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### **Daily Schedule of Special Events Make 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show Sparkle**

**Sooke, BC – July 16** – This year, a series of daily events will add fun and diversity to the 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show. Events this year range from afternoon tea and art demonstrations to wine and scavenger hunts. Plus, of course, art and music.

The show will host two senior teas, on Monday, July 28 and Friday, August 1 from 2-4pm. Any senior who wishes to partake in an elegant, afternoon tea served especially for them is invited to attend. Teas are sponsored by Island Hearing, , Drs. Morin and Joslin, Dr. Chris and Laura Bryant, and Hallgren & Faulkner.

Kids will have a special treat, as well. Tuesday afternoon, July 29 from 2-4 pm, kids are invited to join in a game of “Find the Art” in the gallery. Any child who completes the hunt will receive a prize. Of course, children under 12 always receive free admission when accompanied by an adult.

Thursday evening, July 31, from 7-9pm, everyone is invited to join hosts Bruce and Linda MacMillan of Remax Camuson and Totangi Properties for “A Taste of Sooke” evening with wine and treats from local restaurants. On the final Saturday night of the show, August 2, put on your dancing shoes and join the ten piece, all-woman dance band “Wine and Roses” for the evening.

In 2008, the Artist in Attendance program has been greatly expanded. Every day during the show, up to six artists will demonstrate their work for the public. Two artists will be sharing their expertise from 11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm, and 6pm-8pm daily, with everything from watercolour technique to fabric art to photography demonstrated and explained. Many artists will also bring small projects for visitors to try.

The gift shop has also expanded its offerings. Artists from the Artist in Attendance program may have smaller pieces of their work for sale in the shop, plus the shop will carry giclée art, its popular variety of art cards produced by show artists, and a fun line of 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show logo products.

The Bistro will be open throughout the show from 10am-8pm selling coffee and tea, soft drinks and a changing variety of snack and luncheon items. Patrons can enjoy their food inside the show arena, while listening to one of the sixteen different musical performance groups playing during the show.

Find the 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke. The show opens at 10am, Saturday July 26 and runs for ten days through Monday, August 4, closing daily at 9pm, except for August 4, closing at 6pm. Tickets during the show may be purchased at the door for \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, with children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Event information is available at

[www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com) .

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### Backgrounder

The Sooke Fine Arts Society presents the Sooke Fine Arts Show, the premier juried fine arts show on Vancouver Island, each summer. The Society, a volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 2006, promotes awareness of the visual arts and appreciation for local artists from Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands.

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