



SPRING FLING

Call for Entry

*Fine Arts Competition and Exhibit
March 27 - April 17, 2026*

 **Gateway Arts Council**

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Ohio Arts
COUNCIL

ARTS AND CULTURE

SPRING FLING ART EXHIBIT

For twenty-five years, this cherished event has provided artists from western Ohio and eastern Indiana with a platform to share their vision, talent, and voice. More than a competition, it's a celebration of creative spirit and community—an enduring tradition that continues to shape the region's cultural landscape. Over the years, Spring Fling has uplifted countless artists, sparked meaningful conversations, and brought people together through the power of visual storytelling.

This year's exhibit will be hosted in a space that has long welcomed creativity and connection: Gateway Arts Council's gallery at 216 North Miami Ave. in Sidney. We invite you to be part of this milestone moment and experience the art that continues to inspire our community.

IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATION DUE:

Entries must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Entries may be emailed to susan@gatewayartscouncil.org, or hand-delivered to the gallery by 4 pm that day.

DELIVERY OF ARTWORK:

Wednesday, March 11, *and* Saturday, March 14, 2026
through Friday, March 13, 2026 11 AM - 2 PM
10 AM - 4 PM

AWARDS RECEPTION

Friday, March 27, 2026 from 6 PM - 8 PM
Open and free to the public.

EXHIBIT DATES:

Friday, March 27, 2026- Friday, April 17, 2026
Monday - Friday 10 AM - 4
Weekends and Evenings by appointment

REMOVAL OF ARTWORK:

Monday, April 20, 2026 *through* Thursday, April 23, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM
Other times will require AN **APPOINTMENT**.

ELIGIBILITY

The Fine Art Competition is open to all artists, 16 years of age and older. All art work must be original and completed within the last 3 years. No commercial kits or molds will be accepted. Students may not enter work if they have had assistance in executing their work. Artwork previously submitted to Spring Fling is ineligible.

JUDGING PROCESS

The judging will be done once all artwork has been received and hung by Gateway Arts Council. The awards will be judged by an independent judge who is invited each year to evaluate the work of the artists in the exhibit. The judge will select the winners in each category.

Jury Process (if necessary)

A jury process will go into effect under the following conditions:

- The amount of artwork entered exceeds the space available to be aesthetically displayed.
- One genre contains significantly more pieces than the other genres.

Notification will be given via email if necessary.

EXHIBIT DATES

The Fine Art Exhibit will be open to the public from March 27 - April 17, 2026. Hours will be Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM, with evening and weekend hours by appointment. **ALL ARTWORK MUST REMAIN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE EXHIBIT.**

FINE ART ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry fee is \$30, which includes up to 3 pieces, regardless of medium. The fee is non-refundable. Please make checks payable to Gateway Arts Council.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Please return the completed entry form along with the entry fee to Gateway Arts Council at PO Box 14, Sidney, OH 45365 or email to susan@gatewayartscouncil.org. Entry forms and fees may also be hand delivered to Gateway Arts Council, 216 N. Miami Avenue in Sidney, Ohio during business hours, 10am - 4pm. Gateway Arts Council reserves the right to refuse any entry and/or withdraw any work from the exhibit at its discretion. Submission implies consent to photographing of artist/work for cataloging or publicity purposes. Any questions can be directed to Ellen Keyes at Gateway Arts Council by calling (937)498-2787 or email at ellen@gatewayartscouncil.org. Any changes to your entry must be made no later than the day the work is dropped off.

MEDIUMS AND CATEGORIES

• **Drawing - 1**

Graphite pencils, pen and ink, inked brushes, wax color pencils, crayons, charcoal, chalk, pastels, markers, styluses, and metals (such as silverpoint)

• **Water Media - 2**

Watercolor, gouache, and other media used in an aqueous manner

• **Oil & Acrylics - 3**

Oil and acrylics

• **Photography - 4**

Film, digital, color, black & white, and toned gelatin silver prints

*Must be flat prints only

• **Miscellaneous - 5**

Bronze, wood, marble, glass, ceramics, paper, and miscellaneous Prints, textiles, mixed media, computer art, etc.

SALE OF ARTWORK

Artists are encouraged to offer their work for sale. Only written price will be honored. The price must be determined when artwork is dropped off. Any work that is not priced will be considered **NOT FOR SALE**. A 20% commission will be charged by Gateway Arts Council for each sale.

PREPARATION OF ARTWORK

Any work that is to be hung **MUST** be framed and/or wired with enough support to securely hold the piece. NO saw-tooth or cardboard hangers are permitted, artwork **MUST HAVE A WIRE HANGER**. Size and weight of the work is limited to that which can be moved by one person and must be no larger than 4 feet high/wide. GATEWAY ARTS COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE LABELS THAT WILL BE ATTACHED WHEN WORK IS DROPPED OFF. Please allow time to do so when dropping off your work.

DELIVERY/PICK UP OF ARTWORK

Artwork is to be delivered to Gateway Arts Council (216 N. Miami, Sidney, Ohio) by Friday, March 13, 2026 (10 AM - 4 PM) - Saturday March 14, 2026 (11 AM - 2 PM) and must be removed by Monday, April 20, 2026 (10 AM - 4 PM) through Thursday, April 24, 2026 (10 AM - 4 PM). All pieces must be signed in and out by the artist. If you will be sending a representative to deliver or pick up, please make a note when sending in your entry form. Early delivery is possible by calling the Gateway offices at 937-498-2787. With prior arrangements, late removals can be picked up at Gateway Arts.

GATEWAY ARTS COUNCIL ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE, THEFT, ETC. DURING DELIVERY/SETUP, THROUGHOUT THE EXHIBIT, AND DURING REMOVAL.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Announced at the Award Reception on March 27, 2026 at 6:00pm, awards and prizes are as follows:

BEST OF SHOW	\$800
FIRST PLACE	\$150 (in each category)
SECOND PLACE	\$50 (in each category)
THIRD PLACE	\$25 (in each category)
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	Ribbon

THERE MUST BE 5 PIECES IN A CATEGORY FOR AWARDS TO BE MADE.

BEST OF SHOW AND FIRST PLACE PRIZE WINNERS WILL ALSO BE OFFERED A SOLO OR DUO SHOW IN THE GATEWAY ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY.

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MEDIUM & CATEGORY

Categories are listed below with examples of mediums within those categories. Please fill out your entry form accordingly.

NO MORE THAN 10% OF THE WORK MAY BE FROM OUTSIDE THE CATEGORY, OR THE PIECE WILL BE CONSIDERED MIXED MEDIA.

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Be advised, Gateway Arts Council and its volunteers will categorize pieces at their discretion if the entry form is not properly completed.

BE SURE TO MARK THE CATEGORY NUMBER AND MEDIUM ON
ENTRY FORM.

ARTWORK ENTRY FORM

Mail to: **Gateway Arts Council • PO Box 14 • Sidney, OH 45365**

Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 9, 2026, emailed to susan@gatewayartscouncil.org, or hand-delivered to the gallery by 4 PM that day. All Required Fields below.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Enclosed is the \$30 entry fee, which includes up to 3 pieces.

I will be attending the reception . (please circle) YES NO

ENTRY 1 Title: _____

Medium:* _____ Category No. :* _____

Dimensions:** Width: _____ Height: _____ Price: \$ _____

ENTRY 2 Title: _____

Medium:* _____ Category No. :* _____

Dimensions:** Width: _____ Height: _____ Price: \$ _____

ENTRY 3 Title: _____

Medium:* _____ Category No. :* _____

Dimensions:** Width: _____ Height: _____ Price: \$ _____

NOTE: *Required Field **Please add dimensions for 2D works only