

Guidelines for Artists Exhibiting at Clark Memorial Library on Sunday July 28, 2024

Thank you for being part of our Fifth Annual Outdoor Art Exhibit!

Our goal is to provide a pleasant and positive community experience for artists and visitors.

Set up will begin at 10:00 am: Please do not arrive before 10:00 because we will be setting things up. We hope to have all artists set up and cars out of the parking lot by 12:00 or 12:15. Parking after set-up and during the exhibit will be available at a church across the street.

Each artist will have a numbered spot. When you arrive you will be shown where to park and directed to your assigned spot.

We will have staff available to help you with set up if needed. Please plan to bring any necessary tools, hammers, easels, stands, ropes (for quilters to hang from trees), etc. to show your work. Most exhibits will be on the grass, and stakes can be hammered into the ground if needed.

Lunch: We suggest that you plan to take a break after set up, and visit one of our local restaurants for lunch and something cool to drink (Country Corner Diner at 756 Amity Road, Teddy B's at 136 Amity Road, Billy's Ice Cream at 742 Amity Rd, Grand Apizza at 119 Amity Rd, and for fresh produce and gourmet snacks, Clover Nook Farm at 50 Fairwood Rd, also snacks available at a Shell station nearby).

Facilities: The library building will not be open the day of the exhibit but exhibiting artists will have access to the bathrooms.

The Exhibit is open to the public from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Take down starts shortly after 5:00 pm. Artists will be able to bring their cars back to the library parking lot to load up their items.

We will provide bottled water for artists and staff and other volunteers. Please bring snacks for the afternoon. The Friends of the Bethany Library will be selling baked goods and snacks.

Weather: We will be carefully watching the weather and if rain is forecast, we will email each participant and also post a notice to the website (Bethanylibrary.org) by late Saturday afternoon if we have to cancel. There is no rain date.

Please bring enough thin plastic sheeting (painter's plastic, get at hardware store or Walmart) to cover display panels in case there is an unexpected sprinkle, and/or to cover tables, print

racks, etc. Also some clothes pins if you have any to hold plastic in place. Liz will bring some clothes pins but may not have enough for everybody.

Display Panels: At least one wire mesh display panel will be available for artists who requested them. Each panel is 3' wide x 6' high. Traditional framed artwork or canvases should be wired on the back to hang on the hooks provided. Bring enough artwork to hang tastefully without looking crowded. It's ok to bring your own display panels.

Bring lawn chair and optional sun umbrella (many spots will be in the shade for most of the afternoon, but not all).

Optional: Small folding table, table cloth or sheet to the ground (good for hiding boxes or other items underneath so things look tidy, print rack, small to medium sized (please limit to one)

Also welcome are prints, greeting cards, business cards, artist bio/statement with contact info (print extras for people to take home). Items do not have to be for sale. Please make price tags small and unobtrusive or provide a separate list for items you wish to sell. Sales are your responsibility. The library will take no commissions or fees.

Please try to make your area look attractive, organized and as professional as possible and not cluttered. Think of it as an art exhibit first and items for sale as secondary.

Info for Visitors: A sheet listing all participating artists and their contact info will be handed out to the public when they arrive.

If artists wish to sketch, paint or create something during the exhibit that would be wonderful!

Invite your family and friends, all ages are welcome. There will be activities for kids along with an art table where they can draw or use sidewalk chalk on the pavement.

Thank you again for being part of this community effort!

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