Art Meets Poetry Project '24

OVERVIEW

The third annual Art Meets Poetry program culminates with an exhibit of art and poetry at The Cove Art Gallery in McKinney, Texas, 2-8 p.m. Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Artists and Poets are invited to an opening night reception at the Cove, Friday, February 2, 2024 from 6-8 p.m.

GOALS

1. To unite greater McKinney artists and poets by inspiring creativity and seeing in new ways. As Leonardo da Vinci once said, "Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen."

2. We are collecting donations at the event, and all contributions will go to local charities that help homeless people and those in food crises. We will split donations equally between the three charities below:

   - [Community Garden Kitchen](#)
   - [Community Lifeline Center](#)
   - [Community Food Pantry](#)

3. We will create a poster for the show. A limited edition print of the original poster art will be raffled for the charities. Posters may also be available for sale. Like-themed postcards, parchment paper/envelopes, etc., may also be included.

4. We will print a promotional postcard to advertise the show.

5. We intend to create a print-on-demand anthology of the art and poetry pairings. All poets and artists who enter the program must agree to have their work included. Our goal is to have an anthology available for sale at the show. Target sales price for members is $10.

6. Due to venue space limitations, art/poetry stations will be capped at 40. This target may be adjusted based on available space. A limit of 40 display stations also helps keep printing costs lower for an anthology.

THEME

There is no fixed theme for art and poetry entry content.

POINTS OF CONTACT

- **To Make a Selection** – contact Barry Rynk barryr03@gmail.com, 561-558-6947.
- **Poets** – If you have questions or need help with submissions, contact Barry Rynk, Mockingbird Poetry Society, barryr03@gmail.com, 561-558-6947.
- **Artists** – if you have questions or need help with submissions, contact Celeste Seitz, The Art Club of McKinney, cseitzartist@gmail.com, 972-742-8485

RULES

Artists and poets can participate in the program in two ways. This year, combined art and poetry submissions by single entrants are not allowed. Words may be included in art submissions, but they will stand as art only.

(1) We accept art and poetry submissions on a first-come, first-served basis. A list of available poems and art will be posted on the Mockingbird Poetry Society website and updated daily. When an art piece or poem has been selected, an X will be entered next to the description. To reserve an artwork or poem, contact Barry Rynk at barryr03@gmail.com or 561-558-6947.

(2) Poets may each submit one poem for consideration by the artists, and/or select one piece of submitted art to create an ekphrastic poem.

(3) Artists may submit one piece of 2D or 3D art for consideration by the poets and/or select one piece of submitted poetry to create an interpretive piece of art.
Note: a high-resolution photo must accompany art entries.

(4) A person who is an artist and a poet may submit one piece of art in the art category and one poem in the poetry category. We do not accept art/poetry combination entries created by the same person since the event seeks to combine two perspectives at each station.

(5) Art and poetry subject matter is open. There is no fixed theme. This is a family event, so please keep entries family-friendly. Annie Royer, Director of The Cove art gallery, has review authority.

(6) Poetry submissions can be of any style and form, and art can be of any form or expression. In both cases, poetry and art submission guidelines are listed below.

(7) Artists will have the opportunity to sell their art if they choose. We will have a table available with artist and poet contact information.

(8) Previously published or officially displayed art or poetry is allowed, but not any piece of art or poetry that has previously been shown in any Art Meets Poetry exhibit. Artists/poets must have full rights to all material entered into the program, with no piece of art or poetry currently under consideration for publication.

KEY DATES

2023

- **Sunday, Oct. 15** – Project kick-off with an official email announcement. Submissions made to the submission contacts will be posted in running form as they arrive. When you make a selection, you must reserve it by contacting Barry Rynk barryr03@gmail.com, 561-558-6947.
- **Saturday, Dec. 16** – All non-member fees must be postmarked by this date.
- **Saturday, Dec. 16** – Last day for all poetry and high-resolution digital images of art submissions.

2024

1. **Tuesday, January 2**: Ekphrastic poetry deadline. This is also the deadline any adjustments to digital photos of submitted art. We need the time to print the poems and to produce an anthology.
2. **Wed, Jan. 31**, 12-2 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Accepting art
3. **Thurs, Feb**. 1: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Show setup
4. **Fri, Feb. 2,** 6-8 p.m. – Artist/poet reception
5. **Sat, Feb. 3,** 2-8 p.m. – Art Meets Poetry exhibit
6. **Sun, Feb. 4,** 12-2 p.m. – Art pickup and cleanup

Art Submission Guidelines

- 2D art should be ready to hang with wire; framed or finished on all sides. 3D art is welcome and will be displayed on a table or platform.
- Contact information must be placed on the back of the art.

- Oversized art will need chairperson approval to be accepted into the show to assure that there is adequate space for all art pieces.
- Unpublished and previously published or displayed art will be accepted. Artists retain full rights to artwork after the exhibit.
- Art displayed at any previous Art Meets Poetry exhibit will not be accepted.
- An entry fee of $10 will be charged for submissions by those who are not members of the Mockingbird Poetry Society or the Art Club of McKinney. Mail your fee by December 16 as follows:
  Mockingbird Poetry Society
  c/o Beth Ayers
  7404 Townsend Blvd.
  McKinney, TX 75071

Poetry Submission Guidelines

- Poetry can be written in any form and style.
- The body of poems should be no more than 28 lines.
- Poem titles of one line will not be included in the total line count. However, all extra lines of print, including subtitles, epigraphs, footnotes, dedications, etc., will be counted as part of the poem for the total line count.
- No line in any poem may contain more than 60 characters, regardless of font size, with spaces and punctuation counted as characters. This pertains also to poem titles and all extra lines of print, including subtitles, epigraphs, footnotes, dedications, etc., which are considered part of the poem.
- New Times Roman, 12-point, is preferred font. The editors of the anthology and exhibit will adjust all poems to a common format TBD.
- Unpublished and previously published poems will be accepted. Poets retain full rights to poetry after the exhibit.
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Ekphrastic Poetry Requirement

Ekphrastic poems for Art Meets Poetry should follow the same guidelines as all poetry entered in the project. A stipulation is that an epigraph must be included below the poem's title that gives credit to the original art and artist. This final required epigraph is not included in the poem's line count.