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CHEROKEE TRIANGLE

Sculptor ready for 'rite of spring'

After tragic fire, he's set for show

By Martha Elson
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Each year when the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair rolls around, metal sculptor Dave Caudill loads up his truck and drives about three blocks to set up his exhibit area in Willow Park.

Caudill — whose work is displayed in public spaces and galleries and collections around the country — will be back this weekend when the 37th annual fair takes over the park the weekend before the Derby.

"It's a rite of spring," Caudill, 57, said last week at his home on Willow Avenue, which has a flower and sculpture garden in front where he experiments with exhibiting his free-flowing, stainless steel works.

This year, spring and the fair have added significance as Caudill recovers from a fire in January that destroyed his studio at the LAVA House, 927 Shelby Parkway in the Germantown and Shelby Park area.

His work assistant, Bill Christie, 65, a night watchman who lived at LAVA House, died after being pulled from the burning structure. It was an exhibit and gathering place for artists with Louisville Assembly of Vanguard Art.

Caudill's grief and loss have been tempered by the generosity of his neighbors, Mark Kaser and wife Libby Alexander, who let Caudill set up a fabrication studio in the metal shop at their business, Lee Door Products, off Preston Highway south of Fern Valley Road.



Metal sculptor Dave Caudill has a flower and sculpture garden in front of his home on Willow Avenue. His studio was in the LAVA House, which burned down last winter.

By Matt Stone,
The Courier-Journal

IF YOU GO

Cherokee Triangle Art Fair and "Music Mania"

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Where: Willow Park at Willow Avenue and Cherokee Parkway.

Music: 1:30 to 3:30 (Zydeco Bon) and 4 to 8 (Another Mule) on Saturday; 1 to 3 (King Sonic) and 3:30 to 5:50 (Walker & Kays) on Sunday.

After hearing about the fire, Kaser recalled, "I said, 'Come on out and set up camp.'"

"It enabled me to walk in and start working," Caudill said.

He's currently creating a large-scale, abstract stainless steel public sculpture that's to be installed next month in Lafayette, Ind.

His fire losses included thousands of dollars worth of tools and materials. "I lost pieces that were almost done," he said. "But clients have been very patient and understanding. At another point in my life, I would have been out of business."

Caudill had worked out of his garage in the early

part of his career but now needs a much bigger space. He has been in the Triangle for about 16 years, after moving from Bonnycastle.

His wife, Jo Ann Harrison, is a retired social worker and gardener, and they have a son in Chicago. Dave Caudill said he draws artistic inspiration from the Triangle — "a place of great natural beauty" — and considers all of it to be an extension of Cherokee Park.

He describes his works as having "lyrical forms" that are "like visual music to me." He also has pieces at the Louisville Zoo, St. Francis School in Goshen, the University of Louisville School of Music, the Crescent Hill library branch, the Lexington Arboretum and the University of Kentucky's Singletary Center for the Arts.

His work also is in the corporate collections of Brown-Forman, Republic Bank and the Waterfront Development Corp. His biographical information at www.caudillart.com says his recent commissions include development of the spirit of Peace Award presented to former first lady

Rosalynn Carter and singer Judy Collins for their efforts to support mental health.

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At the fair, "I see a lot of people that I haven't seen for a long time," and their Derby guests get acquainted with his work.

DAVE CAUDILL, metal sculptor