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Welcome to the 60th Annual Anacortes Arts Festival

When we first started talking about our 60th Annual Festival plans a few years ago, we certainly didn't imagine that we would be planning in the midst of a global pandemic. The support that we've received from our community this last year has been tremendous and it is our pleasure to have been able to find a way to bring you the 2021 Anacortes Arts Festival.



We all realize how important gathering and celebration are in our lives. Art and events, like this festival, enrich our lives and bring us joy. After such a challenging year, our Staff & Board were committed to finding a way to bring the Anacortes Arts Festival back this summer. And, we did it! Things still might not feel totally normal, but gathering to celebrate art, music, food and fun should go a long way to healing our souls.

You will notice that there are a few less booths, a few more hand sanitizing stations and gentle reminders to be kind to each other regarding mask wearing. All of these things are a part of our plan to continue to keep our artists, volunteers and guests healthy & safe. You may notice other small changes with the layout of the festival, the youth area and the entertainment. These are areas that we didn't have time to pivot from fully closed to fully open fast enough.

We are also excited to bring you a number of added events this year. Make sure to visit our website for information about: the **Art Dash Fun Run** on July 31; **Garments of Distinction by Anita Mayer** on August 2; and a **Wine Tasting** event in collaboration with Fidalgo Danceworks on August 7. All of these special events will assist the Festival in continuing our work in supporting art in Anacortes.

The Anacortes Arts Festival is working towards rebuilding our Giving Program to be able to offer grants again next year. Sales from the beer & wine gardens, the Information Booth and the special events will

all help us be able to give back to programs like art in our schools, Fidalgo Danceworks, Museum of Northwest Art, the Boys & Girls Club and the Anacortes Family Center. Look for donation boxes and tip jars throughout the Festival and know that all of those funds will support youth art programs.

As you wander the Festival, looking for that special art treasure, please keep in mind that most of the artists you see, haven't had an opportunity to sell their work during these last 17 months. For some of them, this is their first art show since 2019. Purchasing from the artists at the Festival is supporting both their amazing talent AND, in many cases, supporting their families.

Enjoy every minute of being outside, in the sun (hopefully!), surrounded by amazing art and happy people. This celebration means more than ever before, and we are grateful that you are choosing to spend a part of your weekend with us in beautiful Downtown Anacortes. It's because of all of you that we've been able to support artists and our community for 60 years.

Here's to 60 more years of art and celebration!

Meredith McIlmoyle

Executive Director



60th Anacortes Arts Festival

Festival Dates – Aug 6-8

FESTIVAL HOURS Friday 10 -7, Saturday 10 – 6, Sunday 10 - 5

See event sections of the guide, or visit www.AnacortesArtsFestival.com for complete information. You can also find us on Facebook – please become a friend!



General Festival Information

We have a policy of **NO DOGS** at the Festival. Please be respectful of your pet, our artists and other festival goers by

leaving your furry friends at home.

The **Festival Information Booth** is located at 5th Street. Friendly volunteers are available to answer questions about the Festival and our community - or help in emergencies. It is also the place to purchase Festival t-shirts and other merchandise and to report lost items or children.



Art Dash – the Festival Kick-off July 31

The 16th annual **Art Dash** has moved to the weekend before the Festival, Saturday, July 31. It has evolved into a 5k and 10k fun run, and 1mile kids run. The run starts near City Hall and routes along the Tommy Thompson Trail, ending at the Port Dock. After the run, sit and relax at our Beer and Wine Garden at the Finish Line.

Since this is a Fun Run, we are encouraging runners to come in nautical costumes. There will be obstacles along the course including a tire run, army crawl, climbing wall and water features. The run is chip timed through Northwest Endurance Sports, for those runners who want to keep track of their times. Runners will receive a t-shirt and creative medals will be awarded for top finishers and costume contest winners.

The Art Dash is a partnership between Anacortes Parks and Recreation and the Festival, supporting public art projects. Register at AnacortesArtsFestival.com.

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We are an all-volunteer organization of women dedicated to helping women, children and families. Proceeds from our Thrift Shop enable us to give back to the community and world-wide since 1948. Please come see us at 1107-3rd Street in Anacortes for an amazing selection of clothing, housewares, beautiful jewelry, etc.

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Volunteers

It takes an army of highly dedicated volunteers to help make our Festival weekend run smoothly. We have more than 250 volunteers helping over the course of three days. We have people working as art docents at the fine art show, manning the information booth, delivering food to our booth vendors, booth sitting when artists need a break, working in the beer and wine gardens ... plus so much more! Volunteers are the heart of our organization and we are fortunate to have so many community members excited to give of their time to welcome visitors and support our efforts.





The Festival's Mission

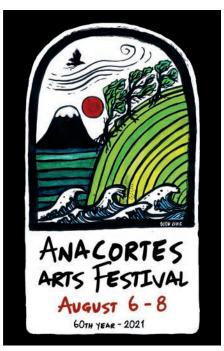
The Festival is the largest supporter of the arts in Skagit County. We give back to the community through grants, collaborative projects, and arts education support for students. With a loss of Festival income in 2020, we focused our attention on supporting creativity in our community and collaborating with other organizations. In a partnership with the Anacortes Schools Foundation, the Festival recently distributed nearly 1,000 summer art backpacks for K-5 students in the Anacortes School District.

Please remember that as you support the Festival with your purchases you are also helping us support the arts, artists and youth education in our community.



Festival Poster

Jessica Lynch, from Slow Loris created the image for this year's Festival poster. Initially intended for 2020, it seemed appropriate to save the image for our 60th anniversary poster. It colorfully references our local charm and environment. Jessica is a well-recognized Guemes Island artist, whose work is featured on Slow Loris t-shirts and merchandise. For the first time, Slow Loris is also producing the Festival shirts this year. Posters and t-shirts are available at the Festival Information Booth on 5th Street.



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Music & Entertainment

This year's Festival music fills two stages with regional musicians. Music will continue until 8 pm; Friday evening on the Jazz Stage and Saturday on the Main Stage.

MAIN STAGE (3rd Street) features high-energy performers, including Pop/Rock, Indie, Oldies, Country, Americana World beat.

JAZZ STAGE (10th Street) – stage sponsored by the Manieri Endowment features modern and traditional Jazz

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Music & Entertainment

Saturday **Main Stage**

Sunday Main Stage

Friday

Main Stage

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Megadose - Indie and Folk Rock

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Goodnight Suzie -Indie Pop

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Chris Eger Band -Real. American. Music.

Jazz Stage

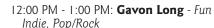
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: Ranger and the "Re-Arrangers" - Evoking the spirit of a Paris cafe and the raucous energy of a Gypsy campsite

lama Dirty

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Cascadia Groove -Signature sound and crossover groove mixing original music and familiar covers

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Trish. Hans & Phil Swinging Jazz 6:15 PM - 8:00:

A'Town Big Band -Swinging Big Band Jazz



1:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Saeed Abbas & The Gye Nyame Ensemble - West African Drumming

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Kellee Bradley -Country singer/songwriter

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Mama Dirty Skirt -Upbeat hits of the 70s and beyond

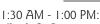
Jazz Stage

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Bill **Anschell Trio** - Jazz infused with high energy Rock 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM: **Herding**

Kats Nonet - West Coast Cool

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: **Joan Penney** - Eclectic Jazz Vocalist

5:15 PM - 6:45 PM: Birch Pereira & the Gin Joints - Honky-Tonk and Roadhouse Jazz



11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Marcia Kester -Rock & Contry

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Nick Drummond **Band** - Mesmerizing upbeat Alt/Folk 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Ebb Slack & Flood -Fusion of Soul and Funk

Jazz Stage

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: **Dmitri Matheny Group** - Fresh originals and timeless Jazz classics

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Pearl **Django** - Gypsy Jazz and New Metropolitan Swing 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: **Arete Quartet** - Acid Jazz Ensemble



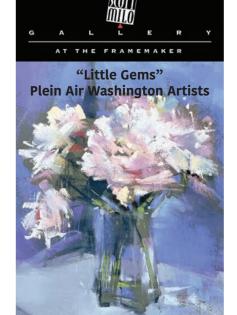














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Booth Artisans

Commercial Ave, 10th St to 3rd St

200 Booth Artisans form the backbone of the Festival stretching downtown from 10th to 3rd Streets. These artisans work in a wide variety of mediums...painting, photography, jewelry, wearables, fiber, ceramics, glass, wood, metal, craft food products and art for the senses. This year's artists were selected during our 2020 jury process and we are excited to have them as part of the Festival this year. You'll see favorites who have been here over the years and a number of artists new to the Anacortes festival. Please remember that due to COVID-19, some of your favorite artists may have chosen to take a year off. We are sure that you will find something wonderful to fit your taste and budget. If you are looking for a specific artist, please use the QR code for location listing.











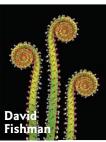








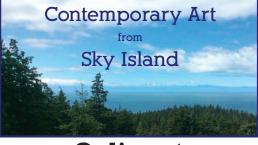












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Arts at the Port -The Crown Jewel of the Festival

Port of Anacortes Transit Shed Event Center – 1st & Commercial

Arts at the Port is the Festival Fine Art Show comprised of a Juried Exhibition featuring regional artists and the Allen Family Focus Gallery featuring invited Anacortes artists Anita Luvera Mayer

and Heidi Klepper – plus "Fanciful Footwear" created by 20 local artists. With a view of Guemes Channel, Arts at the Port is housed in the rustic Port Transit Shed.

Juried Art Exhibition

Juror **Carie Collver** initially selected this show for 2020 and we are delighted to finally be able to present it. This diverse show is over 100 pieces of both 2D and 3D work from 90 regional artists.

Participating Juried artists include:



Rick Holst Ian Hov Kathy Hur Gene Jaress Bill Iohnson Kellie Kawahara-Niimi Keith Keyser Sharon Kita Sally Kruse Glen Lamar Molly Lemaster Katherine Lewis Terry MacDonald **Dorothy McGuinness** Raquel Morcillo-Gallego Jazz Morgan Naoko Morisawa lacqueline Moselev Greg Navratil Natalie Niblack Peregrine O'Gormley Leo Osborne Scott Pascoe Tracy Powell Polly Purvis Patricia Resseguie Cynthia Richardson Sandy Ridge Kathleen Ritz Sue Roberts

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Suze Woolf



About our Juror

Juror Carie Collver is the Gallery Director and Chief Curator of the Schack Art Center in Everett. Washington. After studying at Pilchuck, she started an arts career in glass; owning a stained-glass business for 17 years. Prior to her current position, Collver was the Director of the Arts Council of Snohomish County and instrumental in its transition through building acquisition and into the Schack Art Center. The Schack includes two large galleries, a glass hot shop, retail store, and numerous studios for artist and student use. She has curated over 200 exhibits, including Chuck Close and Dale Chihuly. Collver Mayor of received the Everett's 2020 Legacy of Honor Award for her outstanding work in the arts.

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Arts at the Port Fine Art Opening will have extended hours on **Saturday July 31** from noon to 7pm. If you're interested in meeting the artists, there will be an Artist Meet & Greet from 5 – 7pm. The Festival will have a Beer and Wine Garden outside the Port entrance all day Saturday, July 31st.

The Show will reopen on Sunday, August 1 from noon – 5pm. **Join us for free 1pm Docent Tours on Saturday July 31 and Sunday August 1, for informative insights about the show.** The show will be closed in the days before the Festival, but open regular Festival hours August 6 - 8.

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Allen Family Focus Gallery - "Adornment"

This year's Allen Family Focus Gallery features body of work from two talented Anacortes artists. With the theme "Adornment" the gallery offers wearable artwork and a fun "Fanciful Footwear" exhibit.

Anita Luvera Mayer

Anita Luvera Mayer creates exquisite one-of-a-kind garments. She does everything by hand, from dying the fabric, to sewing, to intricate needlework, to transfers and embellishments that make her work distinctive. She is an author and has international recognition for her work.

Anita Meyer

Heidi Klepper

Heidi Klepper is a jewelry mixed media artist who utilizes handmade glass beads, antique fabrics and found objects. For this show, Heidi has made ceramic models who are draped with her whimsical and creative jewelry, making the pieces both sculptural and wearable.

Fanciful Footwear

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"Fanciful Footwear" will add to our Focus Gallery Adornment theme. We invited a group of 20 artists to create or embellish footwear for this fun exhibit. Each distinctive footwear piece reflects the unique style of the artist and is priced at \$400 or less.







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Working Studios

2nd Street to the Port / Fri - Sun 10 - 4

Working Studios features an inspiring group of artists demonstrating a variety of traditional and contemporary art forms. They love to show and tell you about their creative process. Included are:

Stone Carving -Tracy Powell

Blacksmithing -Paul Thorne

Woodworking – Northwest Washington Wood Turners

Plein Air Painting – Salish Sea Plein Air Painters

Chalk Art - Betsy Diamond

Native Carving and Baskets -Samish Beaver Lodge artists

Chainsaw Carving – Steve Backus

Folk Art Painting – Gustavo Varga

Youth Discovery Area

7th Street





Our ever-popular Youth Area offers children a perfect destination for creative fun. To keep our kiddos safe this year, we are limiting the number and nature of activities. Kids will still find fun activities, crafts and a few young artists to be inspired by. We are excited to have the City of Anacortes as one of our Youth Area partners this year and happy to be able to provide some fun for our youngest guests.



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Festival Food

Located at 2nd & Commercial and 6th, 7th and 8th Streets.

Festival food this year will be combination of food trucks, food booths and local restaurants. Look for Festival food at 2nd Street and on Commercial intersections at 6th, 7th & 8th Streets. Food will include artisan pizza, mac & cheese, corn dogs and ethnic favorites Thai and Greek – as well as sweet treats and coffee. Downtown restaurants with outdoor seating areas will augment dining opportunities in the heart of the Festival thoroughfare.









Beer/Wine Gardens

Our two Beer and Wine Gardens offer a great place to relax and listen to music. Each location has its own identity and beverages.

Hideout Bar – 3rd St - the main Festival beer garden features micro-brews, wine and margaritas

Reunion Wine Bar – 10th St. – a lineup of regional varietals from Maryhill Winery - plus beer.

Booth Artisans

Commercial Ave, 10th St to 3rd St













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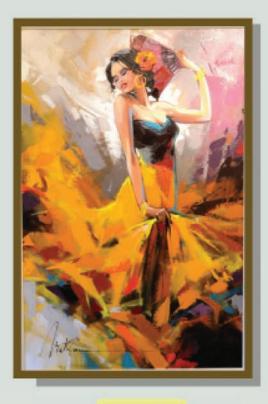
















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