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The Arts Are Alive in Steamboat Springs Fall 2019

Steamboat Springs' boasts an established and ever-growing arts scene. So much so that it was officially designated a Colorado Creative District in 2017. Not surprising considering there are a dozen galleries around town and a slew of organizations devoted to supporting and furthering the arts. This fall, with nature putting on its own colorful spectacle, is the perfect time to celebrate the arts in Steamboat Springs with these exciting events and must-visit stops:

Western Heritage Month

Held in September, Western Heritage Month celebrates the traditional arts and culture of the Yampa Valley. A good old-fashioned hootenanny with live music by Buffalo Commons will kick off the month of fun on Aug. 29 at the Depot Art Center. A variety of exhibits, classes and guided tours focused around "lost arts" like pioneer cooking, crafting, ranching, and art will take place throughout the month in partnership with [Tread of Pioneers Museum](#), [Elkstone Farm](#), and the [Hayden Heritage Center](#). September's First Friday Art Walk will even feature a western theme — more on that below. For more information about classes, tours, and events, visit www.steamboatcreates.org/western-heritage-month/.

First Friday Art Walk

Each month, local art galleries, museums and alternative venues in downtown Steamboat Springs stay open late for the [First Friday Art Walk](#), which runs from 5 to 8 p.m. The free self-guided tour is an excellent introduction to the local art scene. The galleries serve refreshments, and the exhibits change monthly. The next Art Walk, slated for Sept. 6, will feature outdoor performances and a special guided tour of galleries displaying western-themed art in honor of Western Heritage Month. Visit [Steamboat Creates](#) website for a map.

Plein Air is Anything But Plain

Any visit to Steamboat Springs deserves a stop at the [Steamboat Art Museum](#), an impressive free museum located in one of the town's most historic buildings on Lincoln Avenue. The museum hosts a Plein Air event Sept. 20-27, 2019. Artists of all abilities are invited to paint the glory of Steamboat's autumn landscape with historic ranches, alpine vistas, botanic gardens and historic downtown providing plenty of inspiration. An opening reception and awards event is set for Sept. 27 and the paintings, all featuring the Yampa Valley, will be on display through Nov. 2.

New Gallery

The newest gallery to join the Steamboat scene is [Windfall Fine Art Gallery](#), located at 1015 Lincoln Avenue. Two longtime local artists, Dale Foster and Michelle Ideus, opened the gallery in July. See works by 10

Colorado artists, nine who call Steamboat home. Mediums include glass, ceramics, photography, oil paintings, mixed media and jewelry. Each member spends three days a month in the gallery, selling the art, and working on his or her own art to the delight of visitors.

Celebrating the Culinary Arts

Brand new this year, [Steamboat Food & Wine Festival](#) is bringing some of the hottest Colorado and national chefs to town for the inaugural festival, set for Oct. 3-6. The festival features culinary collaborations between chefs from the Yampa Valley and visiting chefs from across the country, all paired with outstanding wines. These culinary partnerships are best experienced during the three different chef dinners led by a notable names including:

- Caroline Glover of Annette in Aurora (Food & Wine Magazine's Best New Chef 2019) paired with local chef Gabriel Ledemsa of Table 79.
- Top Chef winner Hosea Rosenberg of Boulder's Black Belly paired with Patrick Ayres, the festival's culinary director and the culinary director for Destinations Hospitality Restaurant Group.
- Rising Chef Kelly Whitaker of Boulder's Basta paired with Texas sensation Jason Dady.

A slew of fun seminars round out the schedule, including a Rosé All Day seminar; a seminar focused on parlor cocktails of the 1940s and '50s; and even a workshop devoted to mixing the perfect Old Fashioned. After a spectacular Grand Tasting experience on Saturday, Oct. 5, toast 120 of your new friends at a family-style meal held atop a long table on Yampa Street during the festival finale Bacon and Bubbles Brunch.

Steamboat's annual culinary celebration, [Steamboat Springs Restaurant Week](#), is set for Sept. 27 through Oct. 6, overlapping with the Steamboat Food & Wine Festival. Local restaurants offer select prix fixe menus during Restaurant Week. It's the perfect opportunity to visit your beloved eateries or to discover a new favorite. Around 30 restaurants participate in this fun event that ushers in autumn. Participating restaurants will begin unveiling special menus beginning this week and continuing through the end of the month.

Looking Ahead

In May 2020, the city will host the Colorado Creative Industries' annual summit. Around 350 to 400 creative leaders will be in Steamboat Springs for two to three days for exhibits, performances, networking, speakers, workshops and more.

About Steamboat Springs

A Northwest Colorado gem just 2.5 hours from Denver, Steamboat Springs is a year-round outdoor playground and a historic resort town where western heritage meets abundant adventure. Summertime in Steamboat means miles of single track and endless county roads, tubing the Yampa and soaking in the hot springs, golfing among the peaks and valleys, and exploring the abundant lakes, rivers and streams that dot the landscape. Downtown Steamboat Springs pays tribute to its ranching roots with a renowned weekly rodeo, heritage shops and outfitters, and a culinary community that takes homegrown to new heights. Throughout the summer Steamboat blooms with activity from Lincoln Avenue to the mountain base and beyond. Get Up Here and experience one of Colorado's authentic western mountain towns.