



Opening Night Dinner & Auction



Fine Arts Exhibit



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culinary team of our parish caterers and restaurant owners. Local Armenian talent, guitarist Sean Blackman provided a smooth mix of international sounds during dinner. The same evening many attended the opening of the Fine Arts Exhibition featuring works by Armenian artists.

When the Festival doors swung open on Friday at 5:30 pm, guests had already arrived in numbers that would soon fill the main hall of the cultural building. Initially, those who had arrived early were eager to enjoy a dinner from a varied menu. Throughout the weekend, the food, music and fellowship were great to witness, however the renewal of friendships was probably the most important social event of the Festival.

Other events included tours of the church's sanctuary, Fine Arts Exhibition, Country Store, Grandma's Attic, Red Cross Blood Drive, Giftarama vendors' market, Hagopian Rugs and Boutique, Vegas Night, Kids' Apple Fest, Moon Bounce, mini car races, Wii and Xbox games, pony rides and petting zoo, Book Store, raffles, Hye Bar, beer tasting, Forgotten Harvest Food Drive, and all the food venues. Armenian music was provided by the Johnites Band on Friday night, and on Saturday night by the Negosian Band. The Festival is an event which captures the talent and effort of all church and community organizations. Please refer to page 3 for an acknowledgement of organizations and volunteers without whom the Festival could not have been possible. It is truly an event that the entire parish can be proud of each year. "Vardzkernit Gadar!"

- Harry Avagian

