



ART ARRAY - 26

Juried Exhibition Sponsored by Muscatine County Arts Council & Muscatine Art Center

Exhibition Location

Muscatine Art Center
1314 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761

Eligibility

Open to all artists within a 50-mile radius of Muscatine, Iowa.

Important Dates

January 23, 2026 (NEW DATE)	Application(s) & Entry Fee(s) DUE
February 13, 2026	Notification of acceptance
February 28 – March 8, 2026	Delivery of artwork to Muscatine Art Center
March 8, 2026	LAST DAY of delivery of artwork
March 19, 2026, 5-6:30 p.m.	Opening Reception & announcement of winners by the Judges
March 19 – May 31, 2026	Exhibition on view in the Musser-McColm Mansion
June 1 – 7, 2026	Pick-up artwork at Muscatine Art Center
June 7, 2026	LAST Day of pick-up of artwork

Jurying Process

Visual artwork for *Art Array - 26*, will be selected by a panel of jurors.

The jurors will consider each piece based upon original concept, materials, technique, and impact.

Note: Not all entries are guaranteed acceptance.

2026 Jurors

Brian Allen, Former head of Quad City Arts, and The German American Heritage Center and Museum

Christopher Irwin, Instructional Designer at Eastern Iowa Community College

Cash Prizes

First place	\$500
Second place	\$300
Third place	\$200

Submission Procedure

For consideration in *Art Array - 26*, please submit the following:

Completed application form(s) and jury fee(s) of \$25 per entry. A maximum of two works will be considered.

1. E-mail: Artwork images and completed application(s) should be submitted as **attached files** and emailed to MuscatineArtArray@gmail.com, no later than **January 23, 2026**.
2. Digital images of artwork (required) to be considered should be in JPG format and approximately 200 dpi. EACH file must be labeled with the artist's name and title. Only number the files if you have two entries. Example:
Joe Smith 1- Sunny Day.jpg Joe Smith 2- Stormy Night.jpg
3. Mail: Non-refundable Jury fee(s) **only** should be mailed to:

Muscatine County Arts Council
Attention: Diana Tank
P O Box 815
Muscatine, IA, 52761
4. *Art Array - 26* questions? Contact:

Diana Tank
Muscatine County Arts Council
563-260-1135
tankdiana8@gmail.com

Important Information

Installation

All visual artwork must be ready for hanging. If a work requires special equipment or instructions, the artist is responsible for providing these items at the time of delivery. Please use Plexiglass, if possible. **Artwork must have a wire picture hanger (no saw tooth hangers) that spans the back of the frame. NO hooks, loops, or easel frames will be accepted. The installers will not add hanging hardware or make any adaptations to any artwork to enable hanging.** All art works must weigh no more than 25 pounds. The maximum overall size of submitted works must be no larger than 40 inches. The Muscatine Art Center reserves the right not to install any piece deemed not fit for exhibition due to concern about the safety of the piece.

All artworks must have the Title and Artist's Name clearly identified on the back.

****NOTE* 3D submissions will not be allowed. ****

Insurance

Neither the Muscatine Art Center nor the Muscatine County Arts Council provide insurance for lost or damaged artwork.

Delivery/Shipping

Delivery of artwork selected for the exhibit is the artist's responsibility. Artwork can be hand delivered to the lobby of the Muscatine Art Center, 1314 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine, Iowa on the following dates:

- **Saturday, February 28th & Sunday, March 1st** – from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 3rd, Wednesday, March 4th, & Friday, March 6th** - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 5th** - from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 7th & Sunday, March 8th** – from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Artworks that are shipped, must arrive at the Art Center by **March 8th**, and must include pre-paid return postage, for inclusion in the exhibit.

Pickup

Pickup of artwork selected for the exhibit is the artist's responsibility. Artwork must be picked up between June 1st and June 7th, following the same Muscatine Art Center hours as listed above for delivery.



Application for Entry to *Art Array-26*

Receipt and Disclaimer

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Email _____ Jury Fee \$25.00 _____

Artwork #1 Title _____

Please list dimensions, weight, medium & date.

****NOTE* PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. WHAT IS WRITTEN ABOVE WILL BE PRINTED ON THE WALL LABELS EXACTLY AS WRITTEN. ****

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I, _____, have read and agree with the terms listed below which outline the expectations and responsibilities regarding my artwork submission to be juried & exhibited for *Art Array -26*.

- 1) I am responsible for submitting artwork that is appropriately prepared to be exhibited (framed and/or affixed with wire hanger attached to the frame back – **the Art Center will not add hanging hardware to any artwork – see INSTALLATION specifications**).
- 2) I certify that my artwork is in sound condition, composed of suitable materials, and able to withstand the ordinary strains of handling, movement, and display consistent with the exhibition of artwork. Artwork may be no larger than 40” wide or tall and must be less than 25 lbs. in weight.
- 3) I am responsible for the timely display and pickup of my artwork in accordance with the Muscatine Art Center schedule and I understand that the Muscatine Art Center will not store my artwork before or after the show except as deemed reasonable.
- 4) I will not hold the Muscatine Art Center responsible for any loss, damage, or repair to the artwork that has been accepted into the exhibition, and under no circumstances or conditions is my artwork insured for any purpose by the Muscatine Art Center except where applicable under the Muscatine Art Center’s Commercial General Liability policy.
- 5) I understand that my artwork may be listed on my artist’s vita as having been included in the Muscatine Art Center’s *Art Array -26*.
- 6) I understand that my selected artwork may be used as publicity, with appropriate artist acknowledgement, for the exhibition and as part of *Art Array -26*.

Signature _____

Date _____