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49th Annual Seawall Art Show Features Artists from throughout the Eastern Seaboard

(Portsmouth, Virginia August 5, 2019) – The 49th Annual Seawall Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, on High Street between Crawford and Court streets, in the Olde Towne Portsmouth Cultural Arts District. Art show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. If you want to find that one-of-a-kind gift for someone special or a signature piece for yourself, then the 49th Annual Seawall Art Show is the place to be. The 2019 Seawall Art Show will be judged by Ms. Heather Hakimzadeh, Curator at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). Artists vie for more than \$7,000 in awards, including *Best of Show*. The art show is supported by the Portsmouth Museums Foundation. Proceeds from the 49th Annual Seawall Art Show support the arts in Portsmouth.

This year's art show features work by more than 75 artists from up and down the eastern seaboard. Fine art and crafts will be featured including artwork in photography, wood, sculpture, jewelry, clay, oil, acrylic, digital art, glass, watercolor, drawing, gourds, fiber and mixed media. In addition, the Seawall Art Show Student Show and Sale, takes place on opening day and features work by 40 area public and private school students. Gayle Paul, Curator at Portsmouth Arts and Cultural Center will judge the student show. Entertainment will be provided by the *Top Hats Orchestra*, *Who We Are Not*, *Jim Newsom*, *Larry Weintraub*, *Richard Spano*, *Rich Mossman*, and *2 for Fun*.

According to Penny Neef at Altdaily.com, "the Seawall Show is not huge, but the art is mighty." Thousands of art patrons attend this fine art and craft show and sale each year.

The Seawall Art Show outdoor event is held rain or shine. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking offered on the street (outside the show area) and in public parking garages both days of the event. Olde Towne and its surroundings offer a pedestrian area conducive to browsing and walking. Participants are invited to visit the Seawall Art Show Headquarters where volunteers will be assisting patrons with location of artists, Portsmouth Visitors Guides, and additional suggestions for shopping and dining in Olde Towne.

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