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The 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show Offers Two New Art Classes

Sooke, BC – July 9 – This year the Sooke Fine Arts Show is doing three new special events in conjunction with the Victoria College of Art & Design. The first, Artz4Boomers is an art appreciation short-course and tour of the show occurring the day before the doors open to the public, Friday, July 24 from 10 am until noon.

The Artz4Boomers tour will be guided by Paul Peregall, portrait artist and international expert in contemporary paintings from the College. He will discuss various techniques used in the art on display, and encourage questions and discussion about the pieces. Admission to this tour opportunity is by donation. Demand for the tour is expected to be high, so pre-registration is required. Anyone wishing to register for this class may do so by calling and leaving a message at the Sooke Fine Arts Society (SFAS) office at 250-642-7256.

“The mini-course is aimed at the baby boom generation, as the name implies,” explains Evonne Black, President of the 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show. “The Victoria College of Art and Design has been generous in sponsoring two classes for the public to learn more about the process of creating art, as well as reaching out to the younger generation with their sponsorship of the Artz4Youth Evening.”

The Artz4Youth Evening is being planned for teens by teens. The evening will include a host of performances by local youth musicians and a focus on the art exhibited in the Youth Gallery. Attendees may also join in painting a large mural that will ultimately be displayed at Edward Milne High School in Sooke. A variety of snacks and sodas will be provided as well. Artz4Youth runs from 6:30 – 9 pm on Friday, July 31. Student admission for the evening is \$5 at the door.

The final class will be a sculpture workshop, taught by David Hunwick. Hunwick’s sculptures in bronze and other media can be found in both public and private collections throughout the UK, Canada, the US, Jersey and Australia. “Participants in this workshop will produce their own sculpture using cardboard and hot glue,” explained Evonne Black. “Because this is a hands-on workshop, enrollment is limited to the first ten people to register.” This fun and educational workshop is offered the final Sunday afternoon of the show, August 2nd from 2 – 4 pm. Registration is free by calling the SFAS office at 250-642-7256, the same as for the gallery tour.

For those who can’t wait, the first chance the public will have to view the show will be on Purchasers’ Preview Night which takes place on Thursday, July 23 from 5 - 10pm. Art lovers who attend the event have the first opportunity to purchase art while enjoying the musical stylings of the Marc Atkinson Trio, as well as an extensive selection of hors d’oeuvres and wine. Tickets may be purchased for \$25, and can be reserved in advance

by calling the SFAS office at the number above. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

The 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show will open to the public beginning at 10 am on Saturday, July 25th for 10 days, through the long weekend until Monday, August 3rd. Hours are 10 am – 8 pm daily (longer for special event evenings.) Information and directions are available at www.sookefinearts.com .

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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 the Gulf Islands.

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