

# Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

*Awaken Your Inner Artist*

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## Director's Note

The calendar has turned, the snow has fallen, the election has passed and winter has arrived.

As we settle in for the next season of low temperatures and short days, I reflect that these are the times that the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival is most valuable. Many people find that the winter months are when they are finally able to find the time and passion to be creative. As the days shorten, my mind drifts towards the next book that I want to write and I know many others who take their time indoors to bake or write or quilt or paint or play music. We learned new skills and techniques in the summer and now we get to fully work on them during the colder, darker months of the year.



This is the time to be creative. This is the time to exercise your brain and your fingers and your heart. This is the time to find others with similar passions and share times of creativity and community with them. This is the time when the arts help us to thrive.

Enjoy the coming winter. Awaken your inner artist. And keep an eye out for what you would like to do better...next summer's festival is on the way.

James

## What's Next?

2021 Winter Edition is in its planning stages. Classes are being planned, funding is being sought and we are moving right along. Covid has changed the look of Festival some but we are still here and going strong. We can't wait till we can all be together again and celebrate the Artist Within!

## Artist Spotlight~ Debbie Matthews



Debbie has worked with stained glass since 1974, and has accomplished many projects over the years. After moving to Fairbanks and finding no place to buy glass, she felt the need to have stained glass re-introduced. Debbie opened Expressions in Glass in April of 1992.

## Giving Opportunities

FSAF is in the planning stages for Winter Edition and Summer 2021. We can use your help!

- ◆ *Donate towards festival* —Choose an amount and donate to support your favorite parts of Festival. Ask your employer if they would match.
- ◆ *Volunteer to be a Coordinator*—We have several openings for Coordinators this year.
- ◆ *Volunteer to host an artist next year* —We always need housing and cars for visiting artists.

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