

BEAR GALLERY ART EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Artists must be 18 years or older to enter and reside in the Interior of Alaska, Doyon Region.
- Submissions cannot be reproductions of original work, excluding prints of digital art and photography.
- Artwork must be the submitting artist's original work that reflects their unique creative effort.
- No kits. No reproductions or studies of other artists' original artwork, including work in the public domain (such as masterworks) or work with an unidentified artist. No use of copyrighted material, such as Disney characters.
- No AI-generated artwork.
- Hanging hardware must follow the guidelines listed in "Hardware / Display Instructions".
- Work must be professionally presented, ready for display at Intake with appropriate hardware, and be touch-dry, stable, and have cured adhesives/fixatives/varnishes. Art must not shed, deteriorate, be alive, or produce odors.
- **Please contact gallery@fairbanksarts.org or 907-251-8386, option 3, if you have questions about whether your artwork is eligible for exhibit.**

EXHIBITED ARTWORK:

- **Entries remain on view through August 1, 2026.**
- Entries will be handled with the utmost care and are insured against damage and loss for the duration of the exhibit. Fairbanks Arts is not responsible for minor wear resulting from normal handling.
- Fairbanks Arts is not liable for any damages from insufficient display materials or unsecured elements.
- Artwork sold during an exhibition will be released to the buyer following the show. As such, artwork must be photographed or digitally copied before submission.
- Fairbanks Arts Association retains a 35% commission on all exhibit sales. Works will be for sale unless noted as Not For Sale (NFS). Payments will be made within 45 days of the exhibition's closure.

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- **For group submissions:** The person who completes and signs the work's submission form will be considered the group's Point of Contact (POC). The POC will receive all notifications regarding the artwork.
- **Works will be considered Fairbanks Arts property if left for more than 45 days after the determined pickup day of August 2, 2026.** During this period, three (3) attempts will be made to contact the artist (phone and email); if no communication is established during these attempts, the artwork becomes "abandoned property" and becomes property of Fairbanks Arts without further notice.
- The Bear Gallery is located in the Centennial Center of the Arts, a Fairbanks North Star Borough facility within Pioneer Park. This is a family-friendly facility that hosts visitors of all ages from all over the world. As such, Fairbanks Arts reserves the right to refuse the exhibition of artworks containing violence, inappropriate language, or political or religious motifs that are ill-suited for the borough facility. Artworks with discriminatory content will not be exhibited. If exhibitions contain nudity or profanity, a sign will be posted by the Gallery entrance alerting visitors to such instances. If you have questions or concerns about the content of your work being suitable for the Bear Gallery, please contact gallery@fairbanksarts.org.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Fairbanks Arts Association does not discriminate against any individual due to age, gender, race, religion, skin color, national origin, sexual orientation, or ability.
- Individuals opting to participate in Fairbanks Arts Association-produced events and opportunities are asked to adhere to professional conduct that respects the dignity and safety of our diverse communities. "Professional conduct" is defined here as communicating with and behaving toward Fairbanks Arts Association staff, volunteers, guest jurors, contractors, and fellow event participants in a way free of harassment, intimidation, and/or discrimination.
- **Violations may result in removal from the event and possible disqualification from future FAA events.**

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HARDWARE / DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All wall-hung artwork (excluding quilts) **MUST** have a secure metal wire hanger attached with metal hardware. Artwork with insecure hardware will not be allowed in the exhibition.
2. If your work cannot be wired, consider using a display stand.
3. **Quilts and other fiber wall hangings must have 2-inch-wide Velcro stitched across the entire top. NO VELCRO, NO ACCEPTANCE.**
4. Prohibited hanging hardware: Sawtooth, Triangle, Command Strip, Tape, String, Loops. Using these will result in denial of entry, and any art accidentally accepted with this hardware will be disqualified from the exhibition.
5. **Bases/stands for 3D artwork** must be stable and structurally sound.
6. Unusual hanging mechanisms must be approved by Fairbanks Arts *before* Intake Day. Please email gallery@fairbanksarts.org or call 907-251-8386, option 3.
7. **Artwork without appropriate hardware/display equipment may be removed from the exhibition.**

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