

# A SWARM OF ARTISTS

Outdoor creation is the focus of Cannon Beach's ninth annual Plein Air & More arts festival

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Strictly translated, the term “en plein air” refers to the tradition of artists painting outdoors, where they can observe and incorporate how the air, shadows and light affect their subject.

The Cannon Beach Gallery Group takes a less stringent approach to the term during its annual Plein Air & More arts festival, which applies the concept of publicly crafting artwork outdoors to a number of mediums, creating a more robust, varied experience.

The ninth annual festival will take place Friday through Sunday, June 23 through 25, in Cannon Beach. During that time, more than 30 artists — mostly from the Pacific Northwest — will create art on location throughout town.

“The gallery group invented this (festival) as a chance to engage people with a type of artwork much of the public would not be familiar with,” said Jim Kingwell, of Cannon Beach’s Icefire Glassworks. “Generally, getting this many galleries to cooperate is an unusual event in towns. It’s so much a character of this town. Each gallery has a distinct difference, and you see a joint cooperative effort instead of a competitive effort.”

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Anton Pavlenko, a plein air oil painter, works on an art piece during last year's Plein Air & More festival, put on by the Cannon Beach Gallery Group. Pavlenko, represented by the DragonFire Gallery, is one of four nationally recognized artists conducting a workshop in the couple days leading up to this year's ninth annual Plein Air & More festival.



Multimedia wildlife artist Dan Chen, represented by the Bronze Coast Gallery, will be back at the Cannon Beach Gallery Group's ninth annual Plein Air & More festival.

## GALLERIES AND PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

**Archimedes Gallery:** Nicole Gustafsson

**Bronze Coast Gallery:** Pamela Claflin, Dan Chen, Kristina Boardman

**Cannon Beach Gallery:** Christopher Perry, J. Scott Wilson, Sidone Caron

**DragonFire Gallery:** Joanne Shellan, Anton Pavlenko, Michael Orwick

**Icefire Gallery:** Jim Kingwell, Suzanne Kindland, Michelle Kaptur, Pamela Juett

**Imprint Gallery:** Angela Purviance, Lisa Wiser, Alisa Vernon, Mark Andres

**Jeffrey Hull Gallery:** Jeffrey Hull

**Jewelry By Sharon Amber:** Sharon Amber, Steven Amber-Voorheis

**Northwest By Northwest Gallery:** Jeff White, Ivan McLean, Tolley Marney, Cristina Acosta, Hazel Schlesinger

**White Bird Gallery:** Greatha Lindwood, Dave and Boni Deal, Robert Schlegel, Bev Drew Kindley, Josh Henrie