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## **Spring City Artists To Be On Display September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Where in Utah can you visit the studios and galleries of more than 30 artisans in one day without traveling more than two miles? In Spring City, of course, which also happens to be the only city in Utah where the entire town is listed on the National Historical Register.

On Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, people can combine their love of the arts with their penchant for historical buildings and homes by taking part in the second annual Spring City Artists Studio Tour.

More than 30 artists will be opening their doors to the public, giving people a chance to see the works and works-in-progress of some of Spring City's finest painters, potters and craft makers.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available on Main Street the day of the event.

### **Painters taking part in the tour are:**

Osral Allred, Scott Allred, Lee Udall Bennion, Linda Budd, Joan Durfey, Douglas Fryer, Lanny Britsch Gourd, Susan Gallacher, Randall Lake, Shirley McKay, George Olson, Ruth Olson, Cassandra Parsons, M'Lisa Paulsen, Kathleen Peterson, Ed Soper, Kerry Soper and Michael Workman.

Other artisans on the tour include potters Joe Bennion and John Parsons; knife maker Jerry Johnson; violin maker Holly Nicholes; glass artist Vince Campanile; marquetrists Les Kraut; boot maker Don Walker; photographers Russ Evans and Paul Allred; painted ceramics artisan Gina Garner; silversmiths Garth and Viv Jepperson; furniture maker Jonathan "Jock" Jones; and woodmakers Lothar Janke and Carl Timm.

In addition to the studio tours, there will also be an Art Festival Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> that includes a free children's art work shops, pioneer games, and craft demonstrations, an art show, musical performances, food booths and more.

Part of the festival will include the Plein Air painting competition, which runs Aug. 29-31 and concludes with an art show and art sale Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Invited artists along with nationally and locally known artists will compete against each other as they paint pastoral scenes around beautiful historic Spring City for awards and cash prizes.

Plein Air is a French word that has a literal translation of "in the open air." It is used to describe a style of paintings or drawings created in the moment, primarily from nature and infused with a feeling of the open air. During the competition, people visiting Spring City for the three-day competition can watch the artists in action as they use their talents and brushes to re-create scenes on their canvas.

On Saturday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, the paintings will be judged and winners are announced. An open art show and sale will showcase the paintings completed that week and additional paintings by the artists.

There will also be self-guided tours of Spring City's historical homes and buildings.

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