

ARTS ALLIANCE SCHEDULES MONTHLY ARTS WALK



Arts Walk visitors gathered last summer for a spoken word performance behind Studio Hill Gallery in Woodbury. This year's Arts Walks will begin Thursday, May 19, along Main Street South and continue on the third Thursday of the month in June, July and August.

WOODBURY – The Arts Alliance of Woodbury will host its first Arts Walk of the season from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, along Main Street South.

Artists, musicians, poets, and dancers will be on hand, offering demonstrations and works for sale, music, and dance performances, and spoken word throughout the evening.

AAW initiated the Arts Walks last year as a way for area residents to emerge from lockdown and enjoy the arts in a Covid-safe, outdoor setting. The event was enthusiastically received by participants and visitors alike.

Organizers have fine-tuned this year's layout to provide a safer, more comfortable stroll. All activities will be arranged along the east side of the road, from the Woodbury Library at 269 Main St. South to Studio Hill Gallery at 507 Main St. South, with no streetcrossing required.

Pop-up artists working in various genres will be set up between the two anchor venues, including a grouping on the Cannon Green.

Facing the green, the front porch at Madeline West Antiques will be the venue for the evening's musical performances. Dr. Steve, the "Psinging Psychologist," will perform from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., featuring originals and covers. Sweetcake Mountain will follow with "Swamp Yankee Bluegrass" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Area poets and writers will read from their works beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the patio behind the Studio Hill Gallery, where seating will be provided. Those scheduled to appear include Woodbury Poet Laureate Elizabeth Kutepov, Sandy Carlson, and MayaRose spokenWord.

The library's gallery will be open that evening, featuring "Nature's Tapestry," a mixedmedia exhibit of works blending nature and spirituality by prize-winning artist Lori Barker. Ms. Barker will be present to discuss her work with visitors.

Dancers from Main Street Ballet will perform along the route. The Polar Sweets ice cream truck will be on hand and the Glebe House on Hollow Road will be open, offering tours of the Gertrude Jekyll Garden from 5 to 8 p.m.

Visitors may begin their walk at either end of the extended venue. Ample parking can be found at the town offices, at the Senior Community Center, and along various side streets.

Those planning to attend may visit <u>artsallianceofwoodbury.org</u> for up-to-the-minute scheduling as well as potential weather cancellations.

There is no cost to attend the AAW Arts Walk. Three additional walks are planned for the third Thursday evenings of June, July, and August.

The all-volunteer, nonprofit Arts Alliance of Woodbury is committed to promoting the arts in Woodbury and surrounding towns. New members are welcome.

Those seeking additional information may find the group on Facebook, visit <u>artsallianceofwoodbury.org</u> or email <u>bill@artsallianceofwoodbury.org</u>.

