JUDGING

Judges will use the following criteria: creativity, skill, originality and total presentation.

Closed judging will take place on:
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
9:00 am – Noon

Digital images of all local first place entries will be sent to the first phase of the National Art Competition.

FOR INFO ABOUT THE LOCAL ART COMPETITION AND SHOW,
PLEASE CONTACT:

Madge Scherer
320-252-1670 ext. 7336

RESPONSIBILITY-LIABILITY

All possible care will be taken in handling objects submitted for judging. However, the VA Medical Center cannot be responsible for any LOSS or DAMAGE.

No entries may be removed by the artists during the run of the judging. However, the VA Medical Center reserves the right to withdraw any works from public display.

The judges have the right to change the category of the entry if they deem it to be misplaced.

Unless otherwise specified, the right to reproduce for publicity, without charge, is assumed.

The Art Competition and Show are now held as part of the annual National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

National 1st place winners will be displayed at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, hosted by the Battle Creek VA, Battle Creek, MI. The event will be held the week of October 28th – November 4, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: Art work can no longer be brought to the Bldg. 28 OT Clinic. All artwork must be brought to Bldg. 8 or Bldg. 51 according to the attached schedule. If you cannot bring it at the scheduled times, you must contact Madge Scherer (320-252-1670 ext. 7336) to set up a date and time.
**PURPOSE**

The Art Competition and Show provides Veterans with an opportunity to be acknowledged for their artistic talents and skills.

**RULES**

- To qualify for entry, the artist must be enrolled at a VA Medical Center or outpatient clinic before entering the local competition.
- All artwork must have been created since April 1, 2018, except for Military Combat Experience entries.
- Veteran can enter up to three categories, but only one entry per category.
- Sets can contain no more than 3 pieces.
- The VA Medical Center staff and/or the judges reserve the right to change an entry’s category as needed or to withhold entries from public viewing.
- GUNS, KNIVES or other WEAPONS will not be accepted due to VA regulations banning these items from VA facilities.
- All paintings, drawings, watercolors, pastels, photographs, graphics, collages and digital art must be framed and ready to hang for display.
- An entry must be able to fit into one box with dimensions not to exceed 165 inches in girth plus length and must weigh 150 pounds or less. Length must not exceed 108 inches.
- No pieces mounted under glass – PLEXIGLASS only
- Pieces must not require assembly after unpacking.
- **ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH FRI, FEBRUARY 8th**

**ART CATEGORIES**

****Category definitions are VERY specific. Please contact us so your entry qualifies in a category****

**FINE ART CATEGORIES:**

- Acrylic Painting
- Oil Painting
- Watercolor
- Sculpture
- Pastels
- Pottery
- Monochromatic Drawing
- Colored Drawing
- Pyrography (Original Design)
- Printmaking
- Black and White Photography

**Color Photography**

*Digital Art (See "Special Category Description")*

(Digitally enhanced photographs cannot be entered in this category – enter in Photography categories)

**APPLIED ART CATEGORIES:**

- Glazed Ceramics
- Painted or Stained Ceramics
- Woodworking
- Scroll Saw/Fretwork
- Jewelry (not beads)
- Beadwork
- Crocheting/ Knitting
- Knotting
- Mosaic
- Collage
- Metalwork
- Glasswork
- Needlework (Original Design)
- Carving
- Fiber Arts (Original Design)
- Leather Stamping
- Leather Carving/ Tooling
- Assemblage
- Mixed Media (Fine or Applied Art)
- Group Art (see staff for details)

**KIT CATEGORIES:** (only ONE kit per entry)

- Leather
- Wood Building
- Fabric Art
- Needlework
- Latch Hook
- Craft Coloring Kits
- Model Building (Plastic, Wood or Metal) (only ONE model can be entered)
- Paint by Number
- String Art
- Suncatcher/Sand Art
- Figurine Painting
- Transfer/Engraving Art Kits
- Mosaic
- Combined Kits (blending two or more different kits to create a single work of art)

*Special Recognition (See "Special Category Description")*

NO DIORAMAS OR DIPPED ART WILL BE ACCEPTED

**SPECIAL CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS**

**Special Recognition** This category focuses on how the arts are used by an individual to rise above severe mental or physical challenges. Entries must include a written statement (25-225 words) by a VA staff person or the Veteran explaining the creative process, goals, and any other useful information.

**Military Combat Experience** -- The Veteran must have experienced combat duty during WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War or current combat operations. The artwork must relate to the Veteran’s personal experience with that war or conflict. A 25-225 word statement explaining how the art relates to the Veteran’s wartime experience must be included with the entry. The artwork can have been completed anytime since Veteran’s wartime experience. Entries submitted previously in this category are not eligible. The medium used must be fine art or applied art. Kits are not allowed.

**Digital Art** – Art that was created using digital technology in its creation process. The work is created entirely with the computer and includes 2D and 3D graphics. All original entries in the Digital Art categories must be printed, mounted and framed. It is REQUIRED that the software programs used be listed in the “mediums/techniques used” section of the entry form. Animations and videos will be disqualified. Digitally enhanced photography should not be entered in this category.

**Veterans Day Poster** – Although this is no longer a Category, posters can still be submitted to be considered for the 2019 Veterans Day Poster. Must use a fine art or applied art medium. Artwork must satisfy diversity considerations and give equal visibility to all branches of the military. The artwork should convey the message “honoring all who served”. Patriotic themes are encouraged.

**Please contact Madge Scherer for further information about categories or rules.**

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