



ARTS COUNCIL for Monterey County

Call for Artists:

On behalf of the Monterey County Health Department, the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is seeking original works of art for a juried exhibition at their location **Monterey County Health Department Building**, 1270 Natividad Road, Salinas, California.

Title: "Moments of Calm"

In a tumultuous and ever-changing world, *moments of calm* invite us to pause. These moments teach us to look closer, to appreciate subtle textures, peaceful vistas and silent gestures that say so much. "Moments of Calm" is seeking artwork that offers views of daily respites, celebrates nature, explores inner peace, and inspires joy. From pastel dawns to portraits of serenity and inner light, we invite figurative, abstract, and conceptual works that lift the day and calm the heart.

Artworks from all mediums of visual art are welcome, except sculpture and AI-created art.

Overview for Submissions:

- All artists **must live or work in Monterey County.**
- All works will be on loan to the County **for a period not to exceed one year.**
All accepted works will be insured from the time of delivery to the Monterey County Health Department building until time of pick up for a value not to exceed \$4,000.
- All works will be for sale to the public via the Arts Council for Monterey County **(except when noted as NFS [not for sale] by the artist)** which retains 25% of the total proceeds to support arts education programs in Monterey County.
- The exhibition will have three chosen winners of first, second, and third place. Winners are chosen by the jurors according to subject matter, originality and craftsmanship. Arts Council staff and board members are not eligible to enter. All decisions are final.

Accepted Participating Artists will receive:

- A **Complimentary invitation** for each artist and their guests to attend the Artist Reception.
- **Promotion of their artwork** in press releases and newsletters.
- Up to a one-year opportunity to have **their artwork publicly displayed and available for sale** through the Arts Council for Monterey County website.

Winners will receive the following stipend rewards:

- 1st Prize - \$100
- 2nd Prize - \$75
- 3rd Prize - \$50
- Four Honorable Mentions



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Timeline:

- **Friday, August 28th, 2025, 6:00pm - Deadline for submission entries** via bit.ly/arts4mc-health-dept/
- **Wednesday, September 9th, 2026** - Notification to artists of accepted artwork by email.
- **Thursday & Friday, October 8th & 9th, 2026 from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**
Artwork drop off at the Monterey County Health Department Building, 1270 Natividad Road, Salinas, California. Location on the second floor across from reception.
- October 12th to 16th, 2026 - Artwork Installed at the Monterey County Health Department.
- Details for the Health Department Artists' Reception will be shared with the accepted artists.

Artwork Submission Requirements:

- **All participating artists must live or work in Monterey County and be at least 20 years old.**
- Artwork may be any of the following: wall art or photography, wall sculpture, or collage.
- **Work MUST be ready to hang and wired tightly so it doesn't lean away from the wall.**
- Artwork must be free of any inappropriate words, phrases or imagery.
- All work must be original (not a copy of someone else's work or completed by someone not listed on the submission email).
- There is a maximum of 5 entries that can be submitted for review

Submission Guidelines:

- Please apply through bit.ly/arts4mc-health-dept/ with the required information
- Image file attachments should be either PNG, JPG or JPEG.
- Each image file **must be named with the artist's last name and title of the shown artwork.**
 - Ex. Arts_Serenity.jpeg
- Please include your **full name, street address, city, zip code, cell number, email & website.**
- Only one entry is required per submission, every additional entry must have all required information to be considered. Any entries with missing information will be invalid.
- Artwork submission guidelines include title, width x height(x depth) **in inches**, medium and price.

Please submit your entry details with attached files through the submission form at

bit.ly/arts4mc-health-dept/ by **Friday, August 28th, 2026, 6:00 pm.**

Please refer any questions to exhibitions@arts4mc.org