



COURTESY
CANNON
BEACH GALLERY
GROUP
Teagan White's
'Swallow,' at
Archimedes
Gallery

IF YOU GO

What: Plein Air & More arts festival

When: Friday, June 22, through Sunday, June 24

Where: Galleries and locations throughout Cannon Beach

GALLERIES AND PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

- Archimedes Gallery: Teagan White and Kelli MacConnell
- Bronze Coast Gallery: Dan Chen, Margret Short
- Cannon Beach Gallery: Sharon Abbott-Furze, Scott C. Johnson, Gary Lavarak, Hilma Josal
- DragonFire Studio & Gallery: Joanne Shellan, Anton Pavlenko, Michael Orwick, Dana Murray
- Icefire Glassworks: Jim Kingwell, Suzanne Kindland, Steve Krig
- Imprint Gallery: Mark Andres, Karen Croner, Jani Holberg, Kay Seurat, Catherine Grizes, Melanie West
- Jeffrey Hull Gallery: Jeffrey Hull
- Jewelry By Sharon Amber: Sharon Amber, Shelby Silver
- Northwest By Northwest Gallery: Hazel Schlesinger
- White Bird Gallery: Gretha Lindwood, Dave and Boni Deal, Josh Henrie, Debra Carnes, Marianne Post, Brooke Borcharding, Rachel Laura, Beverly Drew Kindley

An open art

From painting to pottery, Cannon Beach's Plein Air & More arts festival, June 22 to 24, revels in outdoor creation

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Popular memes like to poke fun at the French language's proclivity for wordy eloquence — employing accents and complex constructions, even while English evolves toward simplicity. In keeping with this tradition, the whimsical French phrase “en plein air” translates to the pithy English word “outside.”

In the art world, however, the phrase refers to a method of creating work, usually paintings, in outdoor conditions, subjected to the capriciousness of weather and the elements. One of the greatest challenges with this type of art comes from constantly shifting light conditions — clouds roll in, shadows morph, colors disappear.

Championed by French impressionist painters such as Claude Monet and Auguste Renoir, the “en plein air” approach contrasts with landscape paintings executed from the controlled environment of a studio.

Artists who enjoy “en plein air” thrive on the unique challenges, and Cannon Beach Gallery Group has created a festival devoted to the genre: Plein Air & More arts festival, taking place citywide Friday through Sunday, June 22 through 24.

Far from limiting them-



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Artist Boni Deal uses leaves and other elements from the surrounding environment to decorate the surfaces of the ceramics she creates with her husband, Dave.

selves to painters, however, the festival includes a wide variety of artists working at their craft — from glass blowing to stone sculpture, Raku pottery to printmaking. For the tenth straight year, you can see master craftspeople at work in a town deemed one of the “100 Best Art Towns in America.”

Throughout the week-end-long event, artists can be found near their representing galleries or in one of five locations: Whale Park, the courtyard between Spruce and Hemlock streets, the Coaster Theatre courtyard, Washington Street at Ocean Street, and Harrison Street at Ocean Street.