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Add Some Jazz to Your Garden this May

MURFREESBORO – Aside from the music, food, shopping and children’s activities at JazzFest this year will be Garden Mart, an area devoted to the sale of items to jazz-up your garden. Organized by JazzFest volunteer Leslee Dodd Karl, Garden Mart will feature area vendors with unique, custom arts, crafts, plants and displays for the outdoors.

Among the items being sold are mosaic stepping stones, hand-painted birdhouse gourds, and decorative birds that spin and pivot in the wind. “I think with the weather getting warmer, folks are finally able to start working on their outdoor living areas, and with Mother’s Day just around the corner, this will be a perfect opportunity to pick up a gift,” suggests Karl.

Vendors were pre-approved by submitting an application and a photo of the items being sold. Garden Mart will be located behind the Main Stage on South Church Street, across from Ray Hines, Inc.

Anne Gilliland, who will be selling Florida dancing birds handmade by her aunt, looks forward to the opportunity to bring a new element to JazzFest. “I have been volunteering at JazzFest for years, but this is the first time I’ll be working my own booth. I think Garden Mart will be a good fit for this festival given the time of year,” Gilliland added.

JazzFest is organized by the Main Street staff and is chaired this year by volunteer Emily Parke. Roughly 400 volunteers from the community work under guidance of 12 committees to ensure a smooth-running festival. The Friday sessions begin at 6 p.m. and run until about 10:30 pm. Musicians will play Saturday from 11 a.m. to roughly 9:30 p.m.

For more information or high resolution photos, visit it the web site, www.mainstreetjazzfest.com., or call Main Street at (615) 895-1887.