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### **Youth Art Display at 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show**

**Sooke, BC – July 17** – This year a new set of artists will show their work in conjunction with the 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show. Students from Edward Milne School art program will be exhibiting their work in the Youth Art Display in the Bistro area during the show's ten-day run.

“Students chose pieces from their body of work for the year,” said Sue Garat, Edward Milne art teacher. “The kids, most 15 – 18 years of age, selected a total of 68 works for display,” explained Garat. Educational Assistant Susan Percival and Garat set up the display area showcasing the student work on newly constructed display boards.

“The Sooke Fine Arts Council and the RCMP both provided funding for the project,” said Percival. “Without the grant funds we would not have been able to build the display area.”

While none of the art in the Youth Display is juried, it is of extremely high caliber. Most of the students represented have had work displayed in at many as seven art shows and venues in the area. “Students display art twice a year in conjunction with school theater productions, show at Royal Roads University over Mother's Day Weekend, and show elsewhere in Sooke, and even in Langford at the school board offices,” said Garat.

All of the Youth Art on display will be available for sale, as well. “The sale will be administered separately from the Fine Arts Show sales,” explained Percival. “Anyone wishing to purchase a student work may do so by contacting me. I will then contact the student about the sale.” Full information about the sales process will be available at the Youth Art Display.

“We are very excited to include a venue for the art of these up-and-coming young artists in our community,” said Evonne Black, 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show Chair. “We fully expect to see some of their works in the juried show in the future.” The Youth Art Display will be on exhibit beginning on Purchasers' Preview Night on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and will remain on display through the end of the show on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### 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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