

The Golden Fine Arts Festival Is This Weekend, Featuring 134 Artists in Nine Categories

Golden has become a destination not only for tourists, but also for relocating families. Among the many reasons for this are its small "college town" atmosphere, its location at the base of the Rocky Mountains, and its varied and exciting arts scene.

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Golden boasts several museums: from the Colorado Railroad Museum, Dinosaur Ridge, and Buffalo Bill's Grave and Museum on the outskirts of town, to the Golden History Museum, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, the Bradford-Washburn Mountaineering Museum, and the Foothills Art Center, all located within the city limits.

In the performing arts, Golden is home to the critically acclaimed Miners Alley Playhouse (current play is "Lend Me a Tenor") and the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, which has a free Pops Concert this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Golden's Parfet Park.

One of the city's signature events, the Golden Fine Arts Festival, happens this Saturday and Sunday. Presented every August by the Golden Chamber of Commerce, 2018 marks the festival's 28th year. Golden Real Estate is proud to be a secondary sponsor of this always-popular event that, like so many other things, has improved with age. As great as it's always been, it just seems to get better every year. Situated along Clear Creek, the festival fills 11th Street with a diverse mixture of exhibits and artists from around the country.

The festival is a "juried" event. Artists, having been judged for acceptance into the Golden Fine Arts Festival, will now be judged during the show this Saturday. Award ribbons will be presented late Saturday afternoon for display at the winners' booths on Sunday.

Golden Fine Arts Festival



Rita and I have several pieces in our home that we purchased at previous festivals.

As shown on its web page, www.GoldenFineArtsFestival.org, there will be nine categories of artists exhibiting: 2D, Ceramics, Fiber Arts, Glass, Mixed Media, Jewelry, Sculpture, Painting, and Photography. Prizes are awarded in each category.

A VIP reception Friday evening provides an opportunity to meet many of the artists from the festival. Enjoy appetizers, craft beer, wine and socializing. Register no later than today (Thursday) at www.GoldenChamber.org.

The festival itself is open (and free to the public) on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 11th Street west of Washington Avenue.

In addition to the artists' tents, the Festival offers a variety of food vendors, wines, craft beers, and live bands. Here is the band lineup:

Saturday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | **The Johnny O. Band**, and 2:00 - 6:00 pm | **Dotsero**

Sunday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | **Sweet Spot Trio**, and 2:00 - 5:00 pm | **Funk it Up**



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We realize that not everyone who'd like to buy a home can do so. Yet, the selection of good rental homes is quite poor. Golden Real Estate's rent-with-right-to-purchase program may be the perfect solution. Come to our office at **17695 S. Golden Rd. Tues., Aug. 21, 5-7 pm** to learn about this exclusive program that lets you rent a home for up to 5 years for pre-determined rentals with the right to purchase anytime at pre-determined prices. Call Chuck at **303-885-7855** for details and to register for this informative session.

Open Houses Planned:

Debbi Hysmith's listing a **17424 Rimrock Drive** (price reduced to \$768,500) will be open Saturday, 10-11. Her listing at **7198 Eaton Court** will be open Saturday 2-4 pm. Meanwhile, Kristi Brunel is holding an "Open House Happy Hour" at her listing at **13214 Braun Road**, Saturday 3-5 p.m. My own listing at **5674 Fig Way** will be open Sunday 11 am to 1 pm. Lastly, my Lakewood listing at **6035 W. Evans Place** will be open Saturday 1-4 p.m. See video tours of all at GRELListings.com.

Ranch Home in Arvada Just Listed by Debbi Hysmith



\$433,000

Welcome home to this 4-bed, 3-bath (2,854-sq.ft.) artfully crafted ranch on 0.21 acres. This cute ranch at **6243 W. 62nd Ave.** couples character and functional outdoor living with RV parking, original 1960's wood floors under carpet on the main level, a gorgeous wood-burning fireplace, main level master suite with bath, two additional main-level bedrooms, and all bathrooms remodeled! All new windows, doors & hardware throughout -- newer Trex deck overlooks an ample backyard with a workshop in back while adding protection to the lower basement walk-out patio. Large finished basement offers guest bedroom, large laundry room, and bar for entertaining. Tranquil setting near Arvada downtown, close to miles of trails and parks! Crisp and clean throughout -- you will not be disappointed! See the narrated video tour at www.ArvidaRanch.info. Open Friday 6-8 pm and Sunday, 1-3 pm.

Paradise Hills Ranch Just Listed by Chuck Brown



\$695,000

Looking for an opportunity to purchase a large home in the foothills to make your own? This single-owner custom ranch-style home with walkout basement is at **266 Lamb Lane** in Paradise Hills near Genesee and is ready for its second owner. The home features 4,313 finished sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 fireplaces, 3 living rooms, an outdoor swimming pool, dramatic views from every room, and 1965 vintage architecture that is sure to impress. The home is largely original and needs some updating, but it is also fully functional and could be lived in immediately as is. Major improvements include a new roof (in 2017) and 2 new boilers (in 2008). There is too much to mention in this space, so be sure to view the video tour at www.FoothillsHome.info. Open house is Saturday, Aug. 18th, 11 am to 2 pm.

Snowblower Thieves Caught on Video

Just after sunset on April 10th, two men drove directly to the back of our building, loaded our Sears 2-stage snowblower into the back of their Nissan 4x4 Crew Cab and drove off -- all in 90 seconds. Please watch the video at www.GoldenREBlog.com, then call Golden police officer Travis Novak at **303-384-8041** if you recognize them.



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