Artists: We enthusiastically invite you to enter the 49th Annual Mark Twain Library Juried Art Show!

Like in 2020, works of art will be hung in our treasured Library Gallery and will also be available for sale in an (online) Virtual Gallery. Last year's Art Show was a fantastic success despite the pandemic, and we expect that 2021’s Art Show will continue to bring a wealth of quality artwork to our community of sponsors and patrons. Through these sales, the Art Show secures vital funding to sustain the Library's many programs, while also helping to support our beloved artists.

We look forward to your participation in this iconic Redding happening!

Rules & Eligibility

- Open to artists eighteen years of age and older.
- Artwork must be original. No work done under supervision.
- All artwork submitted and accepted into the show must be available for sale in the Library Gallery and online in the Virtual Gallery.
- Artists may submit two (2) works of art: paintings, graphics, or sculptures (no digital, computer-generated art, or photography). Works previously exhibited in this show are not eligible.
- **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 present heavy works.
- **Commission:** A commission of 35% is 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 painter Jennifer Gennari.
- Artists will be notified by email if their work(s) have or have not been accepted into the Art Show. Artists can expect notification on November 18.
Entry Requirement

- The Artist Entry Portal is found here: [https://mtlartistentryportal.org/](https://mtlartistentryportal.org/)
- Early-bird submissions received Oct 5-19 require an entry fee of $20.
- Submissions received Oct 20 - Nov 4 require a $25 entry fee. Payment of the entry fee via credit card is required upon electronic submission of artwork.
- Like last 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. Uploaded picture files of artwork should include the artwork’s framing in the picture. Dimensions should include the frame.
- The window for entering into the 2021 Art Show is Tuesday, October 5 – Thursday, November 4.
- Links to the MTL Artist Entry Portal can also be found under the Artis Entry sidebar on our webpage: [https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow](https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow)
- Questions can be emailed to: mtlartistentry@gmail.com

Portfolios

- In addition to two entries to the juried show, artists can submit up to twenty (20) portfolio works. 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.
- Portfolios must be original artwork; prints are not accepted.
- Portfolio pieces are typically presented unframed. The total size of framed pieces (inclusive of frame) should not exceed 8x10 inches, or a depth of 1.5 inches. Framed pieces should not feel like additional hanging show pieces, but should maintain the character of a portable portfolio.
- Portfolios must have an appropriate stand/rack/display container and the completed Portfolio Inventory form (form provided later).
- Portfolio pieces are handled by Art Show attendees, so please present them in mylar envelopes or with a substrate or whatever is appropriate to protect your work from damage or mishandling.

Delivery of Artwork

- Artwork juried into the show will be received at the library: **Monday, November 29 | 10am-2pm.**
- 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/display container may be rejected upon receipt.
- Sculptures must be complete with appropriate stand or mount. Please realize we are limited in our ability to handle oversized and heavy works.

Biography

- Artists are encouraged to share their bio in the field provided on the Artist Entry Portal. Artist Bios will be available online in the Virtual Gallery.
- We may continue offering the physical Biography Catalogue displayed during the Art Show, so please provide one (1) 8 ½ x 11 page printed biography when you deliver your artwork.
**Silent Auction**

- Artists are encouraged to make a donation of artwork to the lively Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will be displayed online and in the Library Gallery, and will be available to view in person at the Preview Reception. Electronic bidding will be used for the Silent Auction, so remote bidding is also available, thus opening up bidding and exposure of the artworks to hundreds of ticket holders!
- Electronic submissions of donated Silent Auction works are made on the Artist Entry Portal at the same time as submissions are made to the juried show.
- Silent Auction bidding will be conducted electronically, in the same manner as last year.
- The library retains all proceeds from the sale of the donated Silent Auction artwork.
- All artwork must be framed, as appropriate. Please include the frame surrounding your work in the picture file you upload.
- 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 be notified by email on November 18th if their work(s) have or have not been accepted into the Art Show.

**Awards**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and Juror’s Award prizes will be awarded.
- The Juror of Awards is Charles Yoder.

**Preview Reception**

- The Preview Reception is ON for 2021! The Reception is Saturday, December 4, 2021, 6-10pm.
- Artists whose work is juried into the show will receive a link for a complimentary admission to the Art Show Preview Reception.
- Entry into the Library Gallery may be limited based upon Covid-19 guidelines.

**Exhibit Days & Hours**

- The Art Show will be open to the public from Sunday, December 5, 2021 through Sunday, December 12, 2021 during library hours. Check [https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow](https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow) for up-to-date hours and capacity for visiting the Library Gallery in person.

**Sales of Artwork**

- Last year’s introduction of the online Virtual Gallery has opened up sales well beyond our Library Gallery! Artwork is available to view and purchase online from one’s home (or anywhere) via the Virtual Gallery, and also in person in the Library Gallery until December 12th. Anyone, anywhere can view the show and buy works online.
- Sponsors have first access to the artwork, followed by Preview Reception ticket holders on December 4th, followed by the general public on December 5th-12th.
- 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 12, 2021, from 4-5pm or on Monday, December 13, 2021 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, December 12th.

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
    - Stamford, CT 06905
    - P: 203-356-0022
    - Email: store0706@theupsstore.com

Insurance of Artwork

- Insurance for theft or damage will be provided by the library from November 29, 2021 through December 13, 2021, inclusive. Any artwork remaining at the Library after the designated pick up windows, is left at its own risk and is not insured.
- Portfolio items are not covered by this insurance policy. Please display them properly 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 affect the Art Show programs and hours, please visit https://marktwainlibrary.org/artshow for information.

Mark Twain Library 49th Annual Art Show notable dates:

Call to Artists | Entry Portal OPENS: Tuesday, October 5, 2021.
Note: $20 early bird entry fee per artist until October 19th. $25 entry fee per artist starting October 20th.

Call to Artists | Entry Portal CLOSES: 11:59pm on Thursday, November 4, 2021

Artists Notified of Acceptance into Show: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Artists Drop Off Artwork: Monday, November 29, 2021: 10am-2pm

Sponsor Preview Tours of Library Gallery: Friday – Saturday December 3-4, 2021

Preview Reception in Library Gallery, Virtual Gallery, & Silent Auction: Saturday, December 4, 2021 | 6-10pm

Pick Up of Unsold Artwork: Sunday, December 12, 2021 | 5-6pm
  Monday, December 13, 2021 | 10am - 12pm
Contacts

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

- Angie Kane, Exhibition Chair: 914-500-5897
- Pam Reese, Artist Liaison: 203-313-0585
- Kathy Anderson, Artist Liaison: 203-470-6997