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Chalk one up for Wortley

ART: Chalk festival has moved from downtown to Wortley Village

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Chalk one up for Wortley Village in London's festival turf war.

The lively neighbourhood, just southwest of London's core, will bring dozens of artists to their knees — and hands — this weekend for the city's fifth annual street painting festival.

And though the smaller venue may signal a struggle for Imadon Expressions in Chalk, it has found a welcoming home in the village.

"I think it's fabulous," said Shelley Baisley of Village Tail pet nutrition and supply shop.

"Anything that brings people to the village is wonderful for us obviously. Lots of people don't know Wortley Village is here — we call it our little hidden gem — and once they do discover us they come back."

This year's festival will attract passersby to a parking lot on Bruce St., with the street paintings of 42 artists, and an area for kids to create their own masterpieces.



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beautiful chalk butterfly adorning its sidewalk to raise awareness of the upcoming Expressions in Chalk 2010 event, running July 31st to August 2nd. (MIKE HENSEN, The London Free Press)

The feature painting will be a portrait of Terry Fox, and the public is invited to add names or pictures of their own loved ones affected by cancer on a path that will be sketched near the Fox piece, an organizer said.

“I was hoping (the art) was going to be everywhere,” Baisley said. “I was dying to have something in front of the store.”

The festival will also include a candlelight vigil for the Terry Fox Foundation at dusk on Sunday, said the festival’s Cheryl Smelser.

In many ways, it’s “back to square one,” for Expressions in Chalk, which started in a downtown church parking lot and evolved into a street festival closing the blocks of Talbot and Dundas streets that wrap around the JLC, Smelser said.

A combination of issues, including artists’ complaints about a wind tunnel effect on Dundas St. and spectators wanting more entertainment, sent organizers looking for a new venue, Smelser said.

Their first plan was to set up outside this weekend’s Ribfest at Victoria Park, but that was unthinkable to Ribfest head Doug Hillier.

“This is a very stressed parking situation,” he said. “She wanted to take up 10 more spaces, and I get enough pressure from the public as it is.”

Organizers of Expressions in Chalk didn’t have a location until last month when they secured the church parking lot.

Artist Carrie Black, who’s done the festival for three years, said she’s excited about the change.

“I live in the village myself and think it was a wonderful choice to bring (the festival) to the neighbourhood,” she said via e-mail.

The scramble for a new home likely contributed to declining sponsorship. This year’s budget was \$20,000, down from \$65,000 last year, Smelser said.

The money goes toward supplies, promoting the next festival, flying Californian feature artist Melanie Stimmel Van Latum to London and feeding and providing cash prizes for the artists, she said.

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What: Expressions in Chalk

When: July 31 to Aug. 2

Where: St. James Westminster church parking lot, east of 112 Bruce St., London

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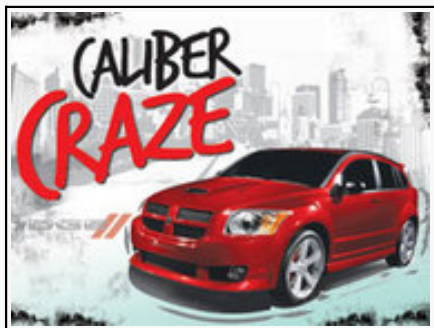
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