



In-Gallery Exhibit: October 6 - 24, 2021
Online Virtual Gallery: Launches by October 8, 2021
Opening Reception: Wednesday- October 6, 2021

CALL FOR ART

The Exhibit:

Following eight successful and moving exhibits from 2013 to 2020, preparations have begun for the 9th annual Poetry & Art event. This year, Art will lead the event – whereby up to three works of art per artist can be submitted and juried. Then, participating poets will be selected based on a small portfolio of their work and assigned a juried work of art based upon the theme of COLOR. The poets will be challenged to create an original responsive work based on their assigned artwork.

9th Annual Poetry & Art Theme is...COLOR

All poets and artists are juried anonymously. Wickford Art Association will select approximately 40 poets and artists for the live exhibition and for the 2021 Poetry & Art limited-edition book. WAA will continue the tradition of submitting our Poetry & Art publication to The Poets House library—one of America's premiere poetry libraries in New York City. Each edition of Poetry & Art has been submitted to The Poets House collection.

Artists may submit up to three (3) digital images of original artwork to the WAA Poetry & Art Committee between February 19 and April 2, 2021 (by midnight). Each piece submitted should focus upon the chosen theme of COLOR. The Committee will notify accepted artists by April 23, 2021; one work per artist may be selected for inclusion in the exhibit and publication, but the jury does have discretion to accept a second work by selected artists. Poets will be charged with the creation of a **new, original** piece inspired by an assigned work of art. Artwork will be displayed at the exhibition alongside corresponding poetry.

Poets and artists will not meet until the opening, heightening the excitement for this annual exhibit. Live poetry readings will take place the weekend following (Saturday- October 8 and Sunday- October 9). Each selected artist will receive a complimentary copy of Poetry & Art, the cost of which is included in the \$50 jury fee.

Submission & Participation Guidelines:

- Eligibility: All artists are eligible to submit work in any medium.
- Submission(s): Up to three (3) digital images of original artwork may be submitted between February 19 and April 2, 2021 (by midnight); each digital image file should be identified in the following manner: [artist last name.title of work.medium], *for example:* [daVinci.MonaLisa.oil]. Artists must complete the registration form located at: <https://wickfordart.org/2020/09/11/9th-annual-poetry-art/>
- Submitted images should be a **lower-resolution** JPEG/JPG image file, maximum 3MB; if you need assistance resizing images, please contact the gallery.
- The 2021 jury fee is \$50 per artist.
- Artwork images should represent the artist's fine art skills and use of their selected medium(s). Up to one work may be selected per artist, but all submissions should focus upon the chosen theme of COLOR. A second work by selected artists may be chosen at the discretion of the jury panel.
- Artwork submissions must be new (created within the last 3 years) and NOT have been previously shown in juried, member, or invitational exhibits at WAA.
- Regarding the subject of submitted work, please refrain from language, subject matter, or political/religious references which could be considered overtly offensive.
- Following jury, if accepted to participate, artists will be notified via email and will submit a high-resolution version of their selected work by May 31, 2021. This image should be **at least 300dpi** for best use in the 2021 publication.
- Artwork may be submitted in all fine art mediums, including but not limited to: Mixed Media • Paint Mediums: Acrylic, Encaustic, Gouache, Oil, Pastel, Watercolor • Collage • Printmaking • Drawing Mediums: Charcoal, Graphite, Pencil, Pen & Ink • Lettering Arts • Photography • Sculpture Mediums: Clay, Glass, Metal, Wood
- A limited number of functional art works will be acceptable (i.e. textiles, fiber & paper work, glass and wooden works, containers/vases).
- Accepted Artwork: artwork must be prepared based on regular exhibit guidelines posted at: <https://wickfordart.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/EXHIBIT-REGISTRATION-GUIDELINES-as-of-Jan2021.pdf>; please note:
 - Maximum width/height 44 inches, in any dimension (including frame)
 - No diptychs or triptychs
 - No saw-tooth hangers, wired or other industry standard hanging mechanisms are required; metal picture frames or wooden stand-out-mounted works must be fitted with stable clips with picture-hanging wire attached
 - Sculpture and assemblages must be easily movable
 - Artwork must be available for exhibit in-gallery from **October 6 to 24, 2021**
 - **All work must be for sale**

- Accepted artists will also be asked to provide an artist statement to be available during the in-gallery exhibit. WAA will provide a template for this statement upon acceptance.
- **Artwork submissions not following these guidelines will not be considered for jurying.**

Deadlines & Jury Fee:

- **April 2, 2021:** Registration closes; \$50 jury fee due with submission
- **April 23, 2021:** Artists are notified by email of acceptance.
- **May 31, 2021:** For accepted artists, deadline for high-resolution JPEG/JPG image files of completed original work, at **minimum 300dpi**; email to wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com; subject line must read "Final Artwork: (Your Name)." If you need assistance with professional quality photography of your artwork, WAA can facilitate imaging in early May, but would require notification by April 30.
- Artwork must be delivered to the WAA Gallery on **Monday- October 4 (noon-4pm)** or **Tuesday- October 5 (noon-6pm)**.
- At the exhibit opening, accepted artists will receive one (1) copy of the limited edition 2021 Wickford Art Association Poetry & Art publication.
- **If you are unable to attend the opening on Wednesday- October 6**, WAA will hold a book for pick-up with artwork at the end of the exhibit.
- Artwork must be collected on **Tuesday- October 26 (noon-6pm)** or **Wednesday- October 27 (noon-3pm)**.

Questions:

- Please contact: wickford.poetryandart@gmail.com
- In the subject line, please note: "Questions for Poetry & Art."