

Granby Artists' Family Fun Day offers art for everyone

By Granby News Staff

GRANBY — The Granby Artists Association's Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 5 at Holcomb Farms, 113 Simsbury Road, West Granby, drew more than 225 visitors, who tried their hand at many art forms.

Robin Sidwell, a member of the Granby Artists Association, coordinated Family Fun Day activities.

"The real focus of the day was to reach out to the community and promote the arts," Sidwell said. "This was our third Family Fun Day. We share our art and give the kids, teenagers and adults the opportunity to learn how to do

these things."

In the children's craft area, children used stamps to create cartoons of animals. Other art-making stations included water colors, jewelry-making, photography, cartooning and wood sculpture.

Thirteen Granby artists demonstrated and shared their skills in watercolors and pastels, cartooning, jewelry making, photography, weaving, painting and printing, and multimedia sculpture and children's arts.

They were joined by members of the Granby High School Art Club, who helped visitors learn about



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Visitors enjoyed trying their hands at the arts at the Granby Artists Association's Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 5 at Holcomb Farms.

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Sally Melrose, a member of the Granby Artists Asso-

ciation, demonstrated hand weaving.

Girl Scout troop 66222



hosted a display on the plight of honeybees, culminating a year-long research

project," Sidwell said.

"They had researched bees for a year, to learn why they are disappearing and what we can do to reverse that," she said. "They spoke to visitors about what they can do, and handed out wildflower seeds."

The Granby Artists Association gave a special thanks to the Granby Education Foundation for sponsoring the event with a grant for \$600, Sidwell said. "It was such a success, we plan to do this again next year," Sidwell said. "There was such an excitement in the air, being able to get your hands on all these art forms. We hope the kids will continue to try their hands at art."

The Granby Artists Association has about 40 members.

For details on the Granby Artists Association and upcoming events, visit www.granbyartists.org.