



**53<sup>rd</sup> Year  
1973-2026**

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show Prospectus  
March 28 – April 18, 2026**

Show to be held at the Cowlitz County Museum, 405 Allen St, Kelso, WA 98626. **Open to artists 18 years and older.** Need not be a CAA member to enter.

**Entries must be originals and entirely the work of the entrant.** Artists must ensure that the work does not infringe upon any copyrighted material or work by another artist: **No** works based on image-specific online tutorials or print how-tos, and **no** likenesses to other artists' work or use of non-public domain photographs without photographer permission are acceptable. **If such infringement is discovered after entry, the work will be withdrawn from the show, receive no awards, and the entry fee will be forfeit.** The artist risks being banned from future shows.

Entries must have been completed within the past two years and not previously entered in a Columbian Artists Association (CAA) Spring Show. All entries must be available for purchase. Entry forms are available on the CAA website: <http://columbianartists.org/applications.html>.

**Categories for judging are 1) oils and acrylics, 2) watercolors, 3) mixed and other media, 4) 3-D, and 5) non- and semi-representational abstracts.** Mixed/other media include pastels, pen, pencil, hand-pulled prints (e.g., woodcuts, linoprints), digital art, collages, and true mixed-media. Abstracts may be of any medium. **NOT ACCEPTED:** giclee prints, other reproductions (excepting digital work as described below), or offensive work. All work must be completely dry. Show awards in each category (with sufficient entries) are valued at First Place \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50, and honorable mention \$20. Best of Show is awarded \$200. No more than 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places will be awarded for any category with four or fewer entries. Other awards include People's Choice and sponsor awards.

**2-Dimensional (wall) art:** Only wire hangers accepted. **No saw-toothed hangers or clip frames.**

One piece may measure up to 60 inches (vertical plus horizontal, including frame); other pieces may be a maximum of 40 inches (vertical plus horizontal, including frame). Diptychs and triptychs are considered single entries: they must have a single price and all pieces together must be within size limits. Work in pen, pencil, and pastels must be under glass or acrylic (e.g., Plexiglas®). Oil and acrylic paintings may be on **at least** 1.5" deep gallery-wrapped canvas or panel, or framed. Watercolors may be without glass if properly finished. Original prints and true mixed media works should be displayed in a manner appropriate to the work, but also without saw-toothed hangers or clip frames. Work completed digitally may be reproduced on archival paper and framed in the same manner as watercolor art; on wrapped canvas and hung in the same manner

as oil works; or on aluminum and wired for hanging. **No work generated using AI** (artificial intelligence) software is permitted.

**3-Dimensional (pedestal/floor) art** will be judged as mixed/other media. Art may not weigh more than 60 pounds, have a height of more than 60 inches, or a width of more than 30 inches. Some 3D art may be juried out due to space constraints. Pedestals are provided by the museum.

**Entry fees.** Non-members: \$20.00/piece. Members: \$15.00/piece. **Cash or check.** Maximum of 3 entries/artist.

By entering the show and paying the entry fee, artists are attesting that their art meets all requirements noted in this prospectus. Art that does not meet the above standards will be juried out and not accepted for the show. The CAA will charge a 20% sales commission for members and 30% for non-members. **All work must be picked up on April 18 between 2 and 3:30 pm.** Notify CAA if you assign another person for art pick-up.

Images of accepted entries may be used by CAA and the venue to promote the show via print and online.

The Columbian Artists Association and the Cowlitz County Museum assume no responsibility in case of loss or damage. Every precaution will be taken to protect entries.

Schedule:

Mar 24 (Tu): **Intake** - artists bring in entries, 10 am-1 pm

Mar 25-26 (W-Th): awards selection - Judge awards places in 5 show categories, sponsor awards selected

Mar 28-Apr 18: Show open 10 am to 4 pm, Tu-Sat. (closing at 2 pm Apr 18)

Mar 28 (Sat): **Reception and awards**, 12-4 pm; awards about 1 pm

Apr 18 (Sat): **People's Choice award**, 1:30 pm. **Artists and buyers pick up work immediately afterwards.**

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QUESTIONS: Contact Lisa Harrington at [imbharrington@gmail.com](mailto:imbharrington@gmail.com) or Eileen Thompson at 206-949-9811. The CAA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, #80-0365879. You may request a tax-deductible contribution receipt for your donated commission of sold entries.

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Turn in signed agreement with entry fees:

**I have read the entire prospectus and agree that my entries meet requirements. I agree to all stipulations, especially noting the paragraph regarding original art/copyright infringements.**

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Artist's Signature

Date

## ENTRY FORMS

To avoid delays, entry forms should be completely filled out before arrival. Please print clearly to help avoid errors. Tape entry form to the top back of your work. Each part of the form will be separated for different purposes; the bottom (short) section will be returned to you as a receipt to use when you pick up your work at the show closing. Up to three entries are permitted. Print additional copies as needed.

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| Artist Name:                            |        |       |              |
| Address:                                |        |       |              |
| City:                                   | State: | Zip:  |              |
| Phone:                                  |        |       |              |
| Email:                                  |        |       |              |
| Title:                                  |        |       |              |
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| 1) Oil / acrylic                        |        |       |              |
| 2) Watercolor                           |        |       |              |
| 3) mixed and other media                |        |       |              |
| 4) 3-D                                  |        |       |              |
| 5) non- /semi-representational abstract |        |       |              |
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