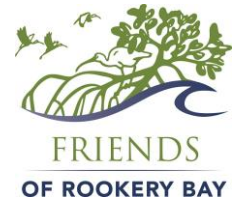




CALL TO ARTISTS 2022

Southwest Florida Annual Juried Painting Exhibition



Friends of Rookery Bay (FORB) and the United Arts Council of Collier County (UAC) are seeking submissions for their annual painting exhibit. In the past this exhibit has been held at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center located at 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113. Rookery Bay, part of the National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Important Dates:

Exhibit Dates: November 1st, 2022 - January 27th, 2023

Deadline for Entries: Monday, October 3rd, by 5:00 p.m.

Artist Notification: Tuesday, October 11th, by 5:00 p.m.

Drop-off Artwork: October 27th – 29th 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 3rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

Pick-up Artwork: January 27 & 28th, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Eligibility

- This exhibit is open to artists residing in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties, both full-time and seasonal. *All work must be original; no giclées are permitted for sale.*
- *Your piece must be able to be put up for sale if chosen to exhibit.*

Selection Process

- Natural Selection: 2022 Painting Annual Exhibit will be selected by a juror of professional stature in the Southwest Florida arts and cultural community.

Cash Awards:

- The three (3) awards are:
 - \$300 for the Best in Show award
 - \$200 for The Juror's Choice Award
 - \$100 for The United Arts Council Merit Award
- Winners will be chosen by the juror the day of the reception after reviewing the exhibit. Results will be announced at the opening reception.
- Award checks will be mailed to winners within 30 days of selection to the address you provided on your application.

Theme

- The title of this exhibit is *Natural Selections: 2022 Painting Annual*. Paintings should reflect and/or express the essence of Florida's flora and fauna.

Fees

- There is a non-refundable entry fee of **\$30** per application. **\$20** for current UAC and FORB members.
- We recommend using PayPal, but checks can be made payable to United Arts Council, a 501(c)3 organization, so your fee may be tax-deductible.
- Admission to the opening reception is free, but an RSVP is required. Exhibiting artists are expected to attend.

Submission Procedures

- Limit is **two** submissions per artist.
- Jpegs must be a minimum 300 dpi. Please email your image labeled with the format below to mlong@uaccollier.org.
- **The title of each jpeg attachment must include your LAST NAME and TITLE of the piece.**
 - **Example: Long Title**
- Work exceeding 50 inches in height or width cannot be accepted into this exhibit.
- *If chosen to be a finalist, we will reach out asking for your headshot & bio (100 words or less) about yourself, your artwork, etc.*
- **Artists should not** reach out to the juror for any information/conversations about *Natural Selections: 2022 Painting Annual* or their submitted artwork. Any artist that contacts the juror will be immediately disqualified, regardless of acceptance into the exhibit.
 - **Your completed application, release form, and submission fee must be received prior to the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the juror.**
- Your application fee may be paid online, by phone, or by check in the mail. Make checks payable to the United Arts Council. Fees must be received prior to the deadline.
- We will send a confirming email upon receipt of your jpegs and application. If you do not receive one, please contact us by email.

Delivery and Installation

- Work must be ready for installation: framed and/or gallery wrapped canvas with **D-Rings** and wire installed. The facility at Rookery Bay uses a museum-quality hanging rod system so work must be able to hang from a curved hanger; ***no sawtooth hangers will be accepted.*** Any artwork not suitably ready for hanging will be rejected. Staff reserves the right to deny work that, upon delivery, is felt to have been misrepresented by the images or does not meet the hanging requirements listed above.
- **Delivery and Pick-Up of work:** work must be delivered to and picked up from the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center located at 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113.
 - Artist are responsible for unloading and loading their own work. Staff at the Rookery Bay are not available to help unload/load and lift/carry work.
 - Artists will be required to sign their work in at drop-off and out at pick-up.
 - If you are unable to pick your artwork up, please send an email to mlong@uaccollier.org with the name of the person picking your work up. If you do not send the email with the name of the person picking up your work, your work may not be permitted to leave the Rookery Bay.
 - Artwork not collected on the designated pick-up dates and times will be deemed “abandoned” and staff at Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council will have the right to determine what to do with the photographs as they see fit.

Insurance

- While the Rookery Bay building is considered secure, it is a public facility. All exhibiting artists will be asked to sign a release included with the application form and should ensure that their works are adequately insured.

Sale of Artwork

- Sales will be handled through the Friends of Rookery Bay Nature Store. **A 30% commission will be taken to support Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County.** Artists will receive checks reflecting the deduction of the commission from the UAC within 30 days of the end of the exhibition.
- Artists will be required to fill out a W-9 if their UAC check total for awards and/or sold work is more than \$600.
- **ALL PIECES SUBMITTED MUST BE ONES THAT ARE BEING PLACED UP FOR SALE.**

Marketing and Publicity

- The UAC and FORB will publicize the exhibit throughout the season. Artists are strongly encouraged to share information regarding the exhibit and the reception to their friends, family, and collectors.

We encourage you to sign-up for the United Arts Council of Collier County and Friends of Rookery Bay Newsletters to stay up-to-date on current and future events and updates!

[Continue down to complete application.](#)

2022 PAINTING ANNUAL APPLICATION FORM

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Website or IG Handle: _____

Member UAC yes no

Member FORB yes no

Image 1 Title: _____

Medium: _____

Date Created: _____

Artwork Dimension (HxW): _____ Finished/Framed Dimensions (HxW): _____

Sale price: _____

Image 2 Title: _____

Medium: _____

Date Created: _____

Artwork Dimension (HxW): _____ Finished/Framed Dimensions (HxW): _____

Sale price: _____

Jpeg Image, Application, & Release will be sent to MLong@uaccollier.org

- File name must contain your LAST NAME & TITLE of the image.
- **EXAMPLE: Long_Title**

Or Mail to:

United Arts Council
340 9th St. N. #201
Naples, Florida 34102

* We highly recommend filling the application out online OR scanning it & send to MLong@uaccollier.org

*Applications and fees received after the deadline will not be accepted.

APPLICATION FEE:

Pay via PayPal: Visit the UAC website and select Opportunities > Call to Artists (Next to application)

OR

Checks payable to: United Arts Council. (We highly recommend using PayPal.)

OR

Over the phone. [\(239\) 254-8242](tel:2392548242). (We highly recommend using PayPal)

Your completed application, release form, and submission fee must be received prior to the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the juror.

I paid via PayPal: _____ I paid by check in the mail: _____

Continue down for release form.

ARTIST RELEASE FORM

This agreement is between the United Arts Council of Collier County (“UAC”) and _____ (“Artist”) for the express purpose of art exhibits curated by the UAC and the Friends of Rookery Bay (FORB) at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (RBNERR).

Artist is submitting images of artwork for consideration for exhibit coordinated by UAC/FORB/RBNERR. Should artwork by the Artist be selected for exhibition, it is with the understanding that while both the UAC and RBNERR will handle the works with care; all liability and responsibility for exhibited works are with the Artist. The Artist does hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the United Arts Council of Collier County, the Friends of Rookery Bay and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; their officers, employees, volunteers and agents, of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action and suits at law or in equity for and on account of any injuries, damage, loss or accidents sustained by the Artist or Artist’s property while participating in the exhibits.

Artist understands that work not collected on the designated pick-up dates and times will be deemed “abandoned” and FORB/RBNERR/UAC have the right to determine what to do with the abandoned work as seems appropriate to FORB/RBNERR/UAC.

In the case of a natural disaster (hurricane, wildfire, etc), FORB/RBNERR will secure the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center to the best of its ability. Artwork will not receive additional care. Nor shall FORB/RBNERR/UAC be liable for any damages should the artist choose to leave their work onsite. FORB/RBNERR/UAC will provide reasonable notice to artists if the Center is going to close, at which point the artist may cover or remove artwork at their discretion.

The Artist retains all rights to the images and gives the UAC and FORB permission to reproduce images of the Artist’s work for internal and external program promotion as well as to post on Internet sites for publicity purposes.

Signed:

Artist

Date