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March 28 festival seeks artists, crafters, volunteers

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It may be more than a month away, but Arts Estero 2009 organizers need your help now.

The March 28 musical art festival needs artists, crafters and volunteers.

This will be an opportunity to demonstrate and sell your goods, says Marilyn Edwards, who's helping market the event.

"They're looking at all kinds of arts and crafts," Edwards says.

Volunteers would work for a two-hour stint as parking attendants of selling tickets for water, food or a raffle.

Arts Estero 2009 will be an all-day festival highlighting local artists, photographers and crafts people.

Continuous live entertainment will be performed, both on and off stage, by the jazz band Mudbone, the Gulf Coast Symphony, The Brooks Brothers and the Breckenridge Singers.

"Between the Gulf Coast Symphony and Mudbone, we expect thousands of people," Edwards says.

Artisans may display and sell their work for a \$35 donation.

An application form is available on the Estero Council of Community Leaders Web site at: <http://esterofl.org/new/art>

s-estero-2009.htm.

To volunteer your services, contact Arts Estero 2009 chairwoman Beverly MacNellis at beverlyann@comcast.net or call for more information at 239-498-0678.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Estero Community Park, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd.

Proceeds will benefit the Estero Community Improvement Foundation Inc., which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity.

In return, the ECIF will return the money to Estero's nonprofit organizations and other projects to make Estero a better place to live.



Joyce Waddell Bailey's "Neptune's Fury" is featured on the Arts Estero 2009 poster.

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