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Autumn Arts Grapes and Grains Festival Registration Deadlines

The 31st Autumn Arts Grapes and Grains Festival is on Saturday, October 4th, but there are several upcoming registration deadlines just around the corner.

Submissions for the Fine Arts Show will be accepted through Friday, September 26th. Artwork will be categorized into three age groups: 7-12 years, 13-17 years, and 18 years and up. One cash award will be given to each category. The show is free to enter. Applications can be picked-up at the Recreation and Parks Department (615 South McClelland Street) or online at www.smartsfest.com.

All chalk artists 12 years and up are invited to participate in the Chalk Art Exposé. Individual artists or teams of two are welcome to create their masterpiece during the festival. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. All artwork produced must be family-friendly, portrait format and pre-approved by the Exposé Coordinator. The registration deadline is Friday, September 26th, and registration forms can be picked-up at the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department or online at www.smartsfest.com.

Get your running shoes ready for the 2nd Annual Catchin' Colors one-mile fun run. Run or walk the one-mile course and cross the "color zone" to a blitz of vibrant colors. The run starts at 11:00 a.m. at 420 South McClelland Street and registration is only \$20. Registrations will be accepted through Friday, October 3rd, and can be completed at the Recreation and Parks Department, online at www.active.com, or www.smartsfest.com. Day of the event registrations will not be accepted.

This year's festival pays tribute to Nat Fast, who built a legacy of creating community through art. Mr. Fast was a very talented artist and touched many lives over his five decades of teaching. Mr. Fast was also a founding member of the Santa Maria Arts Council and helped establish the area's first art festival.

Questions may be directed to the Recreation and Parks Department, 925-0951 ext. 260.

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