



Mystery Art Fest: Call for Entries and Guidelines

Exhibit Dates: October 4 - October 25, 2019

What is Mystery Art Fest?

- Mystery Art is an annual exhibit and auction by local and regional artists of all levels.
- Artwork is donated by the artist and their name is hidden and becomes a mystery.
- At the beginning of the exhibit artwork is judged and awards are given.
- Artwork is then displayed in the NorthLight Gallery from October 4 through October 25.
- At the end of the exhibit artwork is auctioned at Mystery Art Fest Auction Night (October 25).

Guidelines and Rules

- Artists may donate up to two (2) pieces. All artwork is the property of The Arts Council (Kemp Center).
- Artwork must NOT be signed on the front and should be signed on the back.
- All artwork must be exactly 8" x 10" (vertical or horizontal format) or no larger than 8"x8"x10" for sculptural work.
- All artwork must be unframed and not matted. Stretched canvases should have finished edges (i.e. painted).
- All flat artwork will be framed in identical frames provided by The Arts Council.
- Stretched canvases will not be framed.
- Sculptural work must be free-standing or able to be hung in a frame or directly on the wall.
- All artwork must be original. Artwork should not be copied from copyrighted or published art/photographs.
- We will *not* accept photography, digital art, photocopies or any other mechanically reproduced work. All other media is acceptable (subject to approval by the gallery manager).
- We will *not* accept jewelry.
- Artwork is judged by category. Artists must select which category their pieces are listed under. Categories are: *Abstract, Animal, Floral, Landscape, Portrait, Still Life, and Symbolism*. Please see the reverse side for a description of each category.
- Divisions for entry are Adult (18 and up) and Youth (0-17 years).

Final deadline for artwork drop-off is Wednesday, September 4 at 5:00 pm.

- Each piece must be accompanied by a separate entry form.
- Entries that are still wet or have been signed on the front will *not* be accepted.

Event Information:

- Awards will be made by a panel of three judges. Judging will take place Thursday October 3rd.
- The exhibit will be open to the public starting Friday, October 4th.
- An Artist Reception will be held on Thursday, October 10th. Awards will be announced at that time.
- Live Auction event night will be Friday, October 25th. (See below for auction details)
- We also have weekly Art On Tap events in the gallery, please see our calendar online for details.

Auction and Bidding Information:

- Silent bidding will begin when the exhibit opens to the public. To make a bid, you must get a bid number from the front desk and place your bid sticker on the artwork label in the gallery. Bids can also be made online at this time.
- Bidding for Adult pieces starts at \$35. If a piece reaches a \$125 silent auction bid and then receives a second \$125 bid, it will go to live auction on Auction Night.
- Bidding for Youth pieces starts at \$5 and ends at \$35. Youth pieces do not go to live auction.
- **If a bidder can't be present for the Live Auction, we will accept proxy bids. These can be made in the gallery or online.**

Registration Forms can be downloaded from our website at artscouncilwf.org/mystery-art-fest or picked up from the front desk at the Kemp Center during open business hours.

For more information or clarification of guidelines, please contact the Gallery Manager:
Kristine Thueson, galleries@artscouncilwf.org, 940-767-2787

Mystery Art Fest Category Definitions

Abstract

Art images which are "abstracted" from real life images using a visual language of shape, form, color and line to create a composition which may exist with a degree of independence from visual references in the world.

Animal

Artwork primarily representing an animal or animals.

Floral

Artwork primarily representing flowers or plants.

Landscape

Artwork primarily representing natural scenery, including seascapes, mountainscapes, and other natural views. Cityscapes could also be represented in this category.

Portrait

Artwork primarily representing the likeness of a person or people.

Still life

Artwork representing mostly inanimate objects, typically at small scale (tabletop displays) but could also include larger perspectives (buildings or cars, for instance).

Symbolism

Artwork using visual symbols, especially by investing images with a symbolic meaning or by expressing the invisible or intangible by means of visible representations.

Mystery Art Fest Calendar – Free To The Public!

Artwork Deadline	This is the absolute last day we will accept artwork for this year!	September 5
Judging	Awards will be chosen and posted on winning artwork in the gallery	October 3
Silent Bidding	Bidding can be done with your assigned bid number, get yours at the front desk	October 4 – October 25
Artists' Reception	This is a great opportunity to celebrate all the artists with family and friends.	October 10
Mystery Art Fest	Auction night! Winners will find answers to the Big Mystery: Who Made That Art??	October 25

Weekly Art On Tap events will also be happening during the month of the exhibit.

Other Arts Council Events During Mystery Art

Stroll-N-Roll	September 14
Texoma Gives	September 12
Michael Hix – Sounds of Speedway	October 3
Sculpture Garden After Dark / AHA!	October 3
Studio Saturday	October 19

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

we will not be responsible for errors made by illegible entries

Artist Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP _____

Artist (or guardian) signature: _____

ARTIST: By signing you agree that your artwork is not a copy of reproduced or published work by another person, all artwork is the property of the Arts Council (Kemp Center), and that images of accepted artwork may be used for marketing or other purposes without further permission by the artist. The Arts Council reserves the right to exclude work deemed by the committee to be inappropriate for this event. The Arts Council reserves the right to alter or adjust artwork to fit into standard display and to review artwork for optimal presentation.

Division: YOUTH ADULT

CIRCLE ONE 0—17 yrs 18 and over

Affix NUMBER here

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Media: _____

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CIRCLE ONE Portrait Still Life Symbolism

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