ART FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS

JUNE 6TH, 10AM-5PM

- **9:30-10am:** *Gazebo at the Inn at Benicia Bay & Cafe at the Inn: Benicia Literary Arts* will be presenting Poets & Writers of Short Prose
- **10am-4pm:** *Saint Paul's Square* will have *Richard Abbott* of the 4th Corner Speakeasy in Vallejo on premises playing piano & hosting a sing-along
- **10am-4pm:** *Arts Benicia:* Listening Lounge spinning vinyl. As you enjoy the soothing sounds, treat yourself to our morning libations, featuring Mimosas, Coffee, Juice, and fresh Croissants served from 11am-1pm and the bar opens from 1-4pm.
- **10:30am-4:30pm:** *Blackbird Gallery:* Paint the Mona Lisa! DaVinci's famous painting will be divided into 5x5" squares for each participant to paint. The finished work will hang in the gallery and be awarded to one lucky participant
- **11-11:45am:** *Benicia State Capitol Lawn* (on the corner of First & G Streets): Live Music featuring the *ExCapitals*
- **11-11:45am:** *Gazebo at the Inn at Benicia Bay & Cafe at the Inn:* Live Music featuring *Bittersweet Tonic*
- **11am-12pm:** *The Porch at Elisa's Cottage* presents *Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park*, Richard III Sonnets

- **11am-2pm:** *Museum of History Benicia:* "Musical Art" activity - works like musical chairs but with colored pencils and paper. Fun for all ages.
- **11am-4pm:** *NY2CA Gallery:* Interactive Hand-Made Paper House Building, led by Internationally known hand paper making artist, *Jane Ingram Allen*. People are assisted in creating their own paper/wire house that will be part of a community art installation and can pick up their houses by 5pm or after the festival (before June 21st).
- **11am-4pm:** *Benicia Plein Air Gallery:* People's Choice Award voting
- **11:30am:** *Benicia Plein Air Gallery: Mayor Steve Young & Carol Arzier* awarding juror awards
- **11:30am-2pm:** *Artcentric:* Tile Painting Technique demo with *Aline* (owner) demonstrating her Italian Technique. Create your own free tile
- **12-12:45pm:** *Benicia State Capitol Lawn* (on the corner of First & G Streets): Live Music featuring *ExCapitals*
- **12-12:45pm:** *Saint Paul's Square* will feature *Neema Hekmat & Friends*, a Middle Eastern ensemble performing traditional arrangements on ancient string and percussion instruments
- **12-3pm:** *Happy Life Pottery:* Stop by to watch an entertaining Pottery "Throwdown" with 8 local potters competing in somewhat ridiculous, difficult & fun pottery throwing challenges.

- **12-3pm:** *Estey Gallery:* Collage Art Demonstrations
- **12-3pm:** *Gallery 621:* Modern Indie Live Music from *Garrett Mingardi*
- **12-4pm:** *Benicia Plein Air Gallery:* Gallery Artist, *Michael Dadasovich*, leads a "Paint Like Jerrold Turner" community painting in honor of the late painter & co-founder of the gallery
- **12-5pm:** *Sip of Art History: Baxter's* is hosting actor from *Benicia Theatre Group* impersonating Frida Kahlo
- **12:15-1pm:** *Gazebo at the Inn at Benicia Bay & Cafe at The Inn:* Live Music featuring *Bittersweet Tonic*
- **1-1:45pm:** *The Porch at Elisa's Cottage* is hosting *CommonUnion59*, the folk/Americana duo of Steve McKenzie and Laura Malasig
- **1-3pm:** *Benicia Plein Air Gallery:* Plein Air Demos by Gallery Artists, *MaryLou Correia & Micaela Marsden*
- **1-3pm:** *Gallery 621:* Free portrait sketches by *Gay Roche*
- **1:15-2pm:** *Saint Paul's Square* will feature *Neema Hekmat & Friends*, a Middle Eastern ensemble performing traditional arrangements on ancient string and percussion instruments
- **1:30-3:30pm:** *Blackbird Gallery:* Hosting the improvised musical genius of *Marcy Orendorff.* Give her a topic & she'll improvise on the spot!
- **2-2:45pm:** *Sidewalk at the Tannery* will have *Bizzy Lewis*, Benicia's own songbird

- **2-3pm:** *Gazebo at The Inn at Benicia Bay & Cafe at The Inn: Benicia Literary Arts* will be presenting Poets & Writers of Short Prose
- **2:15-3pm:** *The Porch at Elisa's Cottage* is hosting *CommonUnion59*, the folk/Americana duo of Steve McKenzie and Laura Malasig
- **2:30-3:15pm:** *Benicia State Capitol Lawn* (on the corner of First & G Streets): Live Music featuring *B Jozlin & Nada*
- **3-3:30pm:** *Saint Paul's Square* will feature the *Benicia Ballet Folklorico Troupe*
- **3-5pm:** *Gallery 621:* Monotype Process Art Demonstration by *Nikki Basch-Davis*
- **3:15-3:45pm:** *Benicia State Capitol Lawn* (on the corner of First & G Streets): Live Music featuring *ExCapitals*
- **3:15-4pm:** *Sidewalk at the Tannery* will have *Bizzy Lewis*, Benicia's own songbird
- **3:45-4:30pm:** *Benicia State Capitol Lawn* (on the corner of First & G Streets): Live Music featuring *B Jozlin & Nada*
- **4-5pm:** *The Little Art Shop:* Special performance happening along the waters edge featuring *Veil in the Wind Bellydancers and The Flairs* (12 dancers + 4 musicians) along with *Art in Motion*, artists who will be creating during the performance that will be using the bellydancers as inspiration

- **4-6pm:** *Arts Benicia:* Live Music by the talented jazz duo of *Jim Kolvacik* on flute and *Karl Hartman* on bass and the Art of the Community Exhibit Reception
- **4:30pm:** *Benicia Plein Air Gallery:* Presenting People's Choice Award from day's voting
- **All Day:** *Artcentric* "Bob Ross" Appearances & Giveaways
- **All Day:** *Arts Benicia:* Art of the Community Exhibition
- **All Day:** *Benicia Art Glass Gallery:* Hand-Blown Art Glass Exhibit featuring Nourot Studios, Bay Blown Glass, Rachel B. Glass
- **All Day:** *Benicia Plein Air Gallery:* Paint Out Wet Paint Show featuring fresh-off-the-easel work from 40+ talented local artists who spent the week capturing Benicia's charm en plein air
- **All Day:** *Estey RE & Gallery:* Abstract Expressionism Exhibit spotlighting 5 local artists & Crystals & Handcrafted Jewelry pop-up
- **All Day:** *Gallery 621:* Exhibit featuring contemporary artwork in textile, sculpture and painting and refreshments served throughout the day
- **All Day:** *Happy Life Pottery:* Jewelry & Mosaic Artist, *Michelin Silva*, will have a booth set up featuring her mosaic art and will be offering a table where people can make their own mosaic ornament (free) to take home with them.

- **All Day:** *Ingle Ink:* Stop by to get a free temporary tattoo for ages 12+
- **All Day:** *Museum of History Benicia:* Special Exhibit in the Stone Room Gallery featuring artist *CharyInn Throckmorton* and 8 other artists with a range of work from sculpture and assemblage to a variety of painting styles and genres.
- **All Day:** *The Little Art Shop:* Meet-the-artist day, with many of the 40+ artists on-site to discuss their process and inspiration. Artist *Matt Greenwood* will be demonstrating live glass blowing and torchwork all day long.
- **All Day:** *The Museum of History Benicia* is offering free entry and a special showing of the Benicia painting by *Henrietta Riddell Fish*. They will also have *Vallejo Vineyards* on premises with sips from their vineyard
- **All Day:** *Benicia Art Glass* will offer painting with marbles and a raffle

Go to **BeniciaArtsFestival.com** for
Trolley Stops, Map & More Information

BENICIA ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

Art Trail Map

~Follow the flowers~

1. **The Little Art Shop – Gallery & Studio**
   129 1St Street, E
2. **Estey Real Estate & Gallery**
   216 First Street
3. **Benicia Plein Air Gallery**
   307 First Street
4. **Benicia Art Glass Gallery**
   309 First Street
5. **Blackbird Gallery**
   422 First Street
6. **NY2CA Gallery**
   617 First Street
7. **Ingle Ink**
   621 1/2 First Street
8. **Happy Life Pottery**
   632 First St
9. **Artcentric**
   733 First St.
10. **Gallery 621**
    920 First Street, Suite 203
11. **Marilyn Citron O'Rourke Art Gallery at Benicia Library**
    150 E L Street

** More Locations On The Back...*

Experience the Day

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Interactive Event Map

- 13 galleries with interactive art experiences
- Free vintage trolley rides to all locations
- Live music and performing arts
- "Sip of Art History" experiences
- Art Blooms with Interpretive Floral designs
- Giant flowers with bubbles mark the way
- Public Art Trail

12. **Arts Benicia**
    1 Commandant's Lane
13. **Museum of History Benicia & Charlynn Throckmorten Gallery**
    2060 Camel Rd.

Ride the trolley between downtown, Arts Benicia, & the Museum.

- Trolley Stop
- Sip of Art History
- Live Music & Dance
- Food & Drink
- Restroom