

The arts are incredibly alive and well in Sooke



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The Appetite for Art exhibition by the Sooke Fine Arts Society was a huge success by all accounts.

With over 80 art/appetizer pairing, the results were incredibly thoughtful and the chefs out did themselves in creating their own art in the form of food.

This was a first for the SFAS and The Mix by Ric's and it will likely not be the last. Attendees strolled through the convention centre admiring the art, which ranged from wooden vessels by Phoebe Dunbar to photographs by Jack Most and paintings by Angela Menzies, and a whole host of other mediums by many local artists.

The 27th annual Sooke Fine Arts Show is already getting underway although the show dates are still in the distance, July 25 to August 4.

"Last year was an outstanding show, one-third of the artists were brand new to the Sooke Fine Arts Show," said Catherine Keogan, Executive Director for the SFAS. "It was really wonderful to bring a fresh look to the show.

Keogan said she wants to encourage artists to submit because "anything can happen."

Artists have been submitting works online since February 15. The end date for submissions is June 7 at 4 p.m. This year, more than \$12,000 in awards will be given in all seven media categories, as well as Juror's Choice, People's Choice, Children's Choice, Design Committee Award and the Jan Johnson Memorial Award for Social Commentary.

Submissions are welcome from artists across Vancouver Island and the coastal islands. If an artist has work not selected last year, they are welcome to submit again.

An independent panel of three jurors will review the submissions and select those pieces to be exhibited. The jurors are professionals in their fields and include curators, gallery owners, educators and working artists.

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