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**Exhibitor Registration Now Open for 2019 Grand Haven Art Festival**

The Grand Haven Art Festival is seeking fine art exhibitors for the 2019 Festival, slated for Saturday June 29 and Sunday June 30, 2019. Registration is open now through February 15, 2019. 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 clay, fiber art, jewelry, sculpture, photography and wood.

To apply as an artist, please complete the online application found at <http://www.zapplication.org> and submit 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 58th year, The Chamber of Commerce, producers of the event, are excited for the jury to review the various submissions. "Our jury panel is composed of local professionals with a diverse background and skill set. The jury panel will review and score applicants, selecting the highest quality artists to participate in the Grand Haven Art Festival," said Mary Sherman, Grand Haven Art Festival Director.

Most recently, the Grand Haven Art Festival was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationwide in the latest Sunshine Artist's "Top 100 Fine Art Shows."

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 chosen by the attendees. In addition, all awarded artists are invited to participate in the 2020 Grand Haven Art Festival without jury or application fee.

The Chamber provides free Art Guides that are available for the attendees at the event. “The guides will list the artist’s medium, where they are from and their contact information,” Sherman explained. Each booth will have the artist’s 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 website at [www.grandhavenartfestival.org](http://www.grandhavenartfestival.org) or the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GrandHavenArtFestival](https://www.facebook.com/GrandHavenArtFestival) for the latest event details. For questions regarding the artist 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 community and visitors with a unique opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind art, directly from the artist.

### **About The Chamber**

The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg has been “the go to place” for businesses in Northwest Ottawa County since 1899 and continues to be the leading voice for business. It is our mission to be the connection point facilitating the economic drivers that support business development, sustained growth, health and quality of life for all sectors in Northwest Ottawa County and West Michigan.

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