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Art Gallery Paint- In

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The Art Gallery Paint-In Celebrates 37 Years on Saturday, July 18

On Saturday, July 18, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria invites the community to Vancouver Island's largest one-day festival of art, the 37th annual Art Gallery Paint-In. Attendees will enjoy the boundless creativity of Vancouver and Gulf Islands artists along Victoria's Moss Street, from Fort Street to Dallas Road, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The Art Gallery Paint-In, has grown significantly since it began in 1989, each year showcasing more artists with a broad range of disciplines including painting, sculpture, drawing, and ceramics. One of the largest art festivals of its kind in Canada, this year, over 180 artists will be participating.

Last year, the event drew 50,000 people of all ages, and again this year, will offer something for everyone: including six Imagination Stations for hands-on activities, festival information stations, numerous food vendors, beverage stations, and a Bosley's by Pet Valu Pet Station for furry companions.

"More than ever, we are grateful to the sponsors who have stepped forward to help us make the Art Gallery Paint-In an amazing day for participating artists and art-lovers. Reliance Properties have sponsored our volunteer program, placing a spotlight on the important role our volunteers play in making the event a success," says AGGV Director/CEO Nancy Noble. "Our partnership with MAC Reno-Design-Build, introduces an innovative approach to on-the-ground safety, helping to offset the escalating compliance costs of event security."

The Art Gallery Paint-In, is one of the most important community engagement events of the year for the AGGV. Donations received at the Gallery and on Moss Street throughout the day support the costs of the event and AGGV's educational programs.

Visitors can sit back and relax in the Art Gallery Paint-In's Family-Friendly Beverage Garden, sponsored by Shampoo Hair Bar, featuring beer from Hoyne Brewing, ciders from Sea Cider Farm & Cidery and a variety of beverages from Fizz Non-Alc Bottle Shop. The Beverage Garden is located in the AGGV parking lot and open from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm.

The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, located at 1040 Moss St. will be open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with admission by donation. The public are invited to enjoy the Permanent Collection Galleries, *A View From Here: Reimagining the AGGV Collections,* and the current summer exhibitions, *As waters merge – swaying waves beckoning us closer, Family Visits, From Brush to Block: Paintings and Prints by Imao Keinen and Kono Bairei and The Painted Life of E.J. Hughes.* The following free curator-guided tours will take place:

1:00-1:30 pm | *From Brush to Block: Paintings and Prints by Imao Keinen and Kono Bairei* with Dr. Heng Wu, AGGV Curator of Asian Art. Dr. Wu will give this tour in Mandarin.

2:00-2:30 pm | *Family Visits tour* with Toby Lawrence, AGGV Curator of Contemporary Art.

While at the Gallery, visitors can take in the *Summer Small Works* Show & Sale in the Massey Sales Gallery offering affordable original art by over 90 local artists, stop by the Gallery Shop that showcases and sells work by over 200 local artisans, and visit the *BIPOC Teen Art Residency* show.

Please note Moss Street will be closed to traffic from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and there is no parking on the street during the event. Visitors are encouraged to bus, walk or cycle -- bike parking is available at Central Middle School on Fort Street.

Art Gallery Paint-In Schedule:
11:00 am-4:00 pm Art on Moss Street
11:00 am-6:00 pm Gallery Open – Admission by donation
1:00 -2:30 pm FREE Exhibition Tours
11:00 am-6:00 pm *Summer Small Works* Show & Sale – over 90 local artists in the Massey Sales Gallery (Art Rental & Sales)
11:00am-6:00 pm Family-Friendly Beverage Garden

The Art Gallery Paint-In wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our sponsors: TD Bank Group, Reliance Properties, MAC Reno-Design-Build, Shampoo Hair Bar, Amica Senior Lifestyles, Jack 103.1 and The Ocean 98.5, 10 Acres Bistro Farm & Restaurants, Bosley's on Yates by Pet Valu, Opus Art Supplies, The Parkside Hotel & Spa and Prestige Picture Framing Etcetera. Special thanks to the City of Victoria.

Check out the Art Gallery Paint-In web page at Art Gallery Paint-In 2026 for more information and updates about the 2026 Art Gallery Paint-In.

The Art Gallery Paint-In Interactive Map can be found at: Art Gallery Paint-In Interactive Map 2026

The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is located on the traditional territories of the Lək^{w}əŋən peoples, today known as the X^{w}sepsəm and Songhees Nations. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on this territory.

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