

Good Hart Artist Residency’s Tunnel of Trees Art Trail to take place August 17

Art abounds in northwest Michigan. That's what inspired the Good Hart Artist Residency to create the Tunnel of Trees Art Trail, which takes place August 17th from 10am-4pm. Over 50 local artists will participate in the event, which includes many opportunities for the public to engage with art and artists.

The trail begins in Harbor Springs and runs north along M119 to Cross Village. It includes stops at arts-focused businesses and artist studios (look for the Tunnel of Trees Art Trail signs.) The trail also includes plein-air painting classes at Angell Farm, taught by local artist Susan Glass. There is a beginner watercolor class with instruction, and an advanced class in any painting medium, in which artists can take advantage of the spectacular views afforded by the property. Odawa art will be on display at the King House, and from noon-2pm, Odawa artists will be at the King House demonstrating their craft. At the Good Hart Artist Residency, visitors can take in an art show featuring the work of over 20 local artists. Also at the residency, kids can engage in an art project. The art show will also run Sunday, August 18, from 10am-2pm, though the other events are all Saturday-only. All of these events are free, and designed to bring the community together through art.

The day will culminate with a celebratory dinner called Art of the Garden at Bliss Gardens Farm and Community Kitchen. It will include a garden-inspired meal, cash bar, local artists, live music by Foghorn, and a swing dance instructor to make sure participants have a swinging good time. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at goodhartartistresidency.org.

Artists on the trail are looking forward to sharing their craft with the public. Artist Lynn Dinning, who owns Good Hart Glassworks and is a participant in the Tunnel of Trees Art Trail, says "I got a Glass Arts badge in Girl Scouts, so demonstrating glass blowing is my mission at Good Hart Glassworks." Many artists in addition to Dinning are planning to share their process at their studios; visitors might find works in progress, color palettes on display, wood being shaped and manipulated, glass blowing, and techniques for photographing the night sky. Many stops on the trail will have works for sale as well.

For more detail on the Tunnel of Trees Art Trail and to register for the free plein air painting classes or to buy dinner tickets, please visit goodhartartistresidency.org. Brochures with art trail maps are available at the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce and participating businesses. A digital version of the map is also available online. Participating venues will be marked by signs. Please be sure to visit respectfully; many stops on the trail are private studios not usually open to the public.

This event was made possible in part by a grant from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and through the help of many volunteers.

The Good Hart Artist Residency brings artists, writers, and composers from all over to Good Hart for an opportunity to spend time working on their art. The Residency partners with area nonprofits to bring a range of arts events led by resident artists to the local community.



Plein-air painting classes will take place at Angell Farm. (Courtesy photo)



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