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An Arts Town with Altitude

First Friday Artwalk

Celebrating Steamboat's Art Community

Historic downtown is the thriving, heartbeat of Steamboat Springs even if it doesn't look exactly as it did more than 100-years ago. Wide enough to accommodate cattle drives in the late 1800s, long enough to connect the train depot to the natural hot springs in town and authentic enough to still host local annual parades, cattle drives and car shows, the town's main thoroughfare, Lincoln Avenue has been changing its look for more than a century. Today, downtown Steamboat is the hub of an arts revolution.

Traditionally this 10 block stretch has been known for its timeless store fronts, longtime retailers and Western charm. But this Steamboat Springs treasure is much more than just restaurants, shops and boutiques; it now hosts First Friday Artwalks. The joint effort between local art galleries, the Steamboat Springs Arts Council and individual artists is presenting art to a wider audience.

Held monthly, local art galleries, restaurants and bookstores open their doors to the public; showcasing art, sharing food and creating an environment of appreciation and education. "These events are hitting a chord with the Steamboat Springs community," says Marion Kahn, Director of the Steamboat Springs Arts Council. "Galleries are feeling a positive impact, the public is excited by it and we feel like we are adding to the diversity and creating a balance in town."

Stops on the First Friday Artwalk vary month to month. The exhibits, locations and even the people are fresh and new. In one given night you could see a Western exhibit at the Steamboat Art Museum, see new techniques at the Emerging Artists' Gallery at the Depot or see 27 artists at the same time at the cooperative Artists' Gallery of Steamboat.

Participants explore different venues, flowing freely (and for free) to host locations to view works from diverse artists. These exhibits are solidifying our growing reputation as "An Arts Town with Altitude." For more information please contact the Steamboat Springs Arts Council at (970) 879-9008.

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