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### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR 2009 SOOKE FINE ARTS SHOW NEARS**

**Sooke, BC – May 1** – The deadline for submission applications for the 2009 Sooke Fine Arts Show is coming up fast. Artists must have their applications postmarked by Friday, May 29 to be considered.

Any practicing artist from Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands can submit up to three works of art for adjudication. Art can be either 2-D or 3-D, and can be in any medium.

“We encourage artists who work in every medium, including newer or experimental media, to enter their work,” said Bev Petow, member of the SFA Board of Directors, and herself a metal sculptor who uses recycled car parts extensively in her own work. “The Sooke Fine Arts Show has a tradition of showing a wide spectrum of mediums.” In the 2008 show, the co-Best of Show Awards went to pieces from vastly different media: an oil painting done with classical technique and to a papier mache’ dress.

Awards will be presented in many categories, including Best of Show, Best 2-D, Best 3-D, Photography, Ceramic/Glass, Jewellery and Fibre/Mixed Media.

Many artists attended the Grand Opening of the new Sooke Fine Arts Office earlier this month and were able to pick up their applications in person while having a taste of wine and hors d’oeuvres supplied by Sushi by the Sea. Those who could not make it to the office can still print their applications off from the website at [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com) , or call 250-642-7256 and request that application be mailed to them.

All art must have been completed in the last eighteen months and not shown in another show. An application fee of \$10.50 is required for every piece entered. Work will be dropped off for adjudication on the weekend of June 27-28, at the SEAPARC Arena at 2168 Phillips Road in Sooke, so artists have another month beyond the application deadline to complete their work.

Last year, 370 pieces of art produced by over 250 different artists were accepted into the show. All art accepted into the show is for sale to the public. Artists displaying in the show also have the opportunity to place smaller items, posters, art cards and giclee’ reproductions in the gift shop. If accepted, a hanging fee of \$40 per piece is required.

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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