

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Awaken Your Inner Artist

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Director's Note

We don't know.

After spending weeks researching projections and policies and pandemic historical trends there is one single conclusion that I have found that everyone can agree with: We don't know.

We don't know how the coronavirus will respond to the summer. We don't know if there will be a second wave or if there will be loosened social restrictions in July. We don't know if we will be able to meet in groups of 500 or 100 or 50 or 10. The 40th season of the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival was scheduled to run from July 12-26 and we do not know what life will look like during those times. We probably will not know until early July.



So what are we going to do this summer with the Festival? Simply put, we will be flexible. We are putting together a scaled-back version of the festival with fewer than 10 workshops being offered during the week of July 20-26. The hope, dream and goal is to offer workshops with a performance or two...and we are fully aware that it could all be cancelled at the last minute so we are making sure to not overextend ourselves so that FSAF can be sustainable for the years to come.

FSAF.org is where we will be listing all of the workshops that we will be offering this summer. The website will also have a lot of information about FSAF guest artists who are offering lessons and courses online so that you can connect with them even if they are not going to be up here this year. There will not be any catalogs being mailed out. Registration will open online on June 1st.

We are eager to see you and talk with you and sing and play and paint and create with you...and this season may not lend itself to that reality this year. We will be flexible and see what we can do and invite you to join us in doing the same. Be creative. Be safe. Stay healthy and join us in looking forward to a brighter tomorrow.

James

What's Next?

SO many questions! Here are a few answers. In May FSAF will be sending out the list of classes and information about our summer session. Registration will open June 1st. As we all know, we are taking this day by day. We are here, working towards celebrating being together. Whatever happens, we are all in this together!

Artist Spotlight **Tom Nixon**

Tom Nixon teaches watercolor and drawing privately in his studio in Hamilton Acres. He and his wife Nelda travel throughout the state in the summer months; painting and making new friends. They both are active members of the Fairbanks Watercolor Society where he served for several years as President. Favorite quote: "One form of art feeds another." author unknown.

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