

Buzzfest returns to Terra Cotta

Terra Cotta Country Store owners Judy Vella and Bob McCloskey are delighted to be hosting Buzzfest, an outdoor art and gourmet food show, on their store property for the third consecutive year.

It will be Sept. 26 and 27.

Last year's event welcomed 2,000 visitors who were able to lunch and shop in a garden transformed into a living gallery where art and food harmoniously converged.

The name Buzzfest was chosen to pay homage to the importance of bees to the ecosystem. In keeping with this environmental focus, the 30 hand-picked artisans participating in Buzzfest are producing their own work with an emphasis on locally sourced raw materials and upcycling. An exception to this is the presence of Casa Relief, who represents artisans from the developing world under the fair trade banner. Returning to Buzzfest for their third year are Caledon's own Edna and Tony Fernandez of Edna's Pickles with their exotic Indian relishes and chutneys, Brampton's Radouan Abou-Faysal with his flavours of Lebanon and local glass artist Skytree Smith. Rebecca Landman of Landman Gardens and Bakery is also returning, promoting her strong farm-to-table philosophy. Many new artists will join Buzzfest this year, including Dolores Smith from Olivar Corp, representing world-class olive oils, and Karyn Climans from Tail Wags Helmet Covers, whose creative work endorses safe, healthy activity for all ages. Patti Rooke will be on site with her classic clothing and accessory line using natural and recycled materials. Sara Milley from Parkadilly can be seen making use of recycled materials for her uniquely framed wire art.

Live musical performances throughout the weekend will animate the event and anyone wishing to offer up their body as a natural canvas can enjoy complimentary face painting or a henna experience. New this year will be complimentary yoga classes from Banyan Tree Yoga Therapy.

Vella and McCloskey encourage all visitors to bring their appetites and indulge not only in the many gourmet tastings of the weekend, but also to dine on a delicious, fresh, locally-sourced lunch provided by caterers Lavender Blue.

Buzzfest runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days on the banks of the Credit River in Terra Cotta. For a complete list of this year's artisans and foodies attending Buzzfest, visit www.terracottacountrystore.ca