

Downtown Carlisle Ice Fest to feature memorial wall

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More than 70 different ice sculptures will be placed around downtown Carlisle for visitors viewing and picture taking pleasure as part of the 2019 Carlisle Ice Fest. The Ice-Art Festival will combine many events and activities in one weekend including the PNC Chili Cook-Off, a showing of the family movie HAPPY FEET, sponsored by M&T Bank, and so much more.

Memorial wall newest addition to event

DCA unveiled a new veteran's and community memorial wall exhibit that will be showcased at the Ice Art Fest. Scheduled for display February 8, 9, & 10, 2019. The wall, made completely out of crystal-clear ice, will grow in length and height as more veteran's associations, family members and community members invest in the monument with names of loved ones, community supporters and local groups. The wall will be in front of a 6' tall patriotic ice sculpture of an American Eagle, with colored shooting stars and flag like ice carvings.

The Memorial Ice Wall came from discussions on how to get larger sculptures created while engaging more community participation. "We are in our third year, and while individual sculptures have grown, we really wanted to do something unique for the community, and veterans" stated Larenda Twigg, Ice Art Fest Chair. "This seemed to be a great way to allow the community to become more engaged in the festival and honor family

and friends who have meant so much,” she continued.

“This is something new in ice festivals”, stated Glenn White, Executive Director of the Downtown Carlisle Association. “A crowd-funded sculpture like this is unique in that the more people contribute the larger it will be.” The DCA is quick to note also that names on the wall do not need to be deceased but anyone the community is proud to honor. “We hope to see family names, sports teams, public officials, churches, and anyone else who is proud of Carlisle and our community” concluded White.

The Memorial Wall will be on display at Veteran’s Courtyard, next to the Old Courthouse at the corner of Hanover and High Street.

Most sculptures will be pre-carved and delivered by Ice Concepts from Hatfield PA. Other showcase sculptures will include an Ice Throne located at the Square, a working Ice Bar sponsored and located at Comfort Suites patio.

COOK-OFFS AND GEMS

In addition to the Ice Sculptures there will be a Chili Cook-Off & Beer Tasting on Saturday, February 9th from 1 – 5 pm at the parking lot of the Cumberland County Human Resources office across the alley from the Gingerbread Man. Find more information at www.lovecarlisle.com.