

WHITE BEAR CENTER FOR THE ARTS

52nd Annual NORTHERN LIGHTS

Juried Art Exhibition Guidelines



White Bear Center for the Arts' treasured Northern Lights Juried Art Exhibition is back for its 52nd year! While the show has evolved over time, its soul has remained unchanged: it continues to be a reputable art exhibition that draws talent from across Minnesota and neighboring states, judged by artists with deep knowledge in their craft. All artists are invited to submit works in any 2D or 3D medium, including but not limited to drawing, painting, fiber arts, ceramics, photography, and sculpture.

EXHIBITION DATES:

Thursday, February 16–Friday, March 27, 2026

LOCATION:

White Bear Center for the Arts' Ford Family Gallery

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Friday, January 9, 2026 at 11:59 PM

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED WORKS:

By January 23, 2026

SELECTED ARTWORK DROP-OFF:

Friday, February 6, 2026, 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

Saturday, February 7, 2026, 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

OPENING RECEPTION:

Thursday, February 19, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM

Award Ceremony at 7:00 PM

ARTWORK PICKUP:

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

Monday, March 30, 2026, 4:00 PM–8:00 PM

ENTRY FEE:

1 Piece: \$30.00 Members/\$36 Non-Member

2 Pieces: \$34.29 Member/\$41.14 Non-Member

3 Pieces: \$38.58 Member/\$46.28 Non-Member

[Learn more about WBCA membership here!](#)

[Click HERE for the Northern Lights Entry Form.](#)

Awards:

\$1,500 - 1 Best of Show

\$1,000 - 1 Award of Excellence

\$750 - 1 Award of Merit

\$500 - 2 Honorable Mention Awards

\$250 - 3 Judge's Choice Awards

\$250 - 1 Curator's Choice Award

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

- To submit your work, go to the [Northern Lights Call for Entries home page](#) on [ArtCall.org](#).
- On the top of this page, you must click on the "Register & Apply" button to create an ArtCall account.
- Once you have registered, you will be prompted to make a secure online payment for up to three entries
- You will then proceed to adding your entry details which includes **title, medium, price, and dimensions**. When deciding the price for your piece, please note that there is a 40% commission to WBCA. You will also be prompted to **add 1-2 images** of your work.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Recent 2D and 3D works, including but not limited to drawings, paintings, fiber, pottery, photography, and sculptures.
- Artists are encouraged to submit new work that has not been previously shown at WBCA to keep our exhibitions current.
- All artwork must be original in composition and concept, and executed solely by the artist. Pieces deemed not original to the artist will be disqualified.
- Using artificial intelligence to generate primary content is prohibited.
- Inappropriate subject matter is not acceptable. Use of profanity, violent and sexually explicit subject matter, as well as drug use, will result in disqualification.
- WBCA reserves the right to determine acceptability with the well-being of our broader community in mind, and in our responsibility to create a safe and appropriate space for all participants.
- Submission of work does not guarantee acceptance.

Please contact gallery@whitebeararts.org with any questions about eligibility.

CONDITIONS FOR SELECTED WORKS:

- All 2D work must be framed and/or professionally ready to be hung with a wire.
- No sawtooth or photo hangers.
- Hanging wire should be 1/3 down from top of piece, not taut nor too much slack.
- Works may be disqualified for safety concerns.
- 2D work must not exceed a total perimeter measurement of 216 inches, frame included.
- 3D work must not exceed 4 feet in any direction or weigh more than 75 pounds.
- Minimum size to the discretion of the artist.

Please contact gallerv@whitebeararts.org with any questions about conditions.

SALES:

- Artwork must be listed with a sales price or denoted not for sale (NFS). If NFS, indicate value on entry form.
- White Bear Center for the Arts will handle all art sales. Artwork priced for sale should include a 40% commission to WBCA.

ENTRY PROCESS:

- All entries must be submitted online. If you need assistance, please contact gallerv@whitebeararts.org.
- Submit up to 3 entries (your entry fee will depend on the number of entries; see price tiers above).
- As part of the online entry form, fill out contact information, membership status, artist statement, and image(s) of your work.

IMAGES:

- Submit a high-quality image, between 400 KB and 12 MB. Your work will be judged and then presented online based on the image you provide.
- For each 2D entry, you may submit one image. For each 3D entry, you may submit two images. Fiber/textile pieces are considered 3D artwork.
- Images must be of the work and not the surroundings, and should exclude the mat and frame.

PAYMENT:

- Entry fee is determined by membership status and number of entries submitted.
- Entry fee is nonrefundable.
- To pay online, enter credit card information through PayPal.
- Alternatively, you are able to pay by credit card in person at WBCA or by phone.
- If you are in need of financial assistance for the entry fee, please contact gallerv@whitebeararts.org.
- All entries must be submitted through the online form by **Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. No late entries accepted.
- WBCA must receive your payment by **Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. No late payments accepted. Your entry is not official until we receive your payment.

SELECTED WORKS:

- Notification of jury decisions will be emailed by **January 23, 2026**.
- Selected artwork may be dropped off or shipped to WBCA.
- Please contact gallerv@whitebeararts.org if you plan on shipping your work.
- Selected artwork should be dropped off at WBCA on:
 - **Friday, February 6, 2026, 10:30 AM–2:30 PM**
 - **Saturday, February 7, 2026, 10:30 AM–2:30 PM**
- An identification label for each selected work must be attached to the back, upper corner of 2D work, and wherever feasible on 3D work.

WAIVER:

- Reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying artwork, but no responsibility is assumed by White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) for loss or damage of any kind. Submission of work indicates acceptance of these conditions and agreement that digital or photographic images may be used for publicity purposes by WBCA, including on the WBCA website, social media, and printed materials.
- All selected artwork must be displayed in the gallery until the end of business hours on **Friday, March 27, 2026**.
- If selected, artist agrees to pick up artwork on:
 - **Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10:30 AM–2:30 PM**
 - **Monday, March 30, 2026, 4:00 PM–8:00 PM**
- A late fee of \$15, plus \$5 per week, will be assessed for any items not picked up by 8:00 PM on **Monday, March 30, 2026**.

[Click HERE for the Northern Lights Entry Form.](#)

Contact 651-407-0597 or email gallerv@whitebeararts.org with any questions.



WhiteBearArts.org
wbc@whitebeararts.org
651-407-0597
4971 Long Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110