

Register online for Sooke Fine Arts Show

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The Sooke Fine Arts Society is pleased to announce online registrations to the 2012 Sooke Fine Arts Show are now under way.

Artists are invited to submit digital images of their artwork for consideration in the annual summer art show, a 10-day celebration of the visual arts that draws 8,000 visitors and art patrons to Sooke.

For the first time in the show's 26-year history, registration and submission of artwork is entirely digital: artists can register online at www.sookefinearts.com, and submit digital images of their artwork for adjudication. This advance is part of the show's continued commitment to creating a more streamlined process for artists, as well as opening the field to artists in the more remote areas of Vancouver Island and B.C.'s coastal islands.

"Converting to a digital entry system provides endless opportunities and allows us to truly represent all coastal artists," said Linda Teneycke with the show's adjudication team. "This innovative change puts us in the forefront for art shows."

Prizes totaling \$12,000 will be awarded to outstanding pieces from a variety of categories and media, including two and three-dimensional artwork photography, fibre, jewellery, glass and ceramics, as well as mixed media.

In addition to a 16,000 square foot gallery of original, regional fine art, visitors to the show will enjoy daily live musical performances, and can take part in a number of special events:

- Purchaser's Preview – a ticketed, gala evening for art patrons offering a preview of art selected for the show,
- Taste of Sooke – a savoury selection of dishes and beverages offered by Sooke's culinary community,
- Artz4Re-Fashion – a fashion show featuring innovative and upcycled materials, coordinated by Frederique Phillip,
- Artz4Kids – nurturing the interest and talent of the next generation of artists,
- Artist Demonstrations – hands-on demonstrations of the many techniques, media and substrates used by show artists.

Artists may register and submit their artwork via the Sooke Fine Arts website at www.sookefinearts.com until midnight, May 25.

The Sooke Fine Arts Show is an exciting opportunity for artists from Vancouver Island and all of B.C.'s coastal islands, including Haida Gwaii, to exhibit their work for show and sale. Over 500 artists annually submit more than 1,200 pieces of artwork for this professionally adjudicated art show - the largest on Vancouver Island - and from that work, nearly 400 pieces are selected for exhibition from many of the finest artists in the region.

The show takes place at the SEAPARC Leisure Centre, which undergoes a metamorphosis from sports arena to sophisticated art gallery. It opens to the public at 10 a.m. daily, from July 28– August 6.

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