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JULY First Friday ART WALK in Downtown Winslow

(Bainbridge Island, Wash.) July 4th weekend just got whole evening better! Friday, July 3rd art lovers are invited to start out the official Independence Day weekend celebration with the July First Friday ART WALK in downtown Winslow.

The First Friday ART WALK is an artist-driven event which has grown over time to include local galleries, cafes, restaurants, and even the public library. Galleries and participating downtown businesses stay open late the first Friday of each month, hosting ART WALK visitors and guest artists from 6 to 8 p.m. Each venue displays rotating shows featuring local and regional artists' work which remains up for the public's enjoyment throughout the month.

Commuters who ride the Seattle-Bainbridge Island ferry will notice the clever new ad campaign on the ferries' digital screens showing an easel with artwork which will rotate each month to feature the work of an artist currently showing at a local gallery. The idea, a collaborative effort between the not-yet opened **Bainbridge Art Museum** and **Bainbridge Island Downtown Association** is aimed at reminding Islanders and visitors that First Fridays are a great way to start their weekend by attending the monthly ART WALK in downtown Winslow.

July adds several new galleries and locations to the growing list of First Friday regulars who now include **Bainbridge Art Museum, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts, Bainbridge Bakers, Bainbridge Public Library, Beads of Bainbridge, Blackbird Bakery, Director's Gallery, Eleven Winery, Fenwick Photography Gallery, Ginger, Harbour Public House, Island Gallery, Roby King Gallery, Pegasus Coffee House, Oil & Water Arts, Real Foods Market & Café, San Carlos, Streamliner Diner, Victor Alexander Winery, and 122 Winslow .**

First Fridays are a great opportunity to take in the galleries, shops, and restaurants in Winslow and the Marina District. Grab a friend and come downtown to enjoy fresh artwork and locally-sourced dining from one end of Winslow Way to the other. A number of local restaurants join the monthly event, offering small plates and weekend specials. First Fridays' participating restaurants now the **Streamliner Diner, 122 Winslow Dining & Cheer, San Carlos, Pegasus,** and recently opened **Hitchcock** restaurant, and **Arbutus** market kitchen.

JULY First Friday ART WALK happens July 3rd in downtown Winslow, from **6 to 8 p.m.**

The Bainbridge Island Downtown Association (BIDA) seeks to promote downtown Winslow as a place where the Island can gather and enjoy what truly makes our community special. BIDA is responsible for the economic vitality and sustainability of Bainbridge Island's downtown retail and business core, and seeks to support our downtown businesses through economic revitalization efforts under the Main Street Four Point Approach.

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