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Youngsters will be able to learn about birds and build their own bird houses today in Mount Vernon at the Arts-on-Third Festival 2000 on Third Street between First and Fifth Avenues from 1 to 6 p.m.

The fair is part of a continuing effort to turn Third Street into an arts-oriented district of galleries and boutiques.

The birdhouse project was the idea of several people, including Donna May, who works for an entertainment company, and her father, Henry A. May, a retired vocational education teacher.

"Kids listen, they look, they learn about these lovely creatures," Mr. May said. "They also get the satisfaction out of making something."

All materials -- wood, nails, tools, paint, birdseed -- were donated by local merchants. Representatives of the Westchester Audubon Society will be on hand to answer questions. Adults are encouraged to help young children, but Mr. May warned, "Every adult must be accompanied by a child." LYNNE AMES

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