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Basic Details:

What: **First Friday Fest** (a fun monthly downtown event)
Where: Historic Downtown Milton
When: **First Friday of every month 5:00pm – 8:00pm** (upcoming September 5th, 2008)

First Friday Fest

MILTON – The Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation, Inc. (SRACF) in the spirit of cooperation and in its mission to vitalize, promote and enhance the arts and culture in our county, supports and announces “First Friday Fest” offered in historic downtown Milton. Businesses of downtown Main Street Milton will extend their hours of operation from 5-8pm with live entertainment, special displays or demonstrations by artists, inventory specials and general welcome of activity to the public.

After the hustle and bustle of your work week, we turn up the music, light up the town, cruise in our classic cars all to bring you an opportunity to shop, dine and stroll in historic downtown Milton to experience it small town “working together charm”. On a beautiful night, you may want to extend your stroll to our Veteran’s Memorial Park or enjoy a quiet romantic stroll along our beautiful Blackwater River boardwalk.

This month’s First Friday Fest on September 5th will include the following artists and their works at these venues along Willing Street, Hwy 90 and other downtown cross streets: Carla Milam/paintings and Jennifer Morgan/abstracts at Ameriprise; Belinda Cook/jewelry at Southern Ladies; Sandra and Jim/jewelry at Shabby Schex; Lisa Cotton/mosaics at Polka Dots; Madison Mitchell/paintings and drawings at River Bank; Joyce Beasley/oil paintings at the River Bank Art Gallery; Darcy Payne/works in silver and turquoise at Jim Berry/pen and ink drawings and pine baskets at Greg Evers Office; Deborah Voizin/introspective modern graphic artist and photographer at the hall leading to the Mud Pitt; Virginia Edmonds/author-Civil War novelist at the Museum of Local History; and Jeff Wheelock/wood carvings, Shari McAlarney/glass art and Lyn Crossman/Vintage Guitar-Musician/Appraiser at the Old Post Office Antiques. The Old Post Office Antiques will also feature Alma R. Moates, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, PAAQT member, for onsite written or verbal appraisals.

Juried Watercolor Artists will be featured at the Dragonfly Gallery located on Escambia Street directly behind Main Street Café starting September 2nd through the 27th. The Dragonfly Gallery is the mission of the Santa Rosa Art and Culture Foundation created specifically to help Artists

promote their works of art by giving them a place to showcase their work, educate those interested in their medium by holding public workshops, and to house receptions for the Artists to meet and greet the public.

Back from Nashville to his homegrown roots right here in the Milton/Pace area, live acoustic country music entertainer, Rusty Whitfield, will perform his entire album of original music and songs at the Main Street Café between 7-8 pm. The audio will be turned up and the music will fill the air to add to the festivities of the night.

Other businesses such as Back Alley Gifts, All Seasons Curio Shoppe, Panther Computers, Riverwalk Hair, Copper Possum, and West FL RR Museum will all extend their hours of operation to support this event. Artists interested in future participation should contact First Friday Fest event chairman, Sarene Keiek at (850) 623-6245.

You deserve a break, so bring the family and come join the fun to experience our distinct small town charm with all its unique offerings. Experience Milton come back to life with activities such as these monthly First Friday Fest!

Respectfully submitted by,

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