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Raffle and Auction Action at the 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show

Sooke BC – July 10 – This summer the 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show brings back an old Fine Arts Show tradition, the Silent Auction, with a new twist. It will also continue the tradition of a raffle of three fine art pieces produced by local artists. All totaled, 16 pieces of art have been donated to raise funds for the Sooke Fine Arts Society, producer of the show.

The raffle will offer three stunning works of art donated by artists from the Sooke area. Artist Bev Petow is providing one of her metal sculptures, while weaver Barb Sinclair has donated a multi-colored, natural fibre throw. Wood artist Phoebe Dunbar has carved one of her large, yellow cedar bowls. Tickets for the raffle are \$2.00 each, or three for \$5.00, and are available only at the show.

The silent auction will work a bit differently this year. First, there are three larger works available for bid during the entire run of the show. A painting by well-known BC impressionist artist Mike Svob will be auctioned, along with a tapestry by Linda Thompson and a painting donated from the collection of Lloyd and Treacy Reddington. These pieces will be available to bid on for the entire show.

All auction bidding will be by secret bid, and show visitors may enter as many bids as they desire at the show. In case of a tied winning bid, a blind draw of the winning bid entries will determine the final winner.

To make more art available to both visitors and locals, a different, smaller piece will be auctioned every day. "Offering the auction art will add a bit of daily excitement to the show," says Evonne Black, Committee Chair for 2008. "People who are visitors to the region will be able to participate and take home any piece that they win, even if their visit is a short one."

For the daily auction, secret bidding closes at 8pm each day and the winning bid will be announced at that time. Art for this part of the auction has been donated by ten island artists: Chief Tony Hunt, Bobbi Momsen, Veronica Stewart, Linda Thompson, Craig Hellemond, Debbie Clarkson, Faith Livingstone, Sheila Beech, Noreen Schmuck and Maureen Savoy.

The three, ten-day auction pieces, plus the three raffle prizes will be awarded at the close of the show on August 4. This year, the show will be offering shipping arrangements, so even tourists from far away can win and easily arrange for their prizes to be shipped home.

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. Event information is available at www.sookefinearts.com .

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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