

# NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS - Fine Art Exhibit & Sale

## February 20-March 7, 2021

Cool Creek Nature Center  
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Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

### ART SHOW RULES & CRITERIA

**1. SUBJECT OF WORK:** All exhibited art must reflect the theme, *NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS*. Subject matter is limited to nature, wildlife, or "nature-scapes" in which natural objects are the primary subjects of the piece. People and/or domestic animals are not considered part of this theme.

- The HCPR staff will be responsible for determining if the submitted art work reflects the theme.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Entry into this show is not juried. If the artwork meets the subject criteria, it is accepted.
- Entries not meeting the above criteria will not be displayed. The decisions of HCPR are final.

**2. MEDIA & SPECIFICATIONS:** Art media accepted includes: watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, photography, & sculpture. Other 2-dimensional & 3-dimensional works of art may be permissible.

- **Submissions MUST have:**
- **Wire** on back for proper hanging.
- **Framed** artwork is preferred. Some exceptions allowed. Glass or protective coverings are strongly suggested for the safety of the art.

- All work must be the original production of the artist.
- Artists can only submit **work not previously displayed** during *NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS* art exhibit.

**3. NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Each artist can enter up to **two (2)** pieces of artwork.

- *Due to space limitations, not all entries may be displayed. HCPR will be responsible for selecting exhibited work if space limitations become an issue. Regardless, each artist will have at least one piece displayed.*

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The entry form & images of artwork are due by Friday, February 5, 2021 at the Cool Creek Nature Center (CCNC). Please see the accompanying page for 'Directions for Art Submission' & 'Entry Form.'

### ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 will be charged for each artist accepted into the show. **The entry fee will be required at the time the artwork is dropped off.** Please see the accompanying page for more details.

### ARTWORK DROP OFF

Selected art work must be dropped off at the CCNC. Artwork will be accepted Friday, February 15 through Sunday, February 17, 2021 during operating hours. Please see the accompanying page for more details.

### ARTIST'S RECEPTION

Due to precautions necessary regarding the pandemic, we regrettably will not be hosting the Artist's reception this year. We invite our artists and their guests to attend the show during the opening weekend or at anytime during the show duration.

### AWARDS, RIBBONS, & CATEGORIES

Awards & ribbons will be selected by a three person, independent jury designated by the HCPR's administrative staff. All entries will be eligible for awards. Artists' names & any identifying signatures will be withheld from the jury. All submitted art will be classified into one of three media categories: Painting/Drawing | Photography | Sculpture/Carving/Other

The jury will select one first place award recipient & one second place award recipient within each media category. The jury will also have a number of honorable mention awards to distribute amongst the show's artists. Judging will take place during the week of February 15. Award recipients will be announced at the Artist's Reception. A "People's Choice Award" will be voted on by the public. Public voting will conclude on Thursday, March 4. A ribbon will be placed on the award winning piece on Friday, March 5 & will be displayed through the end of the exhibit. The artist will be notified by phone.

**All judges' decisions are final and award money is processed through our county standard billing procedures. Awarded Artists will not receive their winnings until mid to late March.**

### CASH PRIZES & AWARDS

Cash award amounts are pending. Gift certificates to local art supply vendors & nature-related stores will be available to those receiving *Honorable Mention* distinctions.

### SALE OF ARTWORK

All artwork in the exhibit will be for sale unless the artist indicates otherwise by marking NFS. HCPR will retain a 20% commission on sales made while the art is displayed at the *NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS* exhibit.

### RETURN OF ARTWORK

**Artwork must remain on exhibit through March 7, 2021.** Artwork can be picked up March 8 through March 14, 2021 during operating hours. Entries not picked up by March 15, 2021 *may* become the property of HCPR.

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Please contact us if you are interested volunteering to help with our art show. Needs include proofreading, clerical work, and hanging of work.

### INSURANCE COVERAGE

All efforts will be made to care for & protect your work while it is here at CCNC. CCNC will be locked, armed, & safe. Works will be insured while in the HCPR facilities for up to 77 days for full value as indicated on your entry form. All works will be insured for all risks of physical loss or damage to the property EXCEPT:

- Wear & tear, gradual deterioration, insects, vermin or inherent vice (i.e. damage that occurs because of the nature of the materials of which the piece is constructed or the method you provide to install the piece).
- Damage caused by any repairing, restoration, or retouching processes.

Should damage or loss occur, the artist may be asked to verify the stated value of the work or cost of repair through a third party appraisal. The artist shall hold harmless HCPR, its employees, assistants, or volunteers for any damages not covered by insurance. The payment of the entry fee & submission of the attached forms indicates the artist's acceptance of the offered insurance coverage.



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(Please submit this side only: Either digitally or manually)

### Entry Form (please print & fill in all applicable fields entirely)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Evening

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

Biographical Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If more space is needed, please attach additional page

Number of slides/digital images included: \_\_\_\_\_

All 2-dimensional artwork must have a wire for proper hanging. Will your artwork include a wire? YES

Do you have business cards for patrons to take while your art is displayed? YES or NO

Do you give permission to the HCPR to use a reprint of your art in an informational brochure for patrons attending the fine art exhibit & sale? YES or NO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acknowledges your understanding & compliance with the rules & regulations outlined in these documents.)

### Entry 1 (This will serve as your label & will be attached by staff upon arrival)

Artist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(As you prefer it written in print media)

Title of Art: \_\_\_\_\_

Date made: \_\_\_\_\_ Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Price:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Value if not for sale:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry 2 (This will serve as your label & will be attached by staff upon arrival)

Artist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(As you prefer it written in print media)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date made: \_\_\_\_\_ Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Price:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Value if not for sale:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTIONS FOR ART SUBMISSION

**(please KEEP this side for your records)**

- All art for display in the *NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS* exhibit must follow the entry procedures & rules outlined on the attached sheet.
- Complete the *Entry Form* located on this sheet.
- Cut around the dashed lines of the *Entry Form*. **KEEP this side for your records.**
- Prepare a digital image, slide, or high-quality photograph of each piece of art you are entering. Digital image should be in JPEG or PDF format & can be emailed to the address provided below. If you are unable to email the image, please contact us for other arrangements.
- Each image must have proper labeling including the artist's name & the title of the piece.
- Submit entry form & art images to:
  - Email digital images and entry forms emailed\* to **amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov**  
**This method is preferred \* To obtain an electronic version of the entry form, please email the above address.**
  - Post-marked mailed to:  
COOL CREEK NATURE CENTER  
ATTN: A. Smith  
2000-1 E. 151<sup>st</sup> St., CARMEL, IN 46033
- Entry forms & images are due on or before **February 5, 2021.**
- All prospective entries will be viewed by CCNC staff. Artists will be contacted by a staff member during the week of February 10, 2021 about show details.

### ARTWORK DROP OFF & PICKUP

- Exhibiting artists must drop off their work(s) between Friday, February 14 - Sunday, February 16, 2020. Cool Creek Nature Center hours are Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 5pm & Sunday, 1pm to 5pm *For alternative arrangements, please contact CCNC administrative staff.*
- The \$20 entry fee will be due at this time.**
- Artists are encouraged to bring any business cards to be displayed with their work.
- Artwork must remain on exhibit through March 8, 2020.** Artwork can be picked up March 9 through March 15, during operating hours. Entries not picked up by March 16, 2020 *may* become the property of HCPR.

### ENTRY FEE

- The \$20 non-refundable entry fee is **due when you drop off your artwork.**
- The fee entitles each artist to enter up to two (2) pieces.
- Cash or check are the only two accepted methods of payment.
- All checks must include your Driver's License Number (DLN).**
- All checks must be made payable to "Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department" or "HCPR".**
- Checks and cash received with entry forms will not be processed until artwork is dropped off.

### Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this show. Questions can be directed to Amanda Smith or CCNC staff at [amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or 317-774-2500.

