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Carmel Arts & Design District Heats Up for Summer Gallery Walk

Evening event celebrates best of season with shopping, dining specials, gallery exhibits

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CARMEL, Ind. — On Saturday, July 17, from 5 to 10 p.m., the Carmel Arts & Design District will revel in the best the season has to offer with its third-annual summer gallery walk.

During the Clarian North Gallery Walk, the galleries of the Carmel Arts & Design District will welcome guests to open houses featuring works by local and international artists.

Garvey Simon Art Access (*displaying for the summer in the **Magdalena Gallery of Art** space*) will feature "Contemporary Abstraction," an exhibit showcasing artists Tara Donovan, Ingrid Calame and Dan Walsh.

Evan Lurie Gallery will host its first ever photography show for three local photographers with three distinctly different backgrounds and styles. Featured photographers William Rasdell and Tom Casalini will be joined by long time practicing photographer Kevin Raber, who will be debuting his work for the first time in the fine art realm.

Down the street, **Soori Gallery** will display a vast collection of paintings, bronze and acrylic sculptured works, Boehm porcelain, lalique crystal sculpture and Nao and Ildro porcelain sculptures by leading American and international artists.

Meanwhile, **ArtSplash** (*formerly **Blue Egg Gallery***) will feature the works of oil and watercolor artist Pamela Couch. The exhibit will showcase subjects that exist in the natural world with an emphasis on close-ups and illumination of the texture of the subject.

Art & Soul will showcase the works of figurative artist Austin Pittman, including a brand new piece created last week.

The District is also pleased to welcome regional guest artists during the Clarian North Gallery Walk. Painter and sculptor William Geoffrey Sprague will showcase his unique designs along with local artists Michele Soncini and Paula Scott-Frantz in the 111 W. Main Street Suite 130 space. Magdalena Gallery artist Mary Johnston will display her landscape paintings in 111 W. Main St., Suite 115. Donald Mee, Clyde Pennington and Ryan Feeney will exhibit their metal work art in 111 W. Main St., Suite 150. Also in the Suite 150 exhibit space, Shane Rodimel of **Shane Photography** will showcase his photographic art and also treat guests to a musical performance on his acoustic guitar.

District boutiques, eateries and other merchants will also celebrate with special sales and events. **La Mie Emilie** will host a local band on its new outdoor patio seating to entertain guests for the evening. **Mary & Martha's Exceedingly Chic Boutique** is celebrating its five-year anniversary in the District with prize giveaways and refreshments and will also host a Silpada trunk show.

Simply Sweet Shoppe will treat guests to samples of Gelato DaVinci, while **PillowTalk** will hold a drawing for a Skinny Dip Candle. **L'Evento Event Resource Boutique** will host an open house to showcase its services and serve light refreshments.

For those looking to spruce up their summer fashion and home décor, **Accent Details** will offer 30 percent off the entire store, while **Artichoke Designs** will host an open house to introduce guests to its accessories and fabrics.

For more information about Clarian North Gallery Walk events and a list of participating galleries, visit www.carmelartsanddesign.com or call 317.571.ARTS.

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The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's newest, premier setting for the arts and design industry. Already it has attracted well over 100 businesses, including art galleries, antique dealers, furniture and interior design showrooms, even a race track design company! There are restaurants, boutiques, creative service providers, and an eclectic variety of specialty retail stores. And the list of merchants continues to grow.