

Crowds descend on Festival of Ice

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Harrow's population exploded on Saturday, with over 1,000 people attending the 7th Annual Colio Estate Wines Festival of Ice.

A non-stop stream of people descended on Colio winery to see ice, chocolate and wood carved into works of art – and to taste some culinary treats.

Ice sculpturing teams

from Canada and the United States competed for cash prizes, creating icy works of art in the theme of "Wild Kingdom."

This year, top honours went to an ice carving of a large butterfly, complete with 2-foot-long antennae, created by members of the Ice Club team from Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Michigan – Jeff Prather and Jeremy Carey,

and their assistant Kevin Eckert.

A number of different ice sculptures were done by members of the Ice Sculpturing Team of Eastern Michigan University, including an icy winged statue of Pegasus by William Rose, a giraffe by David Kurth and Emily Kleopfer, and a Coca Cola Polar Bear by Nick Bence and Jeff Kurth. Also from the U.S., Detroiters Brian Swift and Durjon Morris returned to create their own icy animal sculptures.

Also returning this year, Harrow resident Andreas Erdmann, a chef by trade, created an impressive wall of ice carved with animals.

Besides sweet ice-wine sampling for the adults, other main events included chocolate carving, wood-carving, and a dessert table complete with a milk chocolate fountain.

Harrow woodcarver Paul Chittle demonstrated his handiwork, carving intricate details into wood at a demonstration table inside the winery.

A capable ice carver, Sanjit Sinha, a chef at Casino Windsor, left the ice alone this year to concentrate on his chocolate



Icy interest – Created from a block of ice by Julian Bayley from Icculture Inc. of Hensall, Ontario, a wild stallion greeted over 1,000 visitors to the Festival of Ice.



BIG BUG – Visitors to Colio Winery admire a large icy butterfly, the winning entry in Colio's 7th Annual Festival of Ice carved by members of the Ice Club from Dearborn's Henry Ford Community College.

carving. "It weighs about 14 pounds," said Sinha, speaking of his delectable carved

lion. Sinha said chocolate is easier to carve than ice, more forgiving.

"Chocolate you can fix, unless you eat it of course," he said.

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For those dreaming of a career in acting, modeling, singing or dancing, talent scout Pat Jarosz will be looking to recruit a few fresh faces Feb. 17 at the Essex Community Centre from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Those selected will advance to a finals competition Feb. 24 at the Downtown Chatham Centre.

New York based Elite Modeling Agency will be sending a representative to

look for the next Canadian supermodel. Montage Modeling Agency will be sending a representative to look for kids, preteens, teens and adults to feature in TV commercials, film, catalogues and magazines. Highrise Magazine's editor-in-chief Cynthia Cully will be recruiting models to feature in fashion editorials.

There are no fees for the preliminary competition. A registration and seminar fee

of \$35 will be charged for the finals in Chatham.

The finals will be held on a stage, similar to a fashion show performance. All entrants will be wearing the same outfit. After the competition, all entrants will be contacted by telephone and informed of the judges' decision. A winner may be provided with representation in the talent business.

For more information, call Pat Jarosz at 705-429-4727.

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