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Get out of the heat and drop by the Museum for our Family Art Activity: Whimsical Wire Sculpture

Huntsville, AL—The Huntsville Museum of Art is pleased to present a **Drop-in Family Art Activity:** *Whimsical Wire Sculpture* on **Sunday, July 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.** The activity will allow children and family members to create a free-standing, three-dimensional sculpture using wire and modeled "clay" pieces. Participants will learn about balance, spatial relationships, color, shape and form. All materials will be provided.

The activity is inspired by the Museum's current exhibition *The Red Clay Survey*, a recurring juried exhibition open to emerging and established artists in 11 Southern states. In its eleventh presentation, the exhibit is currently on view now through **September 16, 2012**.

In addition to participating in the Drop-in Family Art Activity, the Museum invites families to check out its **Stender Family Interactive Galleries**. The Interactive Galleries provide a fun hands-on experience for all ages, young and old.

Opened in November 2010 as part of the Davidson Center for the Arts expansion project, the Interactive Galleries are made up of two sections: the **Art Lab** and **A Walk Through Time**.

The **Art Lab** teaches young students the basic elements of art. The lab has separate areas with different activities, including ones which relate to color, line, shape, and texture and activities inspired by artist M.C. Escher for children and adults to test their math skills. A favorite among visitors is the giant color wheel where kids can mix colors utilizing light from a floor-to-ceiling window, which overlooks Big Spring International Park.

From the Art Lab, visitors can enter a cave to begin their journey back in **A Walk Through Time**. People of all ages will enjoy learning about Paleolithic art, ancient cultures, the Italian Renaissance, the French Impressionists, and Modern Art in New York City. These two Interactive Galleries are a definite must-see on any hot summer day.

The Drop-In Family Art Activity is recommended for children ages 3 and up. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The program is **FREE** to Museum members. Non-members will be charged general admission.

Admission is \$8 for adults; \$7 for military, students, teachers and seniors with a valid ID; and \$4 for children ages 6-11. Admission for children under 6 and Museum members is **FREE**.

The Huntsville Museum of Art is closed on Mondays. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended hours on Thursdays until 8 p.m. The Museum is also open Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

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