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## Grand Haven Art Festival Brings Thousands to Lakeshore, Boosting Local Economy and Celebrating Community

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Grand Haven, MI, June 30, 2025 — The Grand Haven Art Festival kicked off Friday, June 27, drawing thousands of visitors to downtown Grand Haven for a weekend filled with creativity, culture, and community connection. Over 80 artists from West Michigan and across the country participated in this year's event, transforming Washington Avenue into an outdoor art gallery.

In addition to celebrating artistic talent, the Grand Haven Art Festival is a powerful economic driver for the lakeshore region. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, the festival brings thousands of visitors to the area, directly supporting local businesses, from restaurants and retail shops to hotels and more.

"The Grand Haven Art Festival is more than just a weekend event," said Mark Allen, Chamber President & CEO. "It is a celebration of creativity that brings people together, supports our local economy, and showcases the vibrant spirit of our community. Events like this create opportunities for small businesses, artists, restaurants, retailers and our hospitality industry, while drawing visitors to experience everything Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg has to offer."

This year's "Best in Show" was awarded to Caleb Barnaby, and Candice Rodriguez-Adams received the "Jury's Choice" honor, both recognized for their exceptional craftsmanship and creativity.

By continuing to invest in events like the Grand Haven Art Festival, The Chamber is committed to strengthening the local economy, enriching the community's cultural fabric, and ensuring that Grand Haven remains a destination for residents and visitors alike.

For more information about upcoming events, visit grandhavenchamber.org.

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**About the Chamber.** The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg has been serving businesses for 125 years since 1900. Through the vision of empowering businesses and building communities, the Chamber provides hyper local support, connections, and solutions for economic and business growth within Northwest Ottawa County.