

NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS

Fine Art Exhibit & Sale

February 23-March 10, 2013

Cool Creek Nature Center
2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel, Indiana 46033
317-774-2500
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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. MEDIA & SPECIFICATIONS:** Art media accepted includes; watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, photography, & sculpture. Two-dimensional & three-dimensional works of art are permissible.
 - **Wire** on back for proper hanging.
 - **Framed** art work is preferred. Some exceptions allowed.
 - All work must be the original production & must not be a copy of an existing work by another artist.
 - Artists can only submit **work not previously displayed** during *NATURE'S INSPIRATIONS* art exhibit.
- 2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Each artist can enter up to two (2) pieces of art work.
 - *Due to space limitations, not all entries may be displayed. HCPR administrative staff will be responsible for selecting exhibited work if space limitations become an issue. In the event of space limitations, each artist will have at least one piece displayed.*
- 3. 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.
 - Any special considerations to this rule must be directed to the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department (HCPR) administrative staff.
 - The HCPR staff will be responsible for determining if the submitted art work reflects the aforementioned theme.
 - PLEASE NOTE: This show is not "juried." If the artwork meets the subject criteria, it is displayed.
- 4. Entries not meeting the above criteria will not be displayed. The decisions of HCPR are final.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The entry form & images of art work are due by Friday, February 1, 2013 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 art work is dropped off.** Please see the accompanying page for more details.

ART WORK DROP OFF

Selected art work must be dropped off at the CCNC. Art work will be accepted Friday, February 15; Saturday, February 16; & Sunday, February 17, 2013 during operating hours. Please see the accompanying page for more details.

ARTIST'S RECEPTION

Artists & one guest are invited to a reception Friday, February 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Artists must RSVP either on their Entry Form or when they drop off their artwork. Additional guests will be charged.

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

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 18. 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 7. A ribbon will be placed on the award winning piece on Friday, March 8 & 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 ART WORK

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

RETURN OF ART WORK

Art work **must** remain on exhibit through March 10, 2013. Art work can be picked up March 11 through March 17, 2013 during operating hours. Entries not picked up by March 17, 2013 *can* become the property of HCPR.

HELP US CONSERVE

If you have the resources & technology, please allow us to correspond with you through electronic notification. To obtain an electronic version of this entry form or for future information from us, please email us at amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or contact us via phone.

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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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: _____

Biographical Summary: _____

If more space is needed, please attach additional page

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: _____

Date made: _____ Medium: _____

Dimensions: H _____ " W _____ " D _____ "

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: _____

Dimensions: H _____ " W _____ " D _____ "

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

Number of slides/digital images included: _____

Would you prefer to be contacted via email with future correspondence, including reception details, & reminders of next year's show? YES 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 NO

Do you plan to attend the Artists' Reception on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.? YES NO UNDECIDED

Do you plan on bringing one guest to the Artists' Reception? YES NO UNDECIDED

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

Signature: _____

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

DIRECTIONS FOR ART SUBMISSION

(please retain 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*. **Retain 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 or stored on CD & mailed to the address provided below. Artists can expect their slides or photographs to be returned if properly labeled.
- Each image must have proper labeling including the artist's name, phone number, & the title of the piece.
- Mail entry form & art images to:

COOL CREEK NATURE CENTER
ATTN: A. Smith
2000-1 E. 151st St., CARMEL, IN 46033

or

Digital images can be 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.
 - The \$20 entry fee is not due until you drop off your artwork.** (See below for more details)
- Entry forms & images are due on or before February 1, 2013.
 - All prospective entries will be viewed by CCNC staff. Artists will be contacted by a staff member during the week of February 4, 2013 about show details.

ART WORK DROP OFF

- Exhibiting artists must drop off their work(s) between Friday, February 15 & Sunday, February 17, 2013. Cool Creek Nature Center hours are Monday thru Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *For alternative arrangements, please contact CCNC administrative staff.*
- The \$20 entry fee will be due when you drop off your work. If you include the entry fee with your Entry Form, the payment will be processed at drop off.
- Artists are encouraged to bring any business cards to be displayed with their work at the time they drop off their art work.
- Art work must remain on exhibit through March 10, 2013.** Please see accompanying form for details on artwork pickup.

ENTRY FEE

- A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 will be charged for each artist accepted into the show.
- The fee entitles each artist to enter up to two pieces.
- Cash or check are the only two accepted methods of payment.
- The entry fee will be required at the time the art work is dropped off.
- All checks must include your Driver's License Number.**
- All checks must be made payable to "Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department" or "HCPR".**

???Questions???

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this show. Questions can be directed to HCPR staff at amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or 317-774-2500.