

WaterFire Sharon - ELEMENTS Event Schedule

Downtown Sharon July 19, 2014 – 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. *ELEMENTS (downtown Sharon)*

Whether referring to the elements of art (line, shape, form, space, texture, value and color), or any category that makes up life, the “**Elements**” theme celebrates not only the elements that create water and fire, but all fine and performing arts, the artists who create them, and the visitors who appreciate them. Visit our many art and craft vendors that represent the best of our region, and engage our artists throughout the city as they create their art right in front of you. Visit one of our many food vendors, enjoy the music provided on our two performance stages, share in the laughter and awe of our street performers, and lastly, enjoy the beauty of **WaterFire** and all of its’ splendor as it touches all of your senses – from the visual of the 55 burning bonfires that dance and reflect off of the Shenango River, the sounds of an eclectic mix of music from all over the world and the scent of burning cedar and pine wood that add an appealing fragrance to the night air. **WaterFire** is an artistic endeavor that was created by artist Barnaby Evans in Providence, R.I., in the early 1990s. Evans created an evening event that would bring people into the downtown area to see lit bonfires on the river. A complete immersion of the senses, “**WaterFire Sharon**” was brought to the Shenango River in downtown Sharon during the summer of 2013. Three successful events brought 70,000 visitors to the experience. This unique and beautiful art installation can be seen in only a few cities around the world.

**11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. *WaterFire Artisan and Craftsmen Festival
(State Street)***

State Street will be lined with artisans and craftsmen selling their wares and exhibiting, sharing and talking about their creative talents. Many mediums will be on display – pottery, digital arts, glassware, metal-works, jewelry, handmade clothing, painting, photography and much more. Take a pleasant stroll up and down State Street and appreciate and support some of the finest artisans and craftsmen of our region.

**11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. *Multi-Media Artist – Michael Long
(Columbia Theater Park – West State Street)***

Michael Long is a Central Pennsylvania based artist and demonstrator that works in multi-media sculpture, painting and assemblage. Michael brings his talents to *WaterFire Sharon* where he will create a one of a kind art piece specifically for *WaterFire*. Check out Michael throughout the day, and monitor his progress from start to finish. Michael is generously donating the piece to *WaterFire*, and we will offer it to the highest bidder at the end of the day through a silent auction. What a great way to support *WaterFire*, and acquire a one of a kind, fantastic art piece! Michael’s work is currently on display at the Westmorland Museum of American Art along with various galleries, museums and private and permanent collections. He is a member of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and currently known for his large scale permanent installation project at the Station Medical Center Altoona, PA.

11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Raku Firing

(Circle K Pottery - East State Street)

Try your hand at a “make and take” project at the pottery decorating and glazing exhibit. Purchase your favorite piece, glaze and decorate it and then watch it fired in the *Raku* kiln. See *Raku* firing demonstrations in the evening which becomes a beautiful spectacle in the dark. *Raku* is a type of firing process inspired by traditional Japanese *Raku* firing and involves removing the pottery from the hot kiln and placing it into containers with combustible materials which produces interesting patterns and vibrant colors. Make a piece or just watch – either way it is a must see!

11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Hope and Dreams Tiles

(Circle K Pottery - East State Street)

Sculpt a commemorative tile with your hopes and dreams that will be included in a public art project located at the Community Action Partnership building in downtown Sharon. Make one or several tiles – once the project is completed, your tile(s) will become a part of a special mural that exhibits how our community can come together through the arts. This project is being led by Endowment for the Arts, a not for profit arts fund established through the Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

En Plein Air (downtown Sharon)

En Plein Air is a French expression which means “in the open air” and is used to describe the act of painting outdoors. Artists have long painted outdoors, but in the mid 19th century working in natural light became particularly important to the Barbizon School and impressionism. The popularity of outdoor painting has endured throughout the 20th century and into the 21st century. Stroll the streets of downtown Sharon and the banks of the Shenango River during the day, and experience *En Plein Air* in person, as artists from our region paint, sketch, mold, and surprise and share their amazing talents.

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Children’s Art and Activities Tent

(Primary Health Network Parking Lot on Chestnut)

The Children’s programming for *WaterFire* Sharon will focus on scientific discovery and old school fun as diverse community organizations come together to provide educational play experiences for our younger visitors. Students and faculty from Laurel Technical Institute (LTI) and Youngstown State University will set the tone with various science laboratories and play stations. Children can run experiments in Chemistry, Geology, Genetics, Kinesthetics and Engineering. Join in some old fashion games in Fun with Dick and Jane, become part of the artwork in Chalk It Up, create your own toy with a Single Sheet of Paper, contribute your talents to the Community Art Project and become a real live story character in Readers Theater. Come join in the fun under the big tent!

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. ***Wendell August Forge***

(James E. Winner Jr. Arts and Culture Center)

Wendell August Forge is America's oldest and largest forge, producing hand-wrought ornamental metalware and elegant giftware. The heritage art of the Wendell August Forge is preserved by the company's artisans and craftsmen, who use the original eight step process to produce every heirloom piece in aluminum, bronze, pewter, sterling silver, and other metals. Wendell August forgers will be on hand for demonstrations and your children can try their hand at an interactive forging experience. Be sure to check out the beautiful, handcrafted *WaterFire* merchandise, created exclusively for *WaterFire* Sharon.

11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Marketplace and Elements Lounge

6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

(James E. Winner Jr. Arts and Culture Center)

The Marketplace, located in the James. E. Winner Jr. Arts and Culture Center provides an indoor venue for food vendors and artists as well as those with craft items, collectibles, antiques, commercial and buy/sell items. Be sure to stop in for a break from the summer sun. Starting at 6:30 p.m. and running through the evening visit the Elements Lounge for a relaxing atmosphere that includes arts, crafts, food and music.

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Local Farmer's Market (South Water and West State)

Visit downtown Sharon early and buy the freshest, locally raised produce in the area. Farmer market nutritional program vouchers are accepted. Come early for the best selection!

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ekker Sports Autograph Collection/Children's Activities/Book Sale

(Community Library of the Shenango Valley)

For the sports enthusiasts, be sure to check out the amazing Ekker Sports Autograph collection. This wonderful collection boasts nine display cases of over 600 autographs inscribed on a wide array of college and professional sports items. Children can explore the *Elements* through crafts and activities at the Community Library of the Shenango Valley. Make a pinwheel, roast a marshmallow, or create a turtle from a rock. The library will be holding these children's activities and more. The library will also be hosting a used book sale – stop by and stock up on your summer reading material!

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Birds of Prey Exhibition

(East State Street and Vine Avenue)

Birds of prey have long been revered for their speed, strength and accuracy. Master Falconer Barry Davidson will showcase these beautiful birds and talk about the hobby and sport of falconry. See these magnificent birds up close. These family appropriate presentations will take place between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Seating and standing room only will be limited for each presentation based on the falconers' discretion.

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ***Historical Walking Tour***
(Downtown Sharon)

Meet at the State Street Bridge at 2:00 p.m. and enjoy a historical walking tour of downtown Sharon. Join members of the Sharon Beautification Commission and Sharon Historical Society and listen to stories of the rich history of downtown Sharon. You will learn about the grand old buildings – their original builders, tenants and uses over these many years. Imagine the cable cars that used to travel down State Street, the floods that came over the banks of the Shenango, and the bustling crowds of shoppers that preceded the eras of malls and strip plazas.

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ***Historical Hubs***
(110 East State Street and 514 Sharpsville Avenue)

In 1835 “block” or “flint” coal was discovered on Sharon’s West Hill at the property of General Joel B. Curtis. This was a new find in the United States, and this type of coal was perfect for the manufacturing process that would come to be known as Pig Iron. Soon after this discovery, foundry, factory and employment followed, and the Shenango Valley would play a substantial role in the industrial revolution. Trace the story of industry in our region by visiting historical displays at Redeemed/Tickled at 110 East State Street and Billy’s Black and Gold (next to shuttle parking) at 514 Sharpsville Avenue.

8:50 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ***WaterFire Sharon Lighting and Torch Procession***
(Shenango River between Connelly Boulevard and Silver Street Bridges)

As we celebrate *ELEMENTS*, we recognize how our region consists of so many great elements that have joined together to become one community. Representatives from the many municipalities of Mercer County, and across our friendly border into Ohio will light the way in our torch procession. Lighting the ceremonial orb are Paul and Tina O’Brien – boundless supporters and untiring volunteers in our community and of *WaterFire*. The enchanting *WaterFire* music will begin just before dusk and the captivating torch procession and lighting ceremony will begin at 9:00 p.m. Live performances will feature the Bojewski Singers from Erie. Brianna, 22, recently returned from a college internship at Walt Disney World, where she was a singer and performer. Chelsea, 20, recently returned from Berklee College of Music in Boston, where she studied vocal performance. Blake, 18, has recently graduated from Fairview High School. He has been accepted at Berklee College of Music for vocal performance and songwriting. *WaterFire* Sharon is pleased to welcome world renowned fire performer SPOGGA. SPOGGA is known for his breathtaking skills and is often seen in Providence (where *WaterFire* was created) performing at their lightings. SPOGGA will dazzle the crowd and help us light up the night!

WaterFire Music Schedule

1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

WaterFire Main Stage

(Municipal Parking Lot – Connelly and Railroad)

From bluegrass to rock and roll and jazz to blues, there is something for everyone to enjoy at our *WaterFire Main Stage*. Dance to the music or just take a seat and tap your toes and clap your hands. You will be certain to enjoy the talented bands that we have gathered.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Midnight Drive – playing hard driving bluegrass, Midnight Drive is one of the newest and most powerful bands of the Northwestern PA area. Starting as a jam session at the Clarion bluegrass festival in March of 2010, the band has already made quite an impact on the local level as well as the national level. The members consist of some of the strongest pickers of the Northeastern part of the country.

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Wise Guys – the Wise Guys are one of the region’s most popular bands. They play a variety of genres including classic soul, R & B, rock, and funk. Dance to the sound of Motown and soulful blues. Enjoy the group’s tight vocal harmonies and their quality musical sound.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Eric Lindell and Company – WaterFire is pleased to welcome Eric Lindell from New Orleans. Lindell performs music that is as at home on your front porch on a summer evening as it is in a hot sweaty club on a Saturday night. It is southern soul music, infused with R&B and a touch of New Orleans funk. It is blues music, glazed with a taste of country. It is simple, heartfelt song writing; melodic guitar solos and an energized live performance. This is a must see music event at WaterFire 2014.

5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Jimmy Adler Band– Jimmy Adler is a live wire entertainer who packs passion and energy into every performance! His music is a blend of Chicago Blues and West Coast Jazzy Jump. His passionate, powerful vocals compliment his spirited playing. The Jimmy Adler Band channels the essence of the blues and always deliver great performances.

7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

2nd Avenue Project – when you put young, hot shot musicians with experienced veteran musicians, all of which are educated and have played with Grammy award winning artists, you get 2nd Avenue Project. From classy jazz to dirty funk, soul, Latin and rock, this Las Vegas style show band is a must see.

9:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. *Pipe Dreams* – the sounds of Pipe Dreams – a tribute to the music from the mid 60’s - 70’s, appeals to all audiences creating a super fan atmosphere that makes everyone want to get up and dance. Experience the irresistible beat and infectious vibe of Pipe Dreams’ diverse show.

**2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Millennial Stage*
(Municipal Parking Lot – N. Water and Silver)**

The Millennial Stage will speak to music preferred by young people – family and all ages appropriate. With several nationally recognized and revered performers gracing the stage, all music lovers will appreciate the talent that we are fortunate to have gathered.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *DJ Dan Messersmith* – Dan is a young and up and coming DJ in the vein of Deadmau5. He’ll get the music started on the Millennial Stage and he will have you tapping your feet and dancing along with his infectious blend of EDM and Pop.

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Sam Torres* – It’s hard to imagine what it would be like as an artist to lose your voice for nearly 2 years but that’s exactly what happened to Sam Torres. Sam had just been nominated for a Grammy for his work on a Spanish album when the music stopped. But never one to rest Sam moved to Canfield, OH and began to reinvent himself. Incredibly during this time his voice returned and new songs were born. With his new release “Until the Whole World Knows,” Sam is striking out with an infectious anthemic pop rock sound similar to Switchfoot and Coldplay. The future is bright for this incredible singer/songwriter.

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. *Hoss and the Juggernauts* – “If it’s got soul we’ll play it...” Hoss and the Juggernauts have been touring the local club scene for several years now and have earned a reputation for driving, soulful, and energetic live shows that appeal to a broad audience. They play everything from John Mayer to James Brown with an incredible mix of original music as well.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Iris in Outcome* – Iris in Outcome is a new band that mixes influences from Switchfoot, NEEDTOBREATHE, Crowder, Johnnyswim, and many others to create a unique blend of folk/pop that is both contemplative and anthemic. Their mission is summed up in their name...”We want people to know that there is hope, that there are people that care.” With a singer/songwriter sensibility Iris in Outcome expect big things for the future.

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Everyday Sunday – Everyday Sunday is the passion of Trey Pearson from Columbus, OH. After years of touring all around the world, across all 50 states, and thousands of shows, selling hundreds of thousands of albums, 15 Top Ten U.S. singles, 5 of which hit #1, Trey Pearson is back with his latest Everyday Sunday release, *A New Beginning (Part 1)*.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Shawn McDonald – those who've followed Shawn McDonald's celebrated career in any capacity already know he's consistently one to defy artistic conventions and push himself well beyond the boundaries of comfort zones. In fact, when we last heard from the critically revered singer/songwriter, he was forsaking the traditional greatest hits compilation route to cap off his first ten years of expression, and instead, turned in a batch of past re-imaginings and future foreshadowing's on 2013's *The Analog Sessions*. Considering the Eugene, Oregon native and longtime Columbus, Ohio resident has always marched to his own creative drum, it's all the more fitting his first entirely new studio offering in three years is a bold reinvention, though never at the expense of the vulnerable, heartfelt lyrical sentiments that have always made McDonald one of the most authentically relatable artists of his generation.