

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

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For 40 years the Sawdust Art Festival has welcomed art lovers to its enchanting eucalyptus-shaded grounds in picturesque Laguna Beach. Originally a four-week arts and crafts show, the Sawdust Art Festival has expanded its annual calendar to include the following events:

Spring into Art 2006

Three Weekends: March 11, 12; 18, 19 and 25, 26 Everyone from novice to experienced artist is invited to attend art classes taught by professional artists from the Sawdust Art Festival. Learn how to blow glass, create china mosaics, paint with watercolors, oils or acrylics, and more! Class size is ten or fewer students. Costs range from \$100 to \$250, including supplies, refreshments and catered lunches.

Art Studio Tour 2006

Saturday, April 8 This is a rare opportunity to tour the private studios of over 50 of Laguna Beach's most renowned artists. Tours begin at the Sawdust Art Festival, with continuous shuttles (with guides) to the studios. The day concludes with a reception at the Sawdust's Gallery 935 featuring live music, fine wines and hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited. Cost: \$55

Sawdust Art Festival 2006: 40 Creative Years

Friday, June 30 through Sunday, September 3. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: \$7 adults; \$6 seniors; \$3 children 6 to 12; free for children 5 and under. Over 200 Laguna Beach artists invite visitors to stroll along sawdust-covered paths through a village of art and fine craft. Since 1966 this event has drawn visitors from around the world who are looking for one-of-a-kind artwork, including paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photographs, sculptures, hand-blown glass and more. Meet and purchase directly from the artists! Varied art demonstrations including glass blowing, complimentary art workshops, children's art activities, refreshments and live entertainment make this a memorable event.

Winter Fantasy 2006

Four Weekends: Nov. 18 & 19; Nov. 24, 25 & 26; Dec 2 & 3; Dec. 9 & 10. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children 6 –12; free for children 5 and under. The Winter Fantasy is an art and fine craft festival featuring 175 artists from around the country. In addition to the original art for sale, visitors will delight in visits with Santa, a play area with real snow, thousands of holiday lights and decorations, complimentary art classes, children's art activities, refreshments, live holiday entertainment, and more.

All Sawdust Art Festival events are held, or begin, at 935 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. For information, visit www.SawdustArtFestival.org or call 949-494-3030.

The Sawdust Art Festival is a non-profit organization; its mission is to educate the public about the art created in the Laguna Beach community.