



SOOKE FINE ARTS RETURNING AS LIVE SHOW

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This summer, the Sooke Fine Arts Show will be returning to SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke with live events and an in-person gallery. The 2022 Show will continue its 36-year legacy of showcasing exceptional original artworks from Vancouver Island and BC's Coastal Island artists from July 21st through August 1st.

For the last two years the Sooke Fine Arts Show has been a virtual event while the organization and the world adjusted to doing everything online. This made the Show accessible to new audiences from as far away as Morocco and Australia, and the Sooke Fine Arts Society (SFAS) will continue these connections by having an online gallery of the art pieces displayed at the in-person Show.

"Planning and organizing is well underway as we keep in mind flexibility and adaptability to respond to ever-changing circumstances," says SFAS President Elaine Thrale. "We are excited to be doing a live show again and reuniting with our fantastic supporters in the local arts community."

Under the expert guidance of returning show designer, Bob Preston, the 2022 Fine Arts Show will once again see the SEAPARC arena transformed into a spectacular, 16,000 square foot gallery of curated art works from Salish Sea Island artists. The Show's many volunteers will help create the dynamic arts event, including a gallery of over 350 art works, and live music performances, artist talks and demos, docent tours, and the popular Seniors' Tea and Art4Kidz programs. It all kicks off with the Purchasers' Preview Event on July 21, 2022, where keen art lovers will have the first in-person glimpse at the gallery. The live Show opens to the public on July 22 and continues until August 1. The Show's online gallery can also be viewed during that time.

"It's been a challenging two years for those in the arts and we've missed these kinds of events that bring the community together," says Executive Director, Terrie Moore. "We're working hard to include as many of the show's live elements as possible while keeping the safety of our volunteers, guests, artists and our community top of mind. We're excited to

welcome back artists and art lovers to our show!"

Artists are encouraged to submit their works online starting March 15 at www.sookefinearts.com.

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The Sooke Fine Arts Show and Sale is a volunteer driven, community-proud event with a 36-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.

SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 0Y3

Call to Artists: open online March 15 through May 24 at www.sookefinearts.com

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2019 Sooke Fine Arts Show – photo by Serena Haley Photography



Morning Surprise, by David Hunwick; photo by Shannon Lee Rae 2019



2019 Artist Demonstration – Serena Haley Photography



Doug Farr, Musician – Serena Haley Photography, 2019