



1ST ANNUAL CAPE MAY COUNTY ART EXHIBIT

(formerly the National Arts Program)

RULES OF EXHIBIT

The Cape May County Art Exhibit will be held from April 24th to May 5th, 2017, at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center, 1 Penkethman Way, Cape May Court House. The exhibit is designed to give all artists, at all skill levels, an opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional setting and to compete for cash prizes. The exhibit is sponsored by the Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission and is judged by professionals in Amateur, Intermediate, Professional and Youth divisions and is free to enter.

ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be a resident of Cape May County.
- All entries submitted must be the **original** work of the applicant, **completed within the last three years**. **Not accepted:** kits; paint-by-number pieces; photocopies or photographs of artwork; magazine or book illustrations or random snapshots.
- The Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission reserves the right to disqualify entries they consider to be unacceptable or inappropriate for a public exhibit.

CATEGORIES

- Paintings (oils, acrylics)
- Works on Paper (watercolor, pencil, ink, charcoal, pastels, markers, crayon)
- Photography (black & white; color – whether on paper, canvas, aluminum or metal)
- Sculpture
- Craft (ceramics, glasswork, jewelry, woodcarving, fiber)
- Mixed Media (a work of visual art that combines more than one medium)

DIVISIONS

Artwork will be judged in the division of the artist's selection, however, in some cases, the exhibition judges will make the final determination.

Adults

- **Amateur** – a person with little or no experience
- **Intermediate** – a person with some experience, beginning art students, etc.
- **Professional** – a person with serious art training, or employed in an art related job

Youth

- **Youth** – 12 years old and under
- **Teen** – 13 – 18 years old

PRIZES & AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded by divisions:

- **Adult** (Amateur, Intermediate, Professional)
 - 3 First Place awards of \$250
 - 3 Second Place awards of \$150
 - 3 Third Place awards of \$100
- **Youth/Teen** (Youth 12 & under, Teen 13-18)
 - 2 First Place awards of \$75
 - 2 Second Place awards of \$50
 - 2 Third Place awards of \$25
- **Best of Show \$250**

Awards are limited to one cash award per artist per division exclusive of Best of Show.

PREPARING ENTRIES

- Submit only entries which fit into the listed medium categories.
- All artwork will need an identification label (provided at drop off) placed on the back
- **All entries must be framed, on metal, or wrapped around canvas, and be wired for hanging**
- All work must measure no more than 48” in any direction or weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Artwork that does not meet hanging requirements, or does not meet size limitations or specifications will be disqualified before judging.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The registration form must be received no later than April 17th, 2017. You may email the registration form to Pary Tell at culture@co.cape-may.nj.us or print and mail the form to Division of Culture & Heritage, 4 Moore Rd DN 135, Cape May Court House NJ 08210. Forms may be copied or additional forms may be obtained by contacting Pary Tell at (609)465-1066 or culture@co.cape-may.nj.us

Information and registration forms may be found at www.cmcculture.net

DELIVERING ENTRIES

All entries must be delivered to the Middle Township Performing Arts Center located at 1 Penkethman Way, Cape May Court House, on April 24th between 8:30 and 11:00 am. If you are unable to drop off during that time, please contact Pary Tell, 465-1066, for further instructions.

RECEPTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

A reception and presentation of awards will be held at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center on April 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

PUBLIC EXHIBIT

The exhibit is free and open to the public from April 25th to May 5th, 2017. Please call the Performing Arts Center at (609)463-1924 or 1925 for exhibit hours.

RETRIEVING ENTRIES

Each artist is responsible for retrieving his/her artwork from the Middle Township Performing Arts Center on May 8th, 2017, between 9 am and noon. No work is to be removed prior to the end of the exhibition. Neither the Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission nor the Middle Township Performing Arts Center will be responsible for unclaimed works.

LIABILITY

Every attempt will be made to preserve, secure and protect each entry submitted, but neither the Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission nor the Middle Township Performing Arts Center can be held responsible for damages, loss of art entries, change/cancellation of this exhibit due to unforeseen circumstances. *The placing of art in the exhibit constitutes an agreement on the part of the entrant with conditions herein set forth.* The Cape May County Culture & Heritage Commission reserves the right to publish for publicity purposes reproductions of the entries.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 17th – Registration Deadline
Monday, April 24th – Drop Off Date
Tuesday, April 25th – Reception and Awards
Monday, May 8th – Pick Up Date