

A letter from the Mayor

As the Mayor of Leesburg, I am full of anticipation about the coming events of our vibrant town. Nobody can say we're a sleepy little community in the heart of Lake County!

Coming up very soon is a most exciting event — our 2008 Leesburg Fine Art Festival and Jazz on the Square. Artists from near and far will be displaying their fine arts and crafts — a whole range, from glass and sculpture to oil paintings and photography. You will find yourself walking through an open-air museum in our charming, historic downtown, with a wide range of refreshments and entertainment in the Town Square and at the new Leesburg Public Library's amphitheater. There will be something here for every taste, and the chance to buy some beautiful works of art to take back to your home when the weekend of fun is over.

This is the 31st year for the Leesburg Fine Art Festival, and its popularity grows every year. This time around, there will be 120 artists chosen from the many applications received. The Leesburg Center for the Arts has made this a highly successful festival, and we are grateful to all the groups and individuals who have given their support and time to make this event possible.

Sincerely,
John Christian
Mayor, City of Leesburg



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A message from the executive director



Amy Griffin

As the Executive Director of the Leesburg Center for the Arts, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 31st Annual Leesburg Fine Art Festival and Jazz on the Square. I am so proud to be a part of the team that brings artists, musicians and dancers

together from all over the country to celebrate the culture that brings our community together.

As the white tents pop up all over historic downtown Leesburg, the excitement of spring brings an opportunity for artists and appreciative audiences to come together each year in an atmosphere unlike any other. This year brings a special venue to downtown: Our new Leesburg Public Library, a cultural center to the city, is now open and musicians and dancers will be featured at the amphitheater at the library. You will also

want to visit Towne Square by City Hall for the Jazz on the Square event, featuring jazz musicians from all over Central Florida.

The artists you'll find up and down Main Street are among the best in the country. You will certainly be moved by their artwork, and I invite you to make their art a part of your life by purchasing something you can enjoy for a lifetime.

As you walk the streets of downtown Leesburg this weekend, you will see a fantastic mix of cultures and methods of expression. We are a living, breathing, thriving destination for visitors with so much to offer. We are an exciting community for residents to live and work in.

I hope you'll bring your family and "Meet Me Downtown" this weekend. It's an incredible place to be and you'll definitely want to be a part of it.

Amy Griffin
Executive Director of the Leesburg
Center for the Arts

