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GRAND HAVEN ARTWALK 2017 DATES AND EVENTS

Grand Haven, Mich., August 28, 2017: Mark your calendars! Grand Haven Main Street has officially announced the dates for Grand Haven ArtWalk 2017 - Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 8.

During ArtWalk 2017, historic downtown Grand Haven will continue the city's "Summer of Love" theme while celebrating local culture and fine arts with a vast display of artwork on display in businesses and buildings from Harbor Drive to the highway.

Along with daily public judging and juried voting, ArtWalk 2017 will boast a series of special events that highlight the arts and there will be arts-related special events at the Loutit District Library to complement this year's ArtWalk.

"Our goal is to continually improve the art competition, events and activities while preserving the integrity and appeal of ArtWalk," said Steve Loftis, ArtWalk organizer. *"To that end, we have added a few events and fine-tuned others to create a lineup that is fun and funky and sure to keep people coming back for more."*

ArtWalk 2017 kicks off with a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the Washington Avenue mid-block crosswalk between 1st and 2nd Streets at 6:00 PM on Thursday September 28. The public is welcome to attend.

On Saturday, September 30, ArtWalk Family Art Day will be held near the Depot Museum. Bring the whole family down for some creative time at the waterfront. The kids can work with the artists from Lakeshore Visual Arts Collective to create their own masterpiece. We'll have hot dogs on the grill and live music. Family Art Day runs from 11:30 – 2PM and is a festive, free event for the entire family.

The fun filled weekend continues on Sunday, October 1, with Music on First. "Sweet Lou and the Savages" will be performing live on North First Street, between Columbus and Washington from 1– 4PM. Many of the artists will be located throughout downtown at their artwork to greet the public and discuss their inspiration to create art. Take an Art-Walk and cast your vote for your favorite artwork.

"We have a jam-packed weekend of different activities and events, all free to the public" said Diane Sheridan, Executive Director of Grand Haven Main Street. *"We have more than 50 ArtWalk venues that are displaying wonderful and eclectic artistic creations".* ArtWalk runs from noon until 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. If you're visiting after hours, many of this year's ArtWalk entries are showcased in storefront windows, for easy viewing.

“Once again we are proud to partner with the Loutit District Library to host the ArtWalk Youth Competition. The Youth Competition takes place from September 20 through October 8, and we expect more than 100 student entries. Our Youth exhibit is not to be missed,” she added.

Please contact Diane Sheridan for further information about this event, or to schedule interviews. To find out more about ArtWalk, visit ghartwalk.com and follow Grand Haven ArtWalk on Facebook or Twitter at @ghartwalk.

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