



Springfield Area Arts Council

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Serving Sangamon and Menard Counties

ART AFTER HOURS 2023 Information and Guidelines

Art After Hours includes both a Workplace Exhibit and a Citywide Exhibit of visual art produced by employees of private businesses, governmental agencies, and medical and educational institutions on employees' "own time." This program of the Springfield Area Arts Council is designed to encourage and support the visual arts in the workplace and community.

- All participants must be current employees of the participating business, institution, or governmental agency. Family members are not eligible. Retirees may participate but are not eligible for juried competition.
- Works previously entered in *On My Own Time* or created prior to 2021 are not eligible. Commissioned works of art are not eligible. Art teachers are asked to enter artwork outside their designated teaching specialty.
- The artist's fee is \$10 per artwork submitted, with a maximum of three submissions.
- The first-place awards from the Workplace Exhibit go on to the Citywide Exhibit. It is the responsibility of the artist or coordinator to deliver that artwork to the Citywide Exhibit location on November 29 or 30. If artwork is sold prior to the Citywide Exhibit, then please be sure it still can be displayed at the Citywide Exhibit.
- Don't enter if you do not want your work displayed in the Citywide Exhibit.

Visual Artwork

- Entries will be divided into these thirteen categories.
1.Painting; 2.Drawing; 3.Printmaking/Etching; 4.Mixed Media/Collage;
5.Fiber/Fabric/Quilts/Needlework; 6.Basketry; 7.Pottery/Ceramics;
8.Photography; 9.Digital Art 10.Jewelry; 11.Sculpture; 12.Glass; 13.Other.
- Artwork is conceived and executed by the artist.
- No entry should be made from a pre-packaged kit.
- Flat, two-dimensional artwork should be framed, with matte, glass or plexi (as necessary) and ready for hanging. Unframed artwork and photography may be displayed during the Workplace Exhibit, but the artwork selected for the Citywide Exhibit must be framed (except where painted canvas forms the frame) and ready for hanging. On any work where "top" is not apparent, please indicate.
- Please attach the artwork identification form (inconspicuously) to each piece of artwork entered in your Workplace Exhibit and leave it attached to the work if selected for the Citywide Exhibit.

- Artwork may be sold by the artist during the Citywide Exhibit (and the Workplace Exhibit if it is permitted by the organization). The Arts Council requests a 15% commission on any artwork sold as a result of the exhibits. Be sure to include that commission in your selling price. On the Entry Form, the sale price or NFS (not-for-sale) must be indicated.
- Insurance coverage of all entries is the personal responsibility of each artist.
- First place artwork will be exhibited in the Citywide Exhibit at the M. G. Nelson Family Gallery (700 North Fourth Street, Springfield) from December 6 through 20. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday.
- An opening reception will be held at the Nelson Family Gallery at the Springfield Art Association on December 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Judges will look for originality and innovative use of materials, an exciting and quality presentation, and the overall impact of each piece. By assessing each area of art by standards appropriate to the medium, judges are able to compare artwork to select the award winners from each workplace.
- Judging will be based on a standard set of criteria for the Citywide Exhibit, not the individual workplace. Consequently, first, second, and third place may not be awarded in every category at each workplace.
- Each participant will receive a ribbon.
- Artists agree that images of their artwork may be used in program publicity.