

# Art Adventures every season

Art and artists are part of the lifeblood of Haines.

According to the 2014 Southeast Conference study, Haines has more

artists per capita than any town in Southeast Alaska, which translates

into art galleries, shops, museums, activities and tasting rooms that locals talk about with pride.

#### **Art on Main Street**

In 2005 a confluence of local artists, entrepreneurs and community members started the nonprofit organization Alaska Arts Confluence. Its mission: To promote the arts in Haines. What better way than to turn Main Street into an art tour and open spaces into sculpture gardens? The best part, you can visit them 24/7. For more information on the more than 40 artists in Haines, visit AAC's office on Main Street.

Meet the Artists, Browse the Galleries

Artists and Extreme Dreams Gallery owners John and Sharon Svenson share their love of art with people of all ages. Stop by their gallery on your way to Chilkat State Park and you'll see the work of many local artists, from jewelry makers and assemblage artists to oil painters and glass blowers.

Artist and KHNS volunteer deejay Joanie Wagner and her artist daughter Katie Sevigny opened the doors of Skipping Stone Studios on Main Street in the spring of 2014. Featuring the work of local as well as Alaskan artists, Joanie has established an inviting and vibrant gallery.

At the Sea Wolf Gallery on the parade grounds of historic Fort Seward you'll find artist Tresham Gregg working at his art, whether it's carving, painting, print making or creating puppets. His work can also be found at WhaleRider Gallery and Uniquely Alaskan Arts.

Oil Painting Workshop In 2015, local artist Donna Cattoti, inspired by her experience studying at Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia, decided to share her experience with other artists. She signed up for the "Workshops in Your Town" program and hosted one of the school's lead instructors to teach a weeklong seminar on oil painting in Haines, focusing on portraiture. Last year, artists as far away as Florida participated! To sign up for the 2017 seminar visit studioincamminati.ora or call (215) 592-7910. The workshop is scheduled for July 10-16.



Cover images: Artists Rob Goldberg and Donna Cattotti; Tlingit dancers at the opening ceremony for the Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center,
Klukwan 
Above image: Participants with their paintings from the 2016 Studio Incamminati seminar







Metal artist Gene Kennedy with his sculpture Rusty and his Cart. Master carver Wayne Price at work on a totem pole. Sharon Svenson piecing together one of her tile mosaics.

## The Art of Brewing & Distilling

Beer is an art in Haines thanks to local brewmaster Paul Wheeler. Since 1999 Wheeler has been honing his skills, creating his signature Spruce Tip Ale and winter blues-kicking Black Fang Stout. The Haines Brewing Company tasting room on Main Street opens at noon and everyone's invited. Root beer and tea also served.

The inspiration of Alaskan bootleggers and the craft of distilling spirits is ever present at the Port Chilkoot Distillery. Owners Heather Shade and Sean Copeland have created some of the most distinctive and award-winning vodka, gin, moonshine, absinthe, bourbon and whiskey in SE Alaska. Stop in at the tasting room in historic Fort Seward for a cocktail or take home a bottle to share with friends.

### **Woodcraft and Hammers**

Delight in shaping local spruce and hemlock into unique, well-crafted skis is what inspired entrepreneurs Graham Kraft and Lindsay Johnson to start Fairweather Ski Works. View their beautiful skis on display on Main Street or stop by their studio in the White Fang movie set at the SE Alaska Fairgrounds.

Tucked away on a side street in Haines is a small business that has taken bathtub and hot tub production to an art.

People from all over the world, including Hollywood stars, are finding Zen Bathworks and placing their custom orders.

Since 2002 The Hammer Museum on Main Street has been acquiring fans from visitors all across the globe. Founders Dave and Carol Pahl are the creative force behind this quirky and amusing museum and invite folks of all ages to "get hammered in Haines."

## World-class Collections of Art & Artifacts

Whether you're a fan of Gold Rush history, Tlingit carving and blanket weaving or the work of contemporary artists, the Chilkat Valley has two museums—the Haines Sheldon Museum and the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Bald Eagle Preserve Visitor Center in Klukwan—that reflect the history, art, and culture of the people who have lived in the Chilkat Valley for thousands of years, and the people who call the Haines Borough home today.

## The Art of Writing

## If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name

Since Heather Lende published her first collection of essays in 2005, Haines has found a place in the hearts of people across
America. Many of her readers have found their way to Haines.

Read her books, check out her blog or follow her on Facebook and see why Haines is a place where adventure—and writing—is an art.

#### **A Haines Love Letter**

To coincide with the 2015 Eagle Festival local photographer, author and river guide Joe Ordonez released his beautiful book "Where Eagles Gather: The Story of the Alaska Chilkat

Bald Eagle Preserve Haines, Alaska." Not only is it a love letter to eagles and the Preserve, but it is a love letter to Haines. We promise, it will inspire you to explore Haines and the road less traveled.

## Everyone's Invited

## First Fridays

Sponsored by the Haines Chamber of Commerce and Alaska Arts Confluence, the first Friday of every month celebrates art in the community. Starting at 5 p.m., local businesses and the museums open their doors to showcase the work of local artists. This is a wonderful venue for emerging as well as established artists. It's always an evening filled with good food, good people and great art. And everyone's invited.