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### **Wine Tasting and the Paul Wainwright Band at the Sooke Fine Arts Show**

**Sooke, BC – July 23** –Saturday night August 1<sup>st</sup> the 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show offers a final evening special event to celebrate the long weekend. Sponsored by The Mortgage Company, The Art of Wine, A Tasting will run from 6 until 9 pm, with the Paul Wainwright Band adding a taste of jazz to the evening.

“Saturday night may well be the best wine bargain of the summer, at only \$10 for the tasting plus admission to the show,” said Elaine Taliaferro, chair of the Art of Wine Event. “We will be serving tastings of three excellent reds, including a fabulous Barbera d’alba La Pantafera from Italy, plus three superb whites.”

In addition to the tasting there is a cheese and wine pairing for \$5 a glass, with a choice of either red or white wine to sip while enjoying the art in the show. “Plus, everyone who does the tasting will receive a special tasting glass with the Sooke Fine Arts Society logo to use during the evening and to take home,” added Taliaferro.

Helping with the selection of the wines, and author of the extensive tasting notes for the show is sommelier Tatum Claypoole of Markus’ Wharfside Restaurant in Sooke. “Tatum truly loves wine, and enjoys sharing her excitement of a special wine. Her tasting notes are both accessible and fun,” said Taliaferro.

### **Paul Wainwright Band to Play**

From 7 until 9 pm there will be great music from the Paul Wainwright Band. “I always wanted to do funky, groove jazz since I was a kid,” says sax player Paul Wainwright. His band includes Thomas Kinzel on keyboard and Michael O’Leary on drums. All contribute to the groove-ability of the band’s unique sound.

“We hope to make the wine tasting a permanent fixture of the Sooke Fine Arts Show,” said Evonne Black, chair of the 2009 show. What better pairing than fine wines enjoyed in the company of fine art and great music?”

In addition, the Sooke Fine Arts Show offers two other special evening events. Thursday evening is the popular Taste of Sooke, with tastes from many Sooke region restaurants from 7 until 9 pm, followed by Friday night’s Artz4Youth evening from 6:30 until 9 pm. Both of these events are free with admission.

The show runs daily through Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Regular show hours are 10 am until 8 pm daily (6 pm on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>). The show will be open until 9 pm for special event evenings. Entry to the show is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, with children under 12 free. Weeklong passes are \$12. Admission is only \$5 during Artz4Youth evening. Further information and directions are available at [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com), or by calling 250-642-7256.

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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