

# Festivals

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In April, Slate Belt Rising received a donation of seven kayaks from Edge of the Woods Outfitters in Delaware Water Gap. The kayaks contained cracks and holes therefore they were no longer able to be used for recreational purposes. Slate Belt Rising, together with Portland Borough decided to re-purpose these kayaks and use them as streetscape décor by having murals painted on them.

Each kayak will feature a different theme/scene all of which will be related to Portland and their identity as a river town. The first kayak was unveiled this past weekend at Delaware Riverfest. Local artist Sarah Lanier has been hired to complete the projects and we look forward to what she comes up with next! Slate Belt Rising sponsors and partners include Waste Management, Fidelity Bank, ESSA Bank & Trust, Fulton Bank, and the County of Northampton.

Bangor's Plant Fest was a first for an event on Broadway Sunday. Vendors had unique ideas on how to present plants and had many different species.

My wife and I bought a nice 2ft vertical plant from POTS Plants on the Sill for our newly remodeled kitchen for only \$35. It was nice to see some of the vendors giving customers recommendations on what plants will do well in their environment, watering and sunlight.

Other vendors were selling health and wellness products and one of them was giving free massages. Local honey was available also, they say if you have allergies you can cut the symptoms by 50% by using it.

