

Artists gather in Cannon Beach for Spring Unveiling Arts Festival, May 4–6

ART ON THE EDGE



"What We Reap We Sow" by Deborah DeWit

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There's something special about painting at the edge of the world. This concept inspires Wheeler-based artist Deborah DeWit, one of many artists who come to Cannon Beach to experience art on the coastal edge during the Spring Unveiling Arts Festival. Dozens of galleries and restaurants will showcase artists and art-inspired cuisine in the annual event — now in its 18th year — Friday, May 4, through Sunday, May 6.

DeWit first came to Cannon Beach to

show her work at White Bird Gallery more than 30 years ago. Her paintings and photographs often capture where the inner and outer worlds meet. Sometimes that means literally portraying a window, or someone walking through a door. Other times that "membrane of experience," as she calls it, is more abstract.

It's a notion she carried with her as she ventured away from the coast to pursue her career as an artist around the Pacific Northwest. But with a need for a life change, the perfect home going up for sale and the inspiration that comes with living at the coast, DeWit returned to the North Coast about seven years ago.



Deborah DeWit, a Wheeler-based artist