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The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is welcoming the community for the biggest art party of the year on July 20. Now in its thirty-second year the TD Art Gallery Paint-In on Moss Street, from Fort Street to Dallas Road, has grown to include over 190 artists.

On TD Art Gallery Paint In day, the AGGV opens at 10:00 a.m., the street will be hopping from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the fun will continue in the family (and dog!) friendly Beer Garden from 11 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

“For the past 13 years we have been proud to support the TD Art Gallery Paint-In, which is now considered Victoria’s pre-eminent event to showcase local artists and their work,” said Jamie McIntyre, District Vice President TD Bank Group, Vancouver Island.

The TD Art Gallery Paint In is one of the most important fundraisers of the year for the AGGV. Donations received at the Gallery and on Moss Street throughout the day go towards the costs of the event as well as supporting the AGGV’s incredible educational programs.

The free event draws more than 30,000 people and has something for everyone, including eight hands-on Imagination Stations. Even the pets are well looked after with doggy drink stations—and once again this year there is a chance for them to unleash their inner artist at the Creative Pet Station.

“The TD Art Gallery Paint In is a day-long celebration of Vancouver Island art and artists,” says AGGV director Jon Tupper. “We are looking forward to welcoming thousands of people from across the region to our neighbourhood, where we plan to bring art to the community for decades to come.”

During the day, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, at 1040 Moss St., is open by donation from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy current exhibitions, *Unformable Things: Emily Carr and Some Canadian Modernists; Throw, Slip, Spin: Studio Ceramics from the AGGV Collection; Blue Skies: Megan Dickie; Daniel Young & Christian Giroux: Film Path, Camera Path, with Under-titles; Matriarchs: Prints by First Nations Women and Imagining Fusang: Exploring Chinese and Indigenous Encounters.*

In the Massey Sales Gallery is the *Summer Small Works Show & Sale* offering affordable original art for sale from local artists.

The Family-friendly Beer Garden will be set up out front of the AGGV from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On-stage performances, beginning at Noon, include; Oscar & Arlene Steel Pan, original Canadiana with a tropical flair, indie-folk artist Steph MacPherson, dream pop performer Corduroy, Pastel Blank playing funky post-punk, and jangly indie pop performers, Bridal Party. Beverages will be offered from returning sponsors Lighthouse Brewing Company, Mission Hill Winery, Sea Cider Farm and Cider house and Victoria Soda Works.

There is also the promise of delicious food and drink along the street, including Ali Baba Pizza, Greek on the Street, Rogers’ Chocolates, Shatterbox Coffee Bar, Wannawafel, Victoria Oven and Lemon Heaven. New food vendors this year include Uni-corn Treats (gourmet popcorn) and Kattia’s Kitchen.

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Please note Moss St. will be closed to traffic from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and there is no parking on the street during the event. Event organizers encourage visitors to bus, walk or bike—bike parking is available at Central Middle School on Fort Street.

If you'd like to be a part of the "behind-the-scenes" action, you can sign up to volunteer at aggv.ca.

For more information, visit www.aggv.ca or call 250-384-4171.