



ARTS COUNCIL for Monterey County

Call to Artists:

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is seeking original works of art for the 20th annual juried exhibition at the **Monterey County Government Center Administration Building**, 168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901

Exhibition Title: "As Far as the Eye Can See"

The Arts Council for Monterey County is thrilled to announce the Call for Artists for the 20th Annual Juried Exhibition at the Monterey County Government Center. The exhibition intends to encapsulate the abundance of greater Monterey County and what the last 20 years have looked like for the community. From the serene greenery in Elkhorn Slough to the rocky terrain at Pinnacles National Park. From living adolescence in analog to adulthood in a digital age. We invite Monterey County artists to submit art with varied interpretations of the land they call home and its rich history, showcasing traditional and contemporary artistic expressions.

Artworks from all mediums of visual art are welcome, except sculpture and AI-created art. Artwork must be free of any explicit content, logos, or other written material.

Overview for Submissions:

- All artists and photographers **must be age 20+ and 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 Government Center Administration 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 juror 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 newsletter.
- Up to 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 awards:

- 1st Prize - \$100
- 2nd Prize - \$75



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- 3rd Prize - \$50
- Four Honorable Mentions

Timeline:

- **Friday, September 4th, 2026, 6:00 pm - Deadline for submission entries** via bit.ly/arts4mc-govt-center/
- **Wednesday, September 16th, 2026** - Notification to artists of accepted artwork by email.
- **Thursday & Friday, October 29th & 30th, 2026 — 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm:** Artwork drop off is on the first floor of the Monterey County Government Center Administration Building, **168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901.**
- November 2nd to 6th, 2026 - Artwork Installation.
- Monterey County Health Department Artists' Reception - 2027 date TBD.

Artwork Submission Requirements:

- All participating must live or work in Monterey County and be at least 20 years old.
- Only **original** paintings, drawings, mixed media, monoprints, engravings, aquatints, etchings, linocuts, woodcuts or photographs, with no type of copyrighted material, will be accepted.
- **Images** must be no smaller than 12" x 12" and no bigger than 36" x 36" to be considered.
- No metal prints will be accepted.
- **Accepted work must be framed, wired and wired tightly so it doesn't lean away from the wall.**
- **The exception to the frame requirement** is artwork on canvas with 1 1/2" deep stretcher bars. These do not need frames but the sides must be painted and they must be wired and ready to hang.
- Artwork must be free of any inappropriate words, phrases or imagery.
- All work must be original (not be 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-govt-center/ 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.



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Please submit your entry details with attached files through the submission form at bit.ly/arts4mc-govt-center/ by **Friday, September 4th, 2026, 6:00 pm.**

Please refer any questions to exhibitions@arts4mc.org