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47th Annual Seawall Art Show, Over 80 Juried Artist from Throughout the Eastern Seaboard to be Showcased, NEW LOCATION

Portsmouth, Virginia – The 47th Annual Seawall Art Show, will be held on High Street between Crawford St. and Court St., in the Olde Towne Portsmouth Arts District on Saturday, August 26 (10 AM – 6 PM) and Sunday, August 27 (10 AM – 5 PM). The show is one block away from its original location due to construction along the seawall. It is a fine art and craft show featuring 80 juried artists and organized by a group of committed community volunteers. The 2017 Seawall Art Show will be judged by Ms. Kimberli Grant, McKinnon Curator of Modern & Contemporary Art at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Virginia. Artist vie for more than \$7,000.00 in awards, including Best of Show. The show is supported by Portsmouth Museums Foundation. Proceeds from the 47th Annual Seawall Art Show support the arts in Portsmouth.

The show is a two-day outdoor event which is held, rain or shine, on High Street between Crawford St. and Court St. The Olde Towne area and its surroundings, offers a pedestrian area conducive to browsing and walking. Please visit the Seawall Art Show Headquarters Tent, where volunteers will be assisting patrons with show programs, Portsmouth Visitor's Guides, and additional suggestions for shopping and dining in Olde Towne Portsmouth.

This sold-out show features work by more than 80 artists from up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Fine art and craft will be featured with media offered in photography, wood, sculpture, jewelry, clay, oil, acrylic, digital art, glass, watercolor, drawing, gourds, fiber and mixed media. In addition, the Seawall Art Show Student Show and Sale takes place on opening day and features work by area public and private school students. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking offered on the street (outside the show area) and in public parking garages both days of the event.

Performances by local performing arts professionals will be provided, at no cost, for entertainment and shopping pleasure during the show. Performances will include *2 For Fun*, *Americana Lovebirds*, *Larry Weintraub & Swingtime*, *Mountain Tide*, *Shadowjack*, *Top Hats Orchestra* and *Who Are Not*.

In 2015, artshowreviews.com posted "the staff and volunteers were outstanding". "According to ArtFairInsiders.com, "many of the artists have done this show for years, and the incredible dedication of the volunteers is a big reason why". Thousands of art patrons attend this fine art and craft show and sale each year.

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