

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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State Fair Commemorative Art to be Unveiled Thursday, June 12

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What?: See the 2008 Minnesota State Fair Commemorative Art for the first time as artist Edie Abnet unveils it on the fairgrounds.

Who?: Minnesota native and renowned local artist, Edie Abnet, is best known for her unique and intriguing watercolor and pastel still-life renderings. Abnet says, "The dramatic effect of my work is intentional in order to keep the eye actively involved." Being primarily self-taught, Abnet's distinctive style was born through her experimentation with mixed media.

Abnet's interpretation of the Great Minnesota Get-Together draws viewers in with vivid color and lines. The mixture of watercolor and brilliant pastel tells the joyful story of the Minnesota State Fair. Abnet's work can be found in corporate and private collections throughout the Midwest, as well as in galleries throughout the St. Croix River Area.

When?: 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 12

Where?: J.V. Bailey House, 1263 Cosgrove St., Minnesota State Fairgrounds

What Else?: After Thursday's unveiling, commemorative art posters and giclee prints will be available for purchase at www.msffoundation.org. Posters may also be purchased at the State Fair Box Office on the fairgrounds. Sizes and pricing are as follows: posters (18"x24") \$13; and large giclee prints (27.5"x32") \$100. Proceeds from commemorative art merchandise support the Minnesota State Fair Foundation (501c3) in its mission to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational programs.

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