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### **THE ARTISTS TRAIL – NEW JOINT PROJECT FOR SCENIC ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS**

**THE ARTISTS TRAIL** is a NEW joint project of the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust and the Rangeley Friends of the Arts which designates 15 specific scenic sites to introduce the unique and rugged beauty of the Rangeley Lakes Region of the western mountains of Maine to artists of all genres. The Trail is also supported by a grant from the Maine Community Foundation.

THE ARTISTS TRAIL also features a website/online gallery for artists and photographers to post their images created on, along, or of the designated sites. It is a way for visitors to easily view a collection of original art and images of the region and quickly connect with artists. The Trail includes specific sites like Height of Land, Bald Mountain and Cascade Stream Gorge as well as scenic routes like the Dead River between Rangeley & Stratton and Rangeley's National Scenic Byway.

To introduce THE ARTISTS TRAIL, the RFA is sponsoring a variety of events this summer. Two "plein air" workshops have been scheduled: July 23-26 with George Van Hook (all media) and August 13-16 with Michael Vermette (watercolor). Each workshop is 2 ½ days of instruction over a four-day period open to adult artists of all ability levels. Click [HERE](#) for complete information.

Two juried exhibits at the Lakeside Contemporary Art Gallery will feature work created along The Artists Trail. The Western Mountain Photography Show (September 14 – 30) and The Artists Trail Fine Art Exhibit (October 5 – November 2) will feature photos and original art created along the Trail. The Gallery is located at the RFA Lakeside Theater, 2493 Main Street in Rangeley.

For more information about the workshops, exhibits or The Artists Trail, please visit [rangeleyarts.org](http://rangeleyarts.org) and click on "Visual Arts," or call the RFA at 207-864-5000. The RFA is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 "Bringing the Arts to Life" in the Rangeley Lakes Region.

