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### Activities Abound for Local Kids

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## ART at THE HARBOR WAY GARDENS Mother's Day Weekend, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

BY STAR SOSA, PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HARBOR ISLAND GARDEN CLUB,  
AND COURTESY OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

Most visitors to Wrightsville Beach have seen the Harbor Way Gardens even if they haven't yet stopped to stroll. The Gardens are located at the apex of the Nesbitt Loop, a popular walking path that encircles the town's municipal complex.

"The Harbor Island Garden Club is very proud of the The Harbor Way Gardens and many of our members have worked hard to make this one-acre plot of land in the heart of Wrightsville Beach a place so many people have come to know for its beauty, tranquility and joy," said Harbor Way Garden Committee Chair, Elise Running.

The Harbor Island Garden Club (HIGC), in concert with the Wrightsville Beach Parks & Recreation Department, are sponsoring their first "Art at The Harbor Way" Plein Air paint-out, garden exhibition, plant sale, and benefit art show on May 8th and 9th at this lovely spot just over the drawbridge on Harbor Island.

Running, her committee, and the members of the HIGC invite the surrounding community and visitors alike to join them in celebrating the glory of being outdoors on Mother's Day weekend to watch "Plein Air" artists in the garden capture the beauty of the surrounding community.

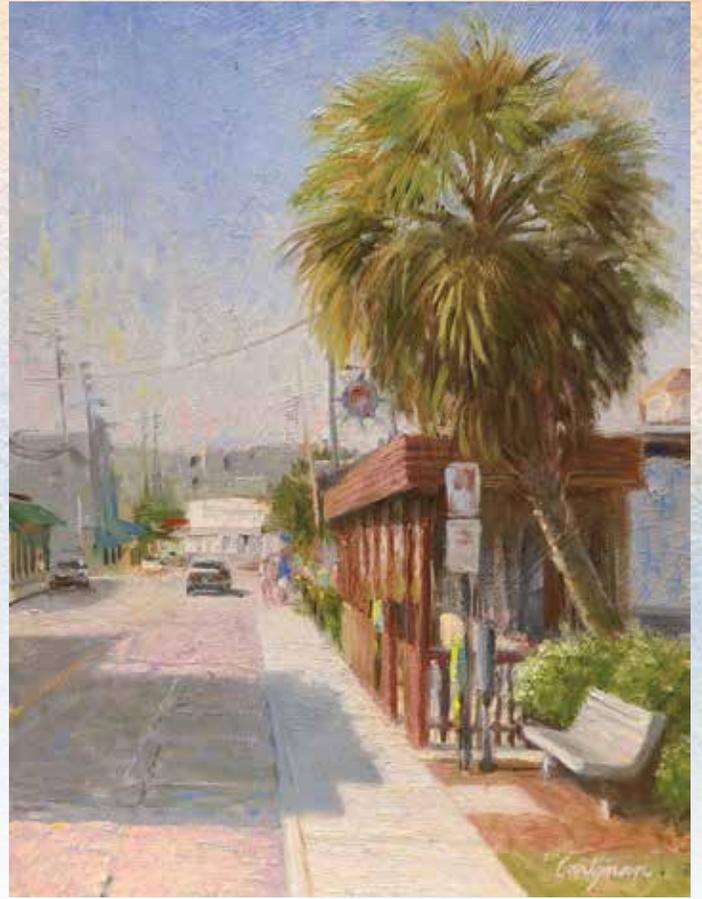
Fifteen local and regional professional artists have been invited to participate in a week-long Plein air paint out around Wrightsville Beach. The term "Plein Air" refers to painting outdoors in natural light as opposed to working within the studio. It takes a special breed of artist with an intrepid spirit to venture forth with all their tools and supplies to work under the constraints of changing light and weather.



Local Art Organizer, Star Sosa.



Todd Carignan painting at Bank's Channel.



Beach Town by Todd Carignan.

Participating artists will have six days to work around the Wrightsville Beach area, including special access to some unique private properties.

Wilmington area collectors will recognize many of these popular local painters. The list of Plein Air artists includes Ann Krol Hair, Nancy Noel May, Gale Smith, Sue Bark, Kay Bilisoly, Barbara Bear Jamison, Gail Rawlings Smith, Kirah Van Sikle, Todd Carignan, Lucy Tomova, Jenny McKinnon Wright, Joanne Geisel, Rose Kennedy, Judi Niemann and Chris Bloom. This talented group includes members of the Oil Painters of America, the Portrait Society of America, the North Carolina Plein Air Painters, and the Wilmington Art Association. They are highly skilled and creative artists whose work has been featured in a wide array of galleries and exhibitions.

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Visitors can watch the artists painting live in the Harbor Way Garden on Friday and Saturday, May 7th and 8th. Their six-day Plein Air paint out will culminate in a benefit Art Sale on Sunday, Mother's Day, from 12 to 4 p.m.

The weekend event will include:

- » An invitational Plein Air paint out with more than a dozen local and regional artists painting around Wrightsville Beach during the week and displaying their artwork on Friday and Saturday.
- » A benefit art sale on Sunday, Mother's Day.
- » A benefit sale of personalized commemorative bricks and pavers to be installed in Harbor Way Pathway Garden and around the Children's Fountain.
- » Self-guided tours of the gardens and displays of floral and horticultural arrangements.
- » Garden Club members onsite to discuss gardening, floral arrangements, design and more.
- » A portion of proceeds from sales of art, plants and pavers will support programs of the Harbor Island Garden Club.
- » Free admission and event parking.



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Sunset over Harbor Island by Gale Smith.



Gale Smith painting at Wrightsville Beach.



Bird Feeder by Ann Hair.



Ann Hair



Rose Kennedy

Through the Dunes by Rose Kennedy.



The Harbor Way Gardens are located at 321 Causeway Drive on the grounds of the Wrightsville Beach Municipal Complex. The Gardens are always free and open to the public and there is ample free parking at the gardens while visiting the event. No tickets are required. All activities will comply with North Carolina COVID-19 Executive Orders in place at the time of the event.



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