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New Awards Categories Announced for 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show

Sooke, BC – May 14 – Once again, the 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show will offer over \$11,000 in prizes for those selected by the jury in each of seven-plus categories. There are two new category designations this year: Best Ceramic or Glass entry and Best Fibre or Mixed Media entry.

“Last year we had a category for ceramics, but fibre, mixed media and glass arts all fell into the 3D art media classification,” said Evonne Black, Chair for the 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show. “As a show, we want to encourage many different forms of art, so we decided to add the Best Fibre or Mixed Media category in 2009.”

Glass art is a growing field as well. The show added glass into the ceramic category to further encourage artists in this expanding medium. “Each of the new, combined categories feature a \$1000 cash prize, as well,” added Black. “We are very pleased to be able to offer prizes for these new categories.”

In addition to the new categories, there will be awards for Best in Show, Best 3D, Best 2D, Best Photography, and Best Jewellery, plus Honorable Mention and Juror’s Choice Awards. All awards are decided by the jury panel, with the exception of the People’s Choice and Children’s Choice Awards, which are voted on by visitors to the show.

Applications are due postmarked by Friday, May 29. All information about the show can be found at www.sookefinearts.com, or by calling the office at 250-642-7256.

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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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