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FESTIVAL DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

Amy L. Marberger

Long's Park Festival Director

Volunteer Amy L. Marberger has guided the Long's Park Art & Craft Festival since 2007 when she was named managing director of the fine art and craft show. After teaming with artistic director Donna Stephen Reinaker that initial year, she assumed sole direction of the show in 2008.

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For many years Amy Marberger was one of the most dedicated volunteers at the Long's Park Art & Craft Festival. She proved her mettle in 2005 when a torrential downpour flooded much of the park and she was christened "Mulch Queen," as she stood tall in the back of a dump truck, shoveling rain-absorbing mulch to wet exhibitors. In 2005, she joined the Long's Park Amphitheater Foundation board. In 2006, she served on the planning group for the Festival's first Breakfast in the Park benefit.

When not volunteering at Long's Park, Marberger is a commercial insurance agent and assistant to the president at the Martin Insurance Agency in Millersville. The Red Lion resident graduated from Millersville University and was a former member of Lancaster Sertoma Club.

The Long's Park Art & Craft Festival was founded in 1979 as the primary revenue source for the regionally renowned Long's Park Summer Music Series. Over the years it has grown in size and reputation. This year more than 1,000 artists and craftspeople from 47 states, the District of Columbia and 3 foreign countries vied to be one of the show's coveted 200 exhibitors. Upwards to 20,000 guests from across the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond are expected to attend the show September 4 through 7, 2009.

The volunteer-driven event is supported by just one salaried staff member.