

The Carolina Artists

2026 EXPO - Entry Information

DATES Tuesday, September 15 - Saturday, September 19, 2026

LOCATION Civic Center, 315 Martin Luther King Jr Ave South, Salisbury

CALENDAR

Monday	Aug 31		Entry Form Receipt Deadline (not mailing date!)
Tuesday	Sept 15	9 am	Set up screens and hangers
		10 am - 12 pm	Artists hang own work in Main Gallery
			Set up in gift shop
		1 pm - 3 pm	Judging; Main Gallery closed
		<u>3:30/4 pm</u>	Prep for Reception & food drop off
		5 pm - 8 pm	Show Opens with Reception
Wed. - Fri	Sept 16-18	10 am - 8 pm	Show open
Sat	Sept 19	10 am - 3:30 pm	Show open
		3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Tear down

RULES OF ENTRY

1. Artists must be at least 18 years of age and a member of *The Carolina Artists*.
2. *Annual membership fee will be accepted with entry fee.* Membership is renewable *each January*.
3. *The Carolina Artists Expo Committee* (The Committee) reserves the right to photograph any artwork entered for publicity and promotional purposes only.
4. The Committee reserves the right to exclude any entry deemed inappropriate.
5. Artists must hang and/or display their own work in the Main Gallery and in the Gift Shop. Please don't just drop it off and leave it for others to hang/display.
6. All entries must remain in the exhibit until the closing date and time specified, unless by special arrangement with the Expo Committee.
7. No private solicitations are permitted in the Main Gallery. However, business cards may be displayed in the Gift Shop.
8. Artists participating in the Main Gallery, Gift Shop, or both, **are encouraged to help staff the show for a minimum of two hours.**
9. Breakdown is not permitted until the event ends at 3:30 pm on Saturday.
10. Rude, aggressive, obscene or abusive language is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate removal.

ENTRY FEES & PAYMENTS TO ARTISTS

11. **\$40 for up to 5 entries** in the Main Gallery
12. **\$5 for each additional entry** (Main Gallery), up to a maximum of 10 entries.
13. **\$0** entry fee (i.e. none) is required for Gift Shop participants, but membership must be current and entry form submitted.
14. **\$40 dues** will be accepted with entry fee. Remember that dues are renewable each January.
15. **\$5** late fee for entries received after Aug. 31st. **Final Submission date is Sept. 7** which is to allow for the booklet assembly and printing.
16. Checks, cash or credit card. Please make checks payable to *The Carolina Artists*.
17. A 3% processing fee will be added to each electronic payment.
18. A 30% commission fee will be retained by The Carolina Artists on all sales, whether in the Main Gallery or in the Gift Shop.
19. Payment to the artists for works sold will be presented at the next monthly meeting or mailed to the artist thereafter.

LIABILITY

20. *The Carolina Artists* guild will exercise utmost care in handling your entries.
21. Submission of any artwork is at the artist's risk.
22. The guild will not be responsible for any art theft, damage, loss or artwork left after the time scheduled for pick-up.
23. Service animals specially trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome. Otherwise, no pets allowed.

MAIN GALLERY

24. Main Gallery set-up time is scheduled for Tuesday 10 am - noon.
25. The Expo Committee will have black and white tags ready for distribution.
26. Each entry in the Main Gallery **must** also have a label attached **on the back with artist's name, medium and title**.
27. All artwork displayed in the Main Gallery must be original. No prints or copies from another artist's work, nor work produced as a result of online instruction or workshop attendance will be hung in the Main Gallery.
28. Two-dimensional works showcased in the Main Gallery (with the exception of gallery-wrapped canvas) must be framed, sturdy, in good repair, **wired and ready to hang**. **No saw-tooth hangers** as these don't work with our hanging system.
29. Artwork submitted for competition in the Main Gallery must not be over **three years old** and must **not** have been previously shown in *The Carolina Artists* Expo. Artwork outside those guidelines may be presented for sale in the Gift Shop.
30. All three-dimensional art and sculptures must be small enough to fit through the door without disassembly. Artists are encouraged to bring their own display mount or pedestal.
31. Artwork hung in the Main Gallery will be grouped by category for judging purposes.
32. 80% of each artwork entry must be completed in the category-designated medium.
33. No AI generated artwork will be accepted.
34. Also of note, everyone needs to vacate the Main Gallery by noon Tuesday so that the judges can do their evaluation without interruption or distraction. Your cooperation is appreciated.

MAIN GALLERY CATEGORIES

No AI generated art will be accepted.

- Oils (including encaustics and cold wax)
- Acrylics
- Watercolors (including watercolor pencil, gouache and water-soluble inks on paper)
- Pastels
- Drawing (including colored pencil, charcoal, graphite, pen & ink)
- Mixed Media (including collage)
- Sculpture & 3D, 3D Mixed Media
- Fluid art (including alcohol inks, resin, poured acrylics)
- Photography (capturing real-life moments and scenes through the lens of a camera)
- Digital Arts (involves using technology and software, but not AI, to create original artwork and designs)

Photography is often seen as a more traditional and documentary form of art, while

Digital Arts is any artwork that draws upon digital technology as an essential part of the creative process. Digital drawings, paintings, illustrations, photos, and even sculpture can all be classified as Digital Art so long as they're created, enhanced, or exhibited digitally.

MAIN GALLERY AWARDS

First place (each category)	\$100.00	Best of Show (1)	Ribbon
Second place (each category)	\$75.00	Honorable mention, at judges' discretion (up to 10)	Ribbon
Third place (each category)	\$50.00	People's Choice	Publication at end of show

- Categories with fewer than 10 entries may be combined in order to make all entries eligible for awards.
- The Expo Committee may limit the number of awards in a category based on the number of artists with entries in that category or combined categories.

GIFT SHOP

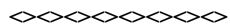
35. **An entry form must be submitted even if no entries are being shown in the Main Gallery so that we can pay you.**
36. Gift Shop set up time is scheduled for **Tuesday, 10 am - noon.**
37. Items may be grouped and displayed by artist rather than by category.
38. Artists may display their business cards.
39. Artists can display for sale in the Gift Shop an unlimited number of small items, such as jewelry, miniatures, etc., or paintings which are not being submitted for competition in the Main Gallery.
40. It's unlikely that we'll have space to include large pieces of art so please keep that in mind.
41. If we run out of space, we may have to remove some of your items and hold for replenishing once you have made some sales. We will do all we can to avoid this.
42. Each item must be clearly priced for sale with the **item title, artist's name and sales price.** You might want to number the smaller items if placing a title would be cumbersome. Please do not submit to the cashier a list of items you place in the gift shop, but you might want to keep a list for yourself.
43. Note Cards need to either be sold in sleeves with artist & price info on them, or be provided with a separate piece of paper ready to accompany the gift card to the cashier. Please do **not** provide a separate list of cards to the cashier as that is very confusing for the cashier and we need to be able to check out our customers as quickly as possible.
44. A 30% commission will be retained on all gift shop sales.
45. No award ribbons will be given for items in the Gift Shop.
46. All prices must be in **even dollar amounts.** The cashier will not be able to make coin change to the customer.
47. Gift shop customers will be able to take their purchases with them.

SOLD ITEMS

48. All Main Gallery sold pieces will be taken down at **3:30 pm Saturday** and placed in a designated area for pick-up.
49. Arrangements for pick-up or delivery of art sold to out-of-town persons must be made between the buyer and the Committee.
50. Customers may take their Gift Shop purchases with them during the entirety of the show.

TEAR DOWN

51. Artists may begin to pick up art at **3:30 on Saturday.** All items must be removed **by 5 pm Saturday.**
52. Any unclaimed pieces of art will be left at the Civic Center; artists will have to make arrangements with the Civic Center (704-638-5275) for pick up.



Questions: *Contact debfredette@gmail.com Call or text 336-688-2463.*

Your 2026 Expo Committee thanks you for your participation and wishes you the best of success in the EXPO.
Deb Fredette Chairman, Cherrathree Hager, Andy Mooney, Gale Rathbun, Mary Ellen Bennett, Mary-Louise Hooper, Stephanie Payne, Connie Eads, Donna VanValkenburg, Robert Coleman

Please remember that you **must** submit an entry form **even if you are only displaying items in the gift shop**.
This is so that we'll know who to reimburse for the sale of the art. Thank you.

The Carolina Artists

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Artist Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City & Zip _____
Email address _____
Phone _____

- ☐ I have entries **only** in the Gift Shop.
☐ I agree to volunteer as staff during the show for a minimum of 2 consecutive hours.
☐ I am a veteran.
☐ I understand and agree to all of the rules specified.

Check one:

- ☐ I am a current member in good standing
☐ I want to renew my membership and am including the \$40 fee with this entry form
☐ I wish to join The Carolina Artists and am including the \$40 membership fee with this form.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH item being submitted for competition and/or display in the Main Gallery.

If you wish to enter an artwork for competition but Not For Sale, please put "NFS" as the price.

#1 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____	#6 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____
#2 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____	#7 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____
#3 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____	#8 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____
#4 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____	#9 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____
#5 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____	#10 Price: \$ _____ Title: _____ Medium: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ALONG WITH ENTRY FEE & ANY UNPAID DUES

Mail entry form and check payable to:

The Carolina Artists
% Deb Fredette, Treasurer
155 John Ward Rd.
Lexington, NC 27295

Entry Receipt Deadline: **AUG 31**

entries: 1-5 - \$40, 6 - \$45, 7 - \$50, 8 - \$55, 9 - \$60, 10 - \$65
\$5 Late fee (after 7/31/26 but no later than 9/7/26)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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