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**Grand Haven Events Receive National Recognition from Sunshine Artist Magazine**

The Chamber is pleased to announce that two of its community events, the Grand Haven Art Festival and Coast Guard Craft Fair, have been recognized as a part of *Sunshine Artist's 200 Best Shows in America* ranking. The 2018 Grand Haven Art Festival ranked #27 out of 100 national shows in the *Fine Art and Design* category and the 2018 Coast Guard Craft Fair ranked #41 out of 100 national shows in the *Classic and Contemporary Craft* category.

"We are pleased that both the Grand Haven Art Festival and the Coast Guard Craft Fair received recognition as two of the best shows in America. It is a huge accomplishment to garner this national recognition. We pride ourselves in making the Grand Haven Art Festival and the Coast Guard Craft Fair pleasant and rewarding experiences for every artist and crafter and hope to continue providing and exceeding this level of satisfaction," said Mary Sherman, Director of Community Events and Programs for The Chamber.

Sunshine Artist Magazine is the fine art and craft industry's leading publication for promoters, exhibitors and clients. The shows are ranked based on the feedback of the attending artists, who are asked which 10 shows from the previous year were the most profitable for them and then by identifying themselves as fine artists or craftspeople. *Sunshine Artist's 200 Best* focuses solely on revenue, because that's the most objective indicator of a show's future success.

The entire list of the *200 Best* will be published in *Sunshine Artist's* September 2019 issue. The *Grand Haven Art Festival* and *Coast Guard Craft Fair* are juried shows. The applications for the 2020 events will open online in November and December, respectively. For more information, visit [www.grandhavenchamber.org](http://www.grandhavenchamber.org).

**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. The Chamber manages several events and programs for the Northwest Ottawa County area, including the *Coast Guard Craft Fair*, *Grand Haven Art Festival*, *Grand Haven Farmers Market*, *Jingle Bell Parade*, *Sand Sculpture Contest* and *Spring Lake Farm & Garden Market*.

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