

About 500 drawn to art show

TWO-DAY PROGRAM: Cranberry Lake event sees increase in attendance over last year

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CRANBERRY LAKE — Hundreds of people flocked to this scenic Adirondack community over the weekend for the Second Annual Cranberry Lake Regional Art Show, a two-day event that combined creativity and fellowship.

Organizers are already making plans for next year's event.

They estimate that roughly 500 people attended the two-day show, up from last year when about 300 visited.

"We had people here from Watertown, Plattsburgh and other places," said Gail E. Gotham, a show organizer. "We're reaching out further and further. More people are hearing about it and are curious. It's a nice drive on a summer weekend."

Next year, organizers plan to auction off 20 Adirondack-style wooden chairs that will be decorated by artists.

"People are already excited about it," Ms. Gotham said.

More than 50 artists participated in this year's show, including about a dozen who demonstrated their craft under a large tent set up outside the fire hall.

Sam Gonzalez, Richfield, Conn., put on a pair of specialized glasses as he watched John G. Dragun use a torch to make glass jewelry.

He said he was interested in glass making, but doesn't think he'll be trying it anytime soon.

"It's a little dangerous. My mom wouldn't like it," he said. Howard Hoppo, Worcester,



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Susan Smith, left, demonstrates her rug hooking technique to Linda Belle on Saturday during the Second Annual Cranberry Lakes Regional Art Show.



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Ruth Freeman, a pastel artist, works on a drawing Saturday during the Second Annual Cranberry Lake Regional Art Show.

Mass., has been fascinated by butterflies since he was a child and has been photographing them for decades. He has

a summer residence in Cranberry Lake.

Several people stopped at his table to admire his pho-

tographs and look through butterfly calendars he creates each year. One was filled exclusively with photos of Adirondack butterflies. "It's surprising to me how many people are interested in butterflies," he said Saturday. "There's lots of enthusiasm and lots of questions."

Mr. Hoppo is also president of the 160-member Massachusetts Butterfly Club.

"It's a crazy group of people. They're smart, funny and tolerant of one another," he said.

Linda Belle, Fine, said several of her friends were showcasing their artwork.

"This is wonderful. It brings everyone out," she said. "There's so much amazing talent here."