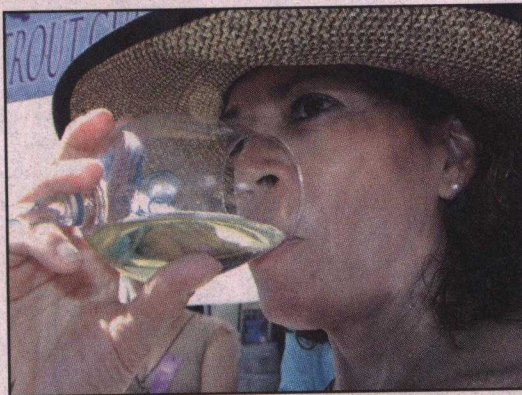
Visitors to the festival can purchase tokens which get them a signature wine glass that they can use to sample wines at booths set up around the village. Several of Capitola's main streets are closed to traffic and thousands of people spread out and took in the action.

"It feels good to be out here with all these people," said Irene Martin. "The sun is warm, the wine is good and the food is wonderful: What a perfect mix."

Steve Naas of Capitola said he has attended the event for several years.

"We just live right up the hill so it's nice to just walk down the hill without the parking hassles," he said. "It seems they have more booths this year. It's always a good time. I like seeing the kids playing at the children's area set up for them. It's a relaxing time."

More than 400 volunteers pitch in at the event that is organized by the Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce.



Irene Martin samples chardonnay at the festival Sunday.

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