



New Carmel Art Walk Puts Spotlight On Village's Artist-Owned Galleries



CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. (Jan. 18, 2017) – Carmel-by-the-Sea offers historic walking tours, wine walk tours, and food tours, so it's only natural that the California Central Coast village, which has been a haven for artists for more than a century, now features "Carmel Art Walk."

Carmel-by-the-Sea has more than 100 art galleries—featuring [creations by scores of internationally acclaimed artists](#)—but it is the 21 *artist-owned* galleries that host Carmel Art Walk, held from 5 to 8 p.m. the second Saturday of every month. The next two Art Walks are scheduled for Feb. 11 and March 11.

Joaquin Turner, who owns a gallery on Dolores between 5th and 6th in downtown Carmel, said the Art Walk was created to cultivate a personal relationship between the artists and art lovers

"Those of us who have artist-owned galleries in Carmel love to get know the people who are buying our paintings," said Joaquin Turner, who owns a gallery on Dolores between 5th and 6th in downtown Carmel and has been dubbed the Art Walk's unofficial president. "We just finished our third Art Walk, and I'm happy to say it's catching on. Visitors tell us they are able to get a good understanding of how Carmel has been—and continues today to be—a thriving art colony."

During each walk, the artists can be found in their galleries, showing their works, and answering questions, while many give free demonstrations. Some of the galleries serve refreshments, others offer live music.

Carmel Art Walk has its own website—CarmelArtWalk.com—as well as a four-color map listing the galleries, the artists, and their locations.

“It’s helpful to have the map because many of Carmel’s artist-owned galleries are tucked away in hard-to-find courtyards,” Turner explained. “While we all have loyal repeat customers, we love it when people discover us for the first time and take home a piece of art to make them remember their visit here.”

For more information, visit www.CarmelArtWalk.com, or send Turner an email at jtfineart@gmail.com.

Carmel Art Walk is separate from Carmel Art Tours, which offers 90-minute guided, informal walking tours to as many as eight of the village’s art galleries.

It’s never been easier to get to Carmel-by-the-Sea. Monterey Regional Airport (MRY) is just a 10-minute drive away and served by direct flights to and from San Francisco (SFO, United Express), Los Angeles (LAX, United Express, Alaska Airlines), Las Vegas (LAS, Allegiant Air), Phoenix (PHX, American), and San Diego (SAN, Alaska Airlines). San Jose International Airport (SJC) is 75 miles north.

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