



O'Keeffe's paintings resonate

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There are exhibits - and there are exhibits you shouldn't miss.

"Georgia O'Keeffe and the Sublime Landscape," opening Sunday (and concluding Sept. 26) in the University of Michigan Museum of Art's second-floor West Gallery, is easily this summer's event you shouldn't miss. The exhibit spans more than five decades of the 20th century and features 35 paintings, some drawings, and one sculpture by O'Keeffe.

Additional artworks on display will be paintings by important American artists such as Albert Bierstadt, Martin Johnson Heade and George Inness. And photographs by O'Keeffe's husband, Alfred Stieglitz, and noted American photographer Todd Webb round out the bill.

As the UMMA tells us, "Although most of O'Keeffe's works are landscapes, the sublime, for her, was not necessarily associated with a physical location. Hers was a state of mind in which nature and the sublime transcended specific times and places."

There's no fee to see the exhibit, so there's no excuse to miss one of the signal art events of the year. The UMMA is located at 525 S. State St. Call (734) 763-UMMA.

It's been a year since the introduction of the newest configuration for the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

The "original" Ann Arbor Street Art Fair (45 years) has consolidated its move to Washington, Thayer, and North University Avenue in conjunction with the State Street Area Art Fair (37 years), the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair (34 years), and the five-year-old Ann Arbor South University Art Fair.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. July 21 and will conclude July 24 at 6 p.m. More than a half-million people will likely attend, and more than 1,000 artists will have their work on display. Among local groups with special booths will be the Ann Arbor Potters Guild and the Ann Arbor Fiber Arts Guild.

For information, call the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (734) 995-7281.

Finally, the Ann Arbor Art Center has decided summer is the right time to indulge that artistic impulse you've been avoiding all year.

Their "Sunday at 1" arts programming for this season is full of eye-opening adventures in the visual arts that will spark creativity for the whole family.

This Sunday features a "Recipe Swap," in which recipes will be passed around and distributed to all participants with the featured project being the crafting of a serving bowl.

July 18 is an "Open Studio" that will allow participants to choose from a variety of items to paint with a skilled instructor.

And July 25 is the art center's second annual "Psychedelic Sunday," when you can blast into the past while wearing a tie-dyed T-shirt, receive a 10 percent discount, and spend a cool afternoon glazing a pottery item of your choice.

August will feature "Beat the Heat" workshops and more.

Workshops are held every Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m., and the first Sunday workshop of the month is free.

Following the first Sunday, workshops are \$12. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of the workshop, and drop-ins are welcome although space is limited. Pre-registration for the first Sunday is not required.

The art center is located at 117 W. Liberty St. For information, call (734) 994-8004.

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