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Paradise City Arts Festival, Marlborough, MA

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“In a way, it’s like the Grand Canyon of arts and crafts. With 175 of the nation’s top artisans showing their wares, visitors to the Paradise City Arts Festival tend to wander the aisles in awe of the visual banquet before them.

Shimmering rings, funky furniture, luminescent vases, striking sculptures, sweaters so gorgeous and fuzzy you just want to dive into their display – it’s all there, all exquisitely made, and, unlike the Canyon, you can take a piece home with you.

This semi-annual show held in Marlborough grew out of a sister show held in Northampton. Both juried, they have garnered praise and awards from national art and craft journals and the arts community.

But beyond the quality and appeal of the work, this show is also user-friendly. Parking is free. Artwork prices cover the gamut (you can blow your savings on a masterpiece or shop safely in the under \$20 range). Live Latin jazz forms the soundtrack at the show’s own European pastry café, and lunch can be had at the Paradise Café. And if you check your coat or opt for gift-wrapping, proceeds go to benefit music in Marlborough’s schools.”

- Denise Taylor, *Boston Globe Arts Columnist*