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Heartfelt & Handmade Ornament Competition

Dear Artist/Crafter:

Hello from Friends of the Muscatine Art Center! The Friends organization is a non-profit supporting educational programs at the Muscatine Art Center. This November, Friends will bring back the “Heartfelt & Handmade” Ornament Competition, and we are asking artists, crafters, and craftsmen to help.

We are seeking handmade ornaments and holiday decorations to be exhibited and sold. A panel of judges will award prizes with first place receiving \$100, second receiving \$50, and third receiving \$25. Through public voting, a People’s Choice Award of \$100 will be given. Material(s) of your choice may be used so long as the contributing individual crafted the ornament or decorative item. All ornaments will be exhibited in glass showcases near the Muscatine Art Center’s front desk from November 9th through December 7th.

The Holiday Open House on December 7th will serve as the reception. Those contributing one or more items will receive a ticket for the Holiday Open House. Event attendees will have the first opportunity to purchase ornaments and participate in silent auctions. All items purchased that night will be available to take home the same evening. The 5 to 7 p.m. event will feature heavy hors d’oeuvres, musical entertainment, and exhibitions of work by Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti, Mauricio Lasansky, and Cory Christiansen. Unsold items will be available for the public to purchase starting on December 8th.

All ornaments/decorations must be made by the individual contributing the item to the competition, and multiple ornaments/decorations may be contributed to the fundraiser. All items must be received by the Muscatine Art Center no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 1st.

Please call Melanie Alexander at 563-263-8282 or email malexander@muscatineiowa.gov for more details and/or to let us know you plan to participate. A response by October 20th would help with our planning.

Thanks for your consideration!

Melanie Alexander
Director, Muscatine Art Center

Name/Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

YES, I plan to complete _____ (# of items) and deliver them on or before November 1st.

Description of item(s): _____

My ornament should be sold at this price point: (Circle one) \$10 - \$15 - \$25 - \$40 - Other: \$_____

Please submit this form when you deliver your ornament. Deadline for delivery is November 1, 2023.