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Let Your Senses Soar this Spring with San Juan Islands Arts

Creativity and community combine to showcase island talent with workshops, walks, and dance

Friday Harbor, WA... "Great art picks up where nature ends." – Marc Chagall. Artists looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of mainland life often find themselves drawn to the nature of the San Juan Islands for inspiration. Materials and methods are as varied as the Islands themselves. This spring, discover the masterpieces blooming from these artists' love of their island home.

New this spring, the San Juan Islands Makers' Guild will host [Eye of the Whale](#), a 3-Day series of writer's retreats and artisan workshops May 15th-18th. From town to farm to sea, activity sites are across San Juan Island with a program home base in the historic Brickworks center in Friday Harbor.

- Makers' workshops like weaving, woodworking, craft food and beverage, and metal.
- Artist workshops like sculpture, painting, printmaking, and Raku.
- Writers' workshops like nature writing, poetry, and song writing.
- Guest speakers and special events.
- Field trips and tours are active learning experiences on island farms, in artist studios, or at nature sites.

2025 marks the 20th anniversary for the [San Juan Islands Museum of Art](#) (SJIMA)! Once an ambulance garage for the local EMS and now an iconic landmark of Friday Harbor, the museum has exhibited works from the likes of Ansel Adams, Ai Weiwei, William Morris, and three generations of Tsutakawas. *Crush*, part of the spring show at SJIMA, is a vibrant exhibit of Kenda Francis' paintings, a spotlight on often-overlooked yet vital undomesticated creatures that transcend the physical and political boundaries of our planet. Each of her works delves beyond mere celebration of these subjects, aiming to shed light on the challenges our wildlife confronts in these overwhelming circumstances.

Curiouser and curiouser! The Orcas Dance Collective and Orcas Center Present [Alice's Adventures in Wonderland](#) April 25th – May 11th. This re-imagined ballet transports the audience to the surreal world of Wonderland, where Alice encounters a cast of eccentric and unforgettable characters including the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and the Mad Hatter. With intricate dance sequences that bring each character to life, this production promises to be an exhilarating and visually stunning experience for all!

Visitors to Lopez Island can meet many local creative souls during the monthly ArtWalks. The [First Saturday Art Walk](#) takes place the first Saturday of each month from 5-7 pm and is a free, self-guided event located in Lopez Village. Activities include artist exhibitions and talks, live entertainment, free family art activities at Lopez Library, food trucks, and specials at local participating restaurants and businesses like Skarpari and Chimera Gallery.

For more information on these and other spring art events, check out www.visitsanjuans.com/the-arts.

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