

Annual Cannon Beach art festival returns

Spring Unveiling Arts Festival set for Friday to Monday

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For longtime glass artist Jim Kingwell, owner of Icefire Glassworks, this year's upcoming Spring Unveiling Arts Festival will mean a long-anticipated reunion with the artist community he cherishes in Cannon Beach.

If You Go

Spring Unveiling Arts Festival
Thursday to Sunday, Cannon Beach
cannonbeach.org/events-and-festivals/arts-events/spring-unveiling-arts-festival/

"There are only a few times when all of the galleries do come together to focus on a particular theme to try to bring specific energy to the town," Kingwell said.

Since 2001, Cannon Beach galleries have come together during the festival to celebrate and display their featured artists' latest works.

Last year's festival went virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic. Each gallery showcased their featured artists' work in videos on Cannon Beach Gallery Group's website.

This year's participating galleries will feature a wide variety of artists, including bronze sculpture artist Georgia Gerber, wildlife artist Kathleen Sheard and painter Jeffrey Hull, among others.

Though the festival typically attracts a large audience, galleries will enforce social distancing precautions. Gallery directors will limit the amount of people in their galleries and require visitors to wear masks when inside.

"There won't be large receptions with food and wine as in the past but the art will be as good as ever," said Gary Hayes, a representative of the Cannon Beach Gallery Group.

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Cannon Beach Gallery will feature art by Rachel Laura.



Bronze Coast Gallery will feature art by Nathan Bennett.



Glassblown art by Jim Kingwell and other artists will be featured at Icefire Glassworks.

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