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**The 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show Opens its Call For Artists
Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 show**

Sooke, BC – April 7 – The 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show is accepting applications from artists on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Applications with payment of submission fees must be postmarked by Friday, May 30, 2008. Artists may submit up to three works for consideration and possible jury selection for the ten-day show that runs from July 26 through August 4 this summer at the SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke.

This summer, the Sooke Fine Arts Show, the largest juried fine arts show on Vancouver Island, is showcasing original artworks in all areas. Artists are invited to submit diverse works, including paintings, sculpture, jewellery, photography and ceramics.

Over 350 Works of Art Presented in Last Year's Show

In 2007, the show opened under the auspices of the newly-created Sooke Fine Arts Society. Over 250 artists exhibited more than 350 separate works of art. Artists whose work is chosen to appear in the show also have the opportunity to provide gift cards and giclées for gift shop sales. The opportunity to demonstrate their art during the show is provided by the Artists-In-Attendance program. 2007 sales of original art, giclées, and cards from the gift shop totaled over \$90,000.

New Awards Available for the 2008 Show

Over \$10,000 dollars in award money is earmarked for the 2008 show. In addition to the usual categories of Best in Show, Best 2D, Best 3D, Juror's Choice, People's Choice and Children's Choice awards, several special categories of awards are offered. New categories this year include Best Ceramic Art and Best Jewellery. Best Photography, Best Work by a Native Artist and the Designer's Choice will also be given.

Registration Materials Available Now

Applications may be downloaded at www.sookefinearts.com on the Information for Artists page. Applications may also be requested by calling the 2008 Sooke Fine Arts Show office at 250-642-7256. Registrations, plus a \$10.50 application fee per piece must be postmarked by May 30. To be eligible, art must have been completed in the past 18 months and not shown in any other local art show. Full details are available with the application.

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 non-profit organization founded in 2006, promotes awareness of the visual arts and appreciation for local artists from Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands.

Backgrounder

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