

Tunnel of Trees Art Trail to bring 80 artists to Northern Michigan

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The Good Hart Artist Residency will host the third annual Tunnel of Trees Art Trail from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 22, featuring more than 80 artists at 32 locations along the M-119 corridor between Harbor Springs and Cross Village.

The event coincides with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and will highlight the region's artistic and cultural heritage, according to a community announcement.

Organizers said in the announcement that the trail explores the history of Waganakising, the Odawa name for the area that follows the Lake Michigan shoreline from present-day Harbor Springs to Cross Village. The name translates to "Land of the Crooked Tree."

The announcement notes that the region was home to the Odawa band of Anishnaabek people in the 1770s, when leaders in Philadelphia were drafting the Declaration of Independence.

Visitors will find exhibits, galleries, museums, private studios, businesses and nature preserves participating throughout the self-guided trail. Organizers added that portions of M-119 damaged by heavy rainstorms earlier in the season have resulted in detours, and visitors are encouraged to check trail updates at goodhartartistresidency.org.

"This region is truly an inspirational place for artists," Sue Klco, founder of the Good Hart Artist Residency, said in the announcement. "As an artist residency program, we get the opportunity to bring artists from around the world to be inspired by this place."

Klco noted that painter and poet Ivan Swift established the Chippewa Cove Woods artist colony near Good Hart in 1915.

Odawa history and quillwork featured along trail

Several stops will focus on Odawa history and artistic traditions.

Quillwork demonstrations are scheduled at the Harbor Springs History Museum, 349 E. Main St. in Harbor Springs, identified as Stop No. 1 on the trail. Organizers said in the

announcement that the practice grew from techniques used to decorate birch bark containers with porcupine quills.

Examples of contemporary quillwork and other Odawa artwork will also be displayed at Stop No. 29, the King House, 144 N. Lamkin Road in Good Hart.

Workshops, demonstrations and children's activities planned



The trail will include artist demonstrations at multiple locations, along with workshops and family activities.

Painter Susan Glass will lead workshops at Angell Farm. Advance registration is required through goodhartartistresidency.org.

A children's art activity is planned at Thorne Swift Nature Preserve. The Good Hart Artist Residency will also host a children's activity and a local art show at 910 N. Lamkin Road in Good Hart. The art show will continue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 23.

Event descriptions, artist lists, sponsor information and printed and digital maps are available through goodhartartistresidency.org. Printed brochures are available through the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and participating galleries.

All trail events are free to attend.

“This annual community celebration of art is our way of highlighting the wonderful art being made by local artists,” Klco said in the announcement. “Please join us to celebrate, support and learn from local artists.”

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