Our Town Belfast

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Announcing Fourth Friday Artwalks

Our Town Belfast is happy to announce that Friday, July 22 will be the first Fourth Friday Art Walk of the 2022 season. Several galleries will open their doors from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. welcoming the public to learn more about their work and creation process. It is also an opportunity to hear about workshop opportunities that many of the fine artists offer.

From the center of downtown, at the intersection of Main and High Street, visit the Parent Fine Art Gallery. There you can take in the oil paintings by owner Joanne Parent, photography from her father, Neal Parent, and a variety of other featured artists. Next, around the corner on High Street, you will find Studio K brought to you by painter, drawer, designer, and color theorist, Kris Engman. Cross over High Street to visit the 13 artists featured at Local Color Gallery. These artists' work includes, but is not limited to, oil and acrylic paintings, printmaking, solar plated photography, chine colle, encaustic, and watercolor. You will also have the opportunity to meet and hear from the July/August visiting artists Liz Prescott and Marli Thibodeau.

When leaving Local Color Gallery, head back to the traffic light and enjoy music by the Belfast Bay Fiddlers until 6:00 p.m. Just after you pass the music, you will find a yellow flag marking Sheep Jones second floor gallery with multiple rooms showcasing her oil paintings. Your next stop on High Street will be at Belfast Fiber Arts to experience the beauty and feel of fiber arts and learn about the variety of workshops they offer. You can then visit Susan Tobey White a few doors down the hallway to view her vibrant collection of fine art paintings.

From there travel further along High Street to find Waterfall Arts and the closing night for "The Embrace" with Karen Olson. You will also view a glass-blowing demonstration by visiting artist Clint Burbridge. Be sure not to miss Mainely Gallery and Studio on Searsport Avenue. Here you can view work from more than 40 artists, learn about the variety of classes they offer, and even enjoy something from their cafe.

While in downtown Belfast, you can take advantage of the many unique offerings of our retail shops that will open till 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 p.m. You can find gournet foods, women's, men's, and children's clothing, books, hardware, gardening supplies, home goods, shoes, craft supplies, vintage furniture and clothing, jewelry, and much more. When you find yourself ready, our restaurants are available for you to enjoy anything from burgers, salads, and seafood to sushi, Thai, and Italian. Downtown Belfast has something for everyone in your group.

Visit downtown Belfast again on Friday, August 26, and Friday, September 23 for more fourth Friday artwalks.

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OUR TOWN BELFAST is a community-driven and nationally accredited <u>Main Street</u> organization whose mission is to grow and sustain our historic downtown while celebrating our unique cultural heritage.

We believe in supporting local businesses, honoring our heritage through historic preservation, and bringing together the community to make downtown Belfast a better place to live, work and play.

Our Town Belfast envisions a vibrant future in which our waterfront, commercial district, treasured historic buildings, and outdoor public spaces are alive with activity.





