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## JULIE BILLIUPS WINS "BEST IN SHOW: AT 2023 GRAND HAVEN ART FESTIVAL

The 62nd Annual Grand Haven Art Festival kicked off yesterday, Friday June 23rd from 12-5pm, ran Today 10-5pm, and will be tomorrow Sunday, June 25 from 10am-5pm. Nearly 80 artists from West Michigan and across the country have set up a line of white tents down the middle of Washington Avenue, turning the street into a chic, outdoor art gallery. Thousands of visitors from near and far have come to enjoy the beautiful weekend and purchase art that is perfect for their homes, offices and cottages.

West Michigan Cadillac Dealers presented the 2023 event along with The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg. "It has been a delightful, busy weekend!" Antoinette Bates, Grand Haven Art Festival Director, said. "Downtown has been full of beautiful art, friendly artists and excited visitors."

Three artists also received award by a panel of jury members. The recipients included:  
Best in Show: Julie Billups  
Jury's Choice: Julie Sanford  
Excellence Award: Corey Bechler

In case you miss their award-winning work, these artists will be automatically invited back to next year's show. A Grand Haven Art Festival attendee also has a chance to win big! All attendees that fill out a short survey and vote for their favorite booth are entered to win a hand-crafted necklace from Grand Haven artist, Julie Sanford who fill out a short survey and vote for their favorite booth will win. The People's Choice Award winner was Dane Shue. All artists' contact information can be found on The Chamber's website.

The Art Festival also included the annual Family Fun Day, presented by Consumers Credit Union, held today from 10am – 2pm. 10 local businesses provided children attending the festival, with free arts and craft activities. Over 500 children participated, taking home decorated bags, pet rocks, suncatchers and other handmade art.



The Grand Haven Art Festival and The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg would like to thank the Art Festival sponsors: West Michigan Cadillac Dealers, Grapids Home Services, Consumers Credit Union, Rycenga Building Center, West Wind Construction, Bin There Dump That, Mr. Roof of Grand Rapids, Odd Side Ales, Boxed Water, Republic Services, WGHN Inc, and The City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Main Street.

### 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.

For more information, visit the Grand Haven Art Festival Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GrandHavenArtFestival](https://www.facebook.com/GrandHavenArtFestival) or the website at [www.grandhavenchamber.org](http://www.grandhavenchamber.org)

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The Grand Haven Art Festival will be held in Downtown Grand Haven on Washington Street.

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