

ArtSplash highlights gallery-quality professional art while celebrating the creativity inherent in people of all ages and walks of life. Primary art attractions include professional and novice artists creating masterpieces in chalk, stone, sand and other unique media while visitors watch. People also can try their own hand at rock-stacking, sand-sculpting, hat-making and other inspirational innovations.

Art from diverse genres will come to life during the two-day festival. Renowned international sand sculptor, Gerry Kirk, will return to create one of his signature pieces. Ron Juncal, Phyllis Swanson and their crew will combine chalk art on plexiglas to create a memorable mural. Sarah Nep, one of a handful of cheese sculptors in the U.S., will fashion a bust of Carlsbad Mayor Claude A. “Bud” Lewis out of milk cheddar. Mayor Lewis will join an elite list of other “big cheeses” sculpted by Nep, including former President Bill Clinton and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Featured artist Paula Yates will use a skimboard as a “canvas” to create a unique work. Her skimboard and several others by well-known artists – including famed surf artist Wade Koniakowsky – will be on display and available for purchase via a silent auction at the event. Also for sale will be a variety of juried fine art and original designs; from jewelry and pottery to hand-crafted adirondack chairs.

Adding to the draw of arts activities is a wealth of free entertainment, including the Vista Buddhist Temple drum team on Saturday, Fern Street Circus on Sunday, a 17-foot-tall, light-flashing, music-playing giraffe and Balloon Man Skip Banks.

Food will be as prevalent as fun, with Taste at ArtSplash™ on Saturday, Karl Strauss Beer Garden open both days and other refreshments available on-site.

For additional information, visit www.CarlsbadArtSplash.org or call 760.436.2828