

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PLAINFIELD REBUILDS ART FESTIVAL FOR 2015**

**Plainfield Mayor Adrian O. Mapp has written to exhibitors at the Annual Plainfield Festival of Art advising the city is taking a year off to restructure and revitalize the event, which has been held in the Queen City every year since 1963.**

**"It is no secret, " Mapp wrote, "that the Plainfield Art Festival has experienced challenges in the past few years, owing principally to the sudden and unexpected shift by a previous administration of the date from mid-July...to a September date."**

**Mapp has assigned the task of revitalizing the annual outdoor arts festival to the city's new Superintendent of Recreation, Veronica Taylor. Taylor has already assembled a team of those previously involved with the festival who have committed themselves to its rejuvenation.**

**The arts festival had originally been a project of the Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce and was originally held on the downtown sidewalks of the Queen City before moving to Library Park. The city stepped in to run the event after the demise of the chamber.**

**Artists and crafts persons from throughout the tri-state region were drawn to the show because of its large audience, pleasant setting and handsome cash awards made by judges in various categories.**

**The Plainfield Arts Festival is open to both professional and nonprofessional artists, photographers and crafts persons. Works submitted range from paintings in oil and acrylic, pastels, watercolors, prints and etchings, as well as jewelry, ceramics, glass, fiber arts and novelties.**

The renewed Plainfield Art Festival is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2015. Interested artists and crafts persons may get on the email notification list by sending an email to [arts@plainfieldnj.gov](mailto:arts@plainfieldnj.gov) or by calling the Plainfield Parks & Recreation at (908) 753-3097