

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

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A program of the Arts Council of Moore County

Created in 1980, the Arts Council's Fine Arts Festival provides incentive for artists to improve their technique and a place to showcase and sell their artwork. The festival has since grown into a major art exhibit featuring artists from all over the country. The art is also judged in seven categories and over \$2,800 in cash prizes and ribbons are awarded.

Last year's sponsors included: Artists League of the Sandhills • Cele Bryant • Central Security Charles Schwab • Eye Candy Art Gallery & Framing • Fore Properties • Rollin & Frank Shaw Doris & Pete Gulley of Gulley's Garden Center • Michael Lamb Interiors Patricia–Minimal Classic Modern • Robbins May & Rich LLP • Sandy Tremblay & Paul Hammock

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

EXHIBITION DATES: July 22-August 26, 2026

LOCATION: Arts Council Galleries at Campbell House, 482 East Connecticut Avenue in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

DELIVERY DATES: Due to storage limits, art can only be accepted July 7-11 (10a-4p).

ENTRY FEES (non-refundable):

Arts Council Members = \$20 per entry

Non-members = \$30 per entry

ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES: Any artist (16+ years old) may enter in these categories: Drawing; Oil; Acrylic; Watercolor; 3-Dimensional; Photography; Mixed Media; and All Other Mediums (See website for category definitions.)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Artists may submit up to 2 entries that are completely original by artist; created after Jan. 2024; & not exhibited in our galleries or in previous Fine Arts Festivals. Art must be **1 piece (no diptychs, triptychs or dioramas)**; may not exceed 104 united inches (defined as height + width) including frame; weigh over 75 lbs; must be stable enough to be handled. 2D art must be totally dry, prepared to hang on 1 nail with wire (saw tooth hangers or clip frames not accepted). 3D art may be entered with stand, if needed.

Art requiring special installation will not be accepted. Artificial Intelligence (AI) art is not allowed. ACMC has final ruling on what is considered suitable for public display & art location.

JUDGE: Joe Begnaud, Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Art at UNC Pembroke

AWARDS (awarded at judge's discretion):

\$500 - Sara Wilson Hodgkins Best in Show

\$125 - 1st Place in each category

\$100 - 2nd Place in each category

\$ 75 - 3rd Place in each category

Honorable Mentions receive ribbons

LEE BARRETT PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:

Given in memory of Cecelie "Lee" Barrett & her years of service to ACMC & the Fine Arts Festival, this award is voted on by all exhibit attendees. The winner receives \$200 & ribbon. The last day to vote is August 19.

PURCHASE AWARDS: Businesses & individuals can support the festival artists by purchasing art at a special preview on July 21. In addition to selling their art, the artists receive a ribbon.

*** IMPORTANT EXHIBIT DATES & TIMES ***

Exhibit Dates/Times July 22-August 26, 2026
Weekdays, 10a-5p

Art Delivery Dates July 7-11 (10a-4p)

Purchase Award Preview Tue., July 21

Awards Notification Begins July 23

Opening Reception Fri., Aug. 7 (6-8p)

Awards Ceremony Fri., Aug. 7 (7p)

Saturday Gallery is Open Aug. 15 (12-2p)

Last day to vote for People's Choice .. Aug. 19

Art Removal Dates Aug. 27-28 (10a-4p)

AWARDS CEREMONY: Winners will be notified starting July 23, but will not be made public until the awards ceremony on Fri., August 7. Hosted by ACMC's Board, artists & guests are invited to an Opening Reception on August 7 (6-8p) at Arts Council Galleries.

ART SALES & PRICING: ACMC prefers all entries be for sale. A \$15 fee will be charged per entry not for sale. To help with pricing, art under \$700 has a better chance of selling. Prices may not change after the festival begins. ACMC's commission is 35% on all sales.

ART REMOVAL: The last day of the exhibit is August 26. Removal dates are Thu. & Fri., August 27 & 28 (10am-4pm)

LIABILITY: All reasonable care will be given in the handling & display of the art. All artwork entered is covered by insurance from time of delivery until 5pm on August 28, 2026. ACMC's staff, sponsors, & volunteers assume no responsibility for loss of or damage to art.

OTHER CONDITIONS: The artist grants ACMC permission to photograph & reproduce any art for publicity & educational purposes. ACMC reserves the right to reject or remove any art during the exhibit. Guidelines are subject to change without notice. Entry of art constitutes agreement with conditions described herein.

For more information, please contact:



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2026 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – Entry Form

Complete this form & deliver with your entries on the following dates:
July 7-11 (10a-4p) • Art removal dates are Aug. 27 & 28 (10a-4p)

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ENTRY #1: TITLE _____ Category: _____ Price: \$ _____

ENTRY #2: TITLE _____ Category: _____ Price: \$ _____

Entry Fees (per entry): \$20 Member \$30 Nonmember \$15 Not for Sale Fee Total Enclosed: \$ _____
 [NOTE: Your Social Security number will be required if your artwork sells.] (Make checks payable to "ACMC")

For office use only:

2026 FAF ~ ENTRY #1 ID CARD

Artist _____
 Title _____
 Category _____ Price \$ _____
Please cut & attach this card to back upper left of art.

2026 FAF ~ ENTRY #2 ID CARD

Artist _____
 Title _____
 Category _____ Price \$ _____
Please cut & attach this card to back upper left of art.