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**Exhibitor Registration Now Open for 2018 Grand Haven Art Festival**

The Grand Haven Art Festival is seeking fine art exhibitors for the 2018 Festival, slated for Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24, 2018. Registration is open now through February 15, 2018. Be among the 100 artists, who fill the first three blocks of Washington Avenue, turning downtown Grand Haven into a chic, outdoor art gallery.

We are looking for artists from near and far to showcase their original, handmade work perfect for anyone's home, office or cottage. There are 14 categories available, including fiber art, jewelry, sculpture, painting, wood and metal.

To apply as an artist, please complete the online application found at <http://www.zapplication.org> and submit the jury fee. Those who apply by November 30<sup>th</sup> will receive \$20 off the jury fee. The application requires four digital images of the artist's work and one image of their booth.

As the event moves into its 57th year, The Chamber of Commerce, producers of the event, are excited about the jury reviewing the various submissions. "Our jury panel is composed of five local professionals with a diverse background and skill set. Together the jury panel will review and score applicants, selecting high quality artists to participate in the Grand Haven Art Festival," said Mary Sherman, Grand Haven Art Festival Director.

The juried festival includes cash awards for "Best in Show", "Jury's Choice" and "Excellence Award" selected by the festival's onsite jury, along with "Honorable Mention" awards chosen for each category and a People's Choice award. In addition, all awarded artists are invited to participate in the 2019 Grand Haven Art Festival without jury.

The Chamber provides free Art Guides available for the attendees. “It will list the artist’s medium, where they are from and their contact information,” Sherman explained. Each artist’s booth will have their information displayed so that visitors can easily find their favorites.

More information will be available in the coming weeks. Visit the Grand Haven Art Festival’s website at [www.grandhavenartfestival.org](http://www.grandhavenartfestival.org) or the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GrandHavenArtFestival](http://www.facebook.com/GrandHavenArtFestival) for the latest event details. For questions regarding the exhibitor application or sponsorships please contact Mary Sherman at 616.842.4910 or [msherman@grandhavenchamber.org](mailto:msherman@grandhavenchamber.org).

### **About the Grand Haven Art Festival**

The Grand Haven Art Festival is held the last full weekend in June and transforms Washington Avenue into a chic, outdoor art gallery. The goal of the Grand Haven Art Festival is to provide the communities and visitors with a unique opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind art, directly from the artist; while upholding the community valued tradition of the Grand Haven Art Festival.

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