

# FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

## 2025 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

A program of the Arts Council of Moore County

Created in 1980, the Arts Council's Fine Arts Festival provides incentive for artists to improve their technique and a place to showcase and sell their artwork. The festival has since grown into a major art exhibit featuring artists from all over the country. The art is also judged in seven categories and over \$2,800 in cash prizes and ribbons are awarded.

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### FINE ARTS FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

**EXHIBITION DATES:** July 23-August 27, 2025

**LOCATION:** Arts Council Galleries at Campbell House, 482 East Connecticut Avenue in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

**DELIVERY DATES:** Due to storage limits, art can only be accepted July 8-12 (10a-4p).

**ENTRY FEES** (non-refundable):

Arts Council Members = \$20 per entry

Non-members = \$30 per entry

**ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES:** Any artist (16+ years old) may enter in these categories: Drawing; Oil; Acrylic; Watercolor; 3-Dimensional; Photography; and All Other Mediums (See website for category definitions.)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Artists may submit up to two (2) entries that are completely original by the artist; created after January 1, 2023; & not exhibited in our galleries or entered in previous ACMC Fine Arts Festivals. Art may not exceed 60" (including frame) in any dimension or weigh more than 75 lbs. 2-D art must be completely dry, prepared to hang by one nail with wire (saw tooth hangers or clip frames not accepted). 3-D art may be entered with stand, if needed. Art requiring special installation will not be accepted & must be stable enough to be handled. Artificial Intelligence (AI) art is not allowed. ACMC has final ruling on what is considered suitable for public display & on art location.

**JUDGE:** Blake Kennedy, Clay Studio Manager, NC State University Crafts Center, Raleigh, NC

**AWARDS** (awarded at judge's discretion):

**\$500 - Sara Wilson Hodgkins Best in Show**

**\$125 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place** in each category

**\$100 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** in each category

**\$ 75 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** in each category

Honorable Mentions receive ribbons

**LEE BARRETT PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:**

Given in memory of Cecelie "Lee" Barrett & her years of service to ACMC & the Fine Arts Festival, this award is voted on by all exhibit attendees. The winner receives \$200 & ribbon. The last day to vote is August 20.

**PURCHASE AWARDS:** Businesses & individuals can support the festival artists by committing to purchase art at a special preview on July 22. In addition to selling their art, the artists receive a ribbon. Please contact us if you would like to provide a Purchase Award.

#### \*\*\* IMPORTANT EXHIBIT DATES & TIMES \*\*\*

**Exhibit Dates/Times** .... July 23-August 27, 2025  
Weekdays, 10a-5p

**Art Delivery Dates**..... July 8-12 (10a-4p)

**Purchase Award Preview** ..... Tue., July 22

**Awards Notification Begins**..... July 23

**Opening Reception**..... Fri., Aug. 1 (6-8p)

**Awards Ceremony** ..... Fri., Aug. 1 (7p)

**Saturday Gallery is Open** ..... Aug. 16 (12-2p)

**Last day to vote for People's Choice**.. Aug. 20

**Art Removal Dates**..... Aug. 28-29

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** Winners will be notified starting July 23, but will not be made public until the awards ceremony on Fri., August 1. Hosted by ACMC's Board, artists & guests are invited to an Opening Reception on August 1 (6-8p) at Arts Council Galleries.

**ART SALES & PRICING:** ACMC prefers all entries be for sale. A \$15 fee will be charged per entry not for sale. To help with pricing, art under \$700 has a better chance of selling. Prices may not change after the festival begins. ACMC's commission is 35% on all sales.

**ART REMOVAL:** The last day of the exhibit is August 27. Removal dates are Thu. & Fri., August 28 & 29. The Arts Council will be closed Aug. 30-Sep. 1 for Labor Day weekend.

**LIABILITY:** All reasonable care will be given in the handling & display of the art. All artwork entered is covered by insurance from time of delivery until 5pm on August 27, 2025. ACMC's staff, sponsors, & volunteers assume no responsibility for loss of or damage to art.

**OTHER CONDITIONS:** The artist grants ACMC permission to photograph & reproduce any art for publicity & educational purposes. ACMC reserves the right to reject or remove any art during the exhibit. Guidelines are subject to change without notice. Entry of art constitutes agreement with conditions described herein.

**For more information, please contact:**



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**2025 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – Entry Form**

Complete this form & deliver with your entries on the following dates:  
**July 8-12 (10a-4p) • Art removal dates are Aug. 28 & 29 (10a-4p)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY #1:** TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY #2:** TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fees (per entry):**  \$20 Member  \$30 Nonmember  \$15 Not for Sale Fee Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 [NOTE: Your Social Security number will be required if your artwork sells.] (Make checks payable to "ACMC")

For office use only:

**2025 FAF ~ ENTRY #1 ID CARD**

Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Category \_\_\_\_\_ Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut & attach this card to back upper left of art.

**2025 FAF ~ ENTRY #2 ID CARD**

Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Category \_\_\_\_\_ Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut & attach this card to back upper left of art.