PROSPECTUS & INVITATION TO ARTISTS
48th ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW   December 6 – December 13, 2020
A Fundraiser for the Mark Twain Library

Artists: We enthusiastically welcome you to participate in the 48th Annual Mark Twain Library Art Show.

The Art Show will be presented this year as never before: for the first time, works will be available for sale in an (online) Virtual Gallery as well as in our treasured Library Gallery. Last year’s Art Show was a fantastic success on many counts, and despite the pandemic, we remain hopeful that 2020’s Art Show will present a wealth of quality artwork to our community of sponsors and patrons, and through the sales, secure for the library funding vital to sustaining its many programs.

We encourage you to be a part of this iconic Redding happening!

Rules & Eligibility

- Open to artists eighteen years of age and older.
- Artwork must be original. No work done under supervision.
- Each artist may submit two (2) paintings, graphics, or sculptures (no digital, computer-generated art, or photography).
- All artwork must be framed, wired and ready to hang (no claw hooks).
- Works previously exhibited in this show are not eligible.
- An Entry Fee of $20 per artist is required upon electronic submission via credit card.
- Maximum size: 48 inches in any one direction, including frame. Due to space limitations, of the two possible submissions, please consider submitting only one large piece. The library only has wall space to hang 12 to 15 large works. Also, we are limited in our ability to hang heavy works.
- Portfolios: Up to twenty (20) works may be submitted as a portfolio, in addition to the two primary entries. The portfolio pieces may be framed or unframed, and the size (inclusive of frame) may not exceed 8x10 inches. Portfolios must be original artwork; Prints and Giclees are not accepted. Portfolios must have an appropriate stand/rack and the completed Portfolio Inventory form (form provided later). Portfolios are only accepted from Artists whose primary work is juried into the show. Thus, we will request electronic submission of Portfolio pieces after an Artist receives notice of acceptance into the Art Show.
• **Commission:** A commission of 35% will be retained by the Mark Twain Library on all juried artworks that are sold during the Art Show. This revenue directly funds the library’s operating budget.
  
  • Any unsold work is retrieved by the artist at the conclusion of the show.

**Judging**

• This year’s show is juried by celebrated artist Tony D’Amico.
  
  • Artists will be notified by email if their work(s) have and/or have not been accepted into the Art Show. Artists can expect notification around or on November 23-24.

**Entry Requirement**

• Payment of a $20 Entry Fee
  
  • New this year: The Intent to Enter phase of submitting to the Art Show is no longer in place. **Submissions will be made electronically by completing an online form and uploading images of your two entry pieces in the MTL Artist Entry Portal.**
  
  • **The window for entering into the 2020 Art Show is Friday October 16 – Monday November 16.**
  
  • Links to the MTL Artist Entry Portal can be found under Artist Information at [https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow](https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow)
  
  • Questions can be emailed to: mtlartistentry@gmail.com

**Delivery of Artwork**

• Artwork is received at the Mark Twain Library on **Monday, November 30th from 10am-2pm and on Tuesday, December 1st from 9am-11am.**
  
  • Instructions for labeling artwork and for bringing it to the library will be provided in the email notification of acceptance into the Art Show.
  
  • Information on submitting Portfolios will also come in the email notification. Portfolio submissions without a suitable stand/rack may be rejected upon receipt.
  
  • Sculptures must be complete with appropriate stand or mount.

**Biography**

• All artists juried into the show will be allowed one (1) 8½ x 11 page in a Biography Catalogue that is prominently displayed during the Art Show.
  
  • For inclusion in the Bio Catalogue, please provide a printed bio when you deliver your artwork.
  
  • Artists are encouraged to upload a pdf of their Bio in the MTL Artist Entry Portal. This will make it also available online in the Virtual Gallery.

**Silent Auction**

• Artists are encouraged to make a donation of artwork to the lively Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will be displayed in the Library Gallery and available to sponsors to view in person.
  
  • Silent Auction bidding will be conducted online for the first time this year.
  
  • The library retains all proceeds from the sale of Silent Auction artworks.
  
  • Further information on delivery of Silent Auction pieces will be provided in the email notification of acceptance into the show.
Non-Accepted Art

- Artists will receive an email notifying them if their work is not accepted into the show.

Awards

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Best-of-Show prizes will be awarded.
- The Juror of Awards this year is Claudia Seymour.

Preview Reception

- Due to the pandemic and state guidelines on gatherings, we are unable to present the beloved Preview Reception this year.
- In lieu of the Preview Reception, The Art Show is excited to present the Art Show Premiere (online event) wherein ticket holders and sponsors will be treated to festive programing on all-things Art Show, access to the online Virtual Gallery, and access to the online Silent Auction.
- Art Show Premiere online event: Saturday December 5th at 7pm. Silent Auction closes at 10pm.
- For Tickets, please visit: https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow

Exhibit Days & Hours

- The Art Show will be open to the public from Sunday, December 6, 2020 through Sunday, December 13, 2020 during library hours. Check https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow for up-to-date hours and capacity for the visiting the Library Gallery in person.

Sales of Artwork

- Artwork is available to view and purchase online from one’s home via the Virtual Gallery (viewable on a desktop, laptop, tablet, or cell phone) and also in person in the Library Gallery until December 13th.
- A check for the proceeds of any sale (minus the 35% commission reserved by the library) will be mailed to artists following the close of the show.

Pick Up of Unsold Artwork

- Unsold artwork should be picked up by artists at the library on Sunday, December 13, 2020, from 4-5pm or on Monday, December 14, 2020 from 10am-12pm.
- There will be a $10 handling charge for late pickups.
- Please, no early pickups, of any artwork, are permitted before 4pm on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Shipping Artwork

- The Art Show is happy to partner with a dedicated shipper this year, in the event one needs to ship their accepted works for inclusion in the Art Show.
  
  UPS Store
  65 High Ridge Road
Insurance of Artwork

- Insurance for theft or damage will be provided by the library from November 30, 2020 through December 14, 2020, inclusive.
- Portfolio items are not covered by this insurance policy. Please present them accordingly to assure safe handling and prevent damage or theft.

Get up-to-date information on the library’s website

To keep abreast of how changing conditions regarding the pandemic or inclement weather affects the Art Show programs and hours, please log onto https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow for information.

Mark Twain Library 48th Annual Art Show notable dates:

Call to Artists Submissions Opens: Friday October 16, 2020

Call to Artists Submissions Closes: midnight on Monday November 16, 2020

Artists Notified of Acceptance: Monday – Tuesday November 23-24, 2020

Artists Drop Off Artwork: Monday Nov. 30 10am-2pm – Tuesday Dec. 1 9-11am

Sponsor Preview Tours of Library Gallery: Friday – Saturday December 4-5, 2020

Online Premiere, Virtual Gallery, & Silent Auction: Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 7-10pm

Pick Up of Unsold Artwork: Sunday, December 13, 2020 | 4-5pm
Monday, December 14, 2020 | 10am - 12pm

Contacts

For further information please email mtlartistentry@gmail.com or call:

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