



**Evergreen Aviation Museum**  
The Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute

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**Ron Hart Aviation Art Show Featured at  
Evergreen Aviation Museum**

***Local Artist Displays at McMinnville, Oregon Museum.***

**MCMINNVILLE, Ore.**—Thurs., Dec. 29, 2005 Oregon artist, Ron Hart, is currently exhibiting his aviation art at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore. The display focuses on aviation history and the visual elements that surround flight from his first hand experience as a pilot. Currently on display are 33 of Hart's pieces. The exhibit will be available for viewing until Jan. 31, 2006. Evergreen Aviation Museum patrons can view the art exhibit as part of the normal admission prices.

Hart's formal education was in art, but he earned his living as an airline pilot. He was able to travel to some of the world's finest art museums and learn invaluable lessons from the masterworks he studied during his 32 years as a commercial pilot. After retiring from American Airlines in Dec. of 2000, his painting began a focus on aviation art. His art pieces embody his memories of flying.

Hart maintains affiliations with several national art organizations, including a signature membership in the Pastel Society of America and as an artist member of the American Society of Aviation Artists. Hart has received numerous awards for his works including a "Best of Show" at the 2002 Horizons of Flight aviation art exhibition and competition, a "First Place" at Canada's

2001 Aviation Art Competition and the “Florence S. Prisant Award” from the Pastel Society of American (Pastels only). His works are exhibited all around the world including the United States, Canada and Western Europe. Hart resides in Bend, Ore. For more information regarding Ron Hart’s artwork, visit [www.hartart.com](http://www.hartart.com).

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is best known as the home of the world’s largest wooden airplane, the *Spruce Goose*, SR-71 *Blackbird* and Grumman F6F-3 *Hellcat*. In addition, there are more than 75 historic aircraft and exhibits on display, along with artwork, traveling displays, the newly remodeled Spruce Goose Café and the museum store. The Evergreen Aviation Museum’s hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except when it is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day and Easter. The Museum is located at 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, across the highway from the McMinnville Airport and about three miles southeast of McMinnville, Ore., on Highway 18. Regular visitor admission is required. Call (503) 434-4180 for more information, and visit [www.sprucegoose.org](http://www.sprucegoose.org).

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