



VOLUNTEER FOR ART'S SAKE AT THE SOOKE FINE ARTS SHOW

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Sooke, BC – April 6, 2023 – Volunteer with the 2023 Sooke Fine Arts Show!

Are you looking for a fun and social way to support the Sooke art community without a long-term time commitment? The Sooke Fine Arts Show (SFAS) has volunteer positions for all ages and experience levels—from youth to seniors—on a variety of friendly and dedicated show teams. Volunteers choose time commitments that work for them, from a single shift to multiple days in a row - making it an easy fit with a school or work schedule.

Through their passion and commitment, SFAS volunteers help to create a sensational arts event that welcomes local artists, art lovers, and the art 'curious' to a spectacular gallery at Sooke's SEAPARC arena. The diversity of opportunities to help at the Show give volunteers a unique perspective from which to see the show and experience art, making it an ideal opportunity for youth interested in building connections and learning about the local artistic community.

Volunteer positions include everything from show setup and admissions to greeters, gift shop construction and light bulb installation. Can't make it out? There's even a role for home bakers to create snacks for the volunteer teams.

"The Sooke Fine Arts Show makes me feel like I'm part of something huge and very important," says SFAS Volunteer Coordinator Gunny Tennesse. "It's a wonderful phenomenon for our whole community and the bonus is being a member of a unique family of volunteers dedicated to nothing but putting on an amazing art show. It's beyond special!"

Shannon Lee Rae, SFAS Design Team Lead agrees. "Sooke Fine Arts connects me with a community of like-minded people who share my passion for the arts. I not only work with these people but have made some amazing friends. It's wonderful when you can combine philanthropy with friendship!"

Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to the 2023 Show Kickoff Meeting on Saturday, April 15 from 1:30 - 3:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 1962 Murray Rd, Sooke. To learn more about volunteer opportunities please visit sookefinearts.com/volunteering or contact the SFAS office at 250-642-7256.

“Our volunteers are integral to the Show, and we couldn’t do it without them,” says Terrie Moore, Executive Director of the SFAS. “Last year was the first time we had the show back in-person since 2019, and our volunteers brought the energy and enthusiasm that made the event a complete joy to be a part of. We can’t wait to bring back that feeling of excitement and community connection in 2023.”

The Sooke Fine Arts Show is a live visual arts festival from July 29 through August 7 and includes a gallery of juried art works from BC Islands’ artists as well as live music, demonstrations, talks, guided tours, and activities for youth, family, and seniors. The festival kicks off July 28, 2023, with the exclusive Purchasers’ Preview Night.

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Important Dates

- SFAS 2023 Kickoff Meeting: Saturday, April 15 at 1:30 - 3:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 1962 Murray Rd, Sooke. See sookefinearts.com/event/2023-kick-off
- SFAS art submissions: Call to Artists is open now and closes midnight Thursday, June 1, 2023. See sookefinearts.com/artist-information
- Purchasers’ Preview Night: July 28, 2023. \$45 tickets go on sale in May and include show access and refreshments. Buy online at www.sookefinearts.com
- Sooke Fine Arts Show: July 29 through August 7, 2023, at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke, BC

About us

The Sooke Fine Arts Show and Sale is a volunteer driven, community-proud event with a 37- year history of showcasing art and culture of the region. It draws visitors from the local area, from the Lower Mainland, across Canada, the US and abroad to enjoy and celebrate the unique culture of Sooke and BC’s coastal area.

Sooke Fine Arts Society respectfully acknowledges that we live, work, and create on the traditional territory of the T’Sou-ke First Nation, and we are grateful to be in this beautiful place.

The Sooke Fine Arts Society is a not-for-profit, federally registered charity #R852375765RR0001.

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