

2026 CELEBRATE THE ARTS! FINE ART SHOW & SALE

INFORMATION SHEET

SAN PEDRO RIVER ARTS COUNCIL 15TH ANNUAL OPEN, JUDGED FINE ARTS SHOW & SALE

MARCH 4rd through MARCH 26th, 2026

Show location: Cochise College, Benson Center, 1025 S. Highway 90, Benson, Arizona

DATES/SCHEDULE: Friday, Feb. 20th Entries due no later than this date—feel free to enter earlier!! (by post or online)

Monday, March 2nd Receiving art work. (drop off at Cochise College Benson Center between 1 p.m and 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 3rd Art work will be hung at the college.

Wednesday, March 4th Show judged in the morning. Judge's critique for interested artists will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Show open to the public for viewing during regular college hours beginning at 2 p.m. March 4th and will hang through March 26th

Saturday, March 14th Reception. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the college. Everyone welcome! Awards. Refreshments. Live music. Raffle. Meet the artists.

Thursday, March 26th Show comes down. Pick up artwork 1 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY: Show is open to all artists working in any two-dimensional medium -EXCLUDING photography. (An exhibition for photographers only is scheduled for October, 2026.) No work previously entered in a “Celebrate the Arts” exhibition is eligible for this show.

ENTRIES: Artists may submit up to three --3-- works at this show.

Notes

1. Maximum size for each piece of art is 36" in either dimension, including frame.
2. Management reserves the right to refuse any work deemed inappropriate for family viewing.

ENTRY FORMS AND FEES: There are two ways to enter:

- 1.) Regular mail—go to our website at www.sprarts.org or to a member to print out or obtain an entry form. Return the form with fees to SPRAC, P.O. Box 1358, Benson, AZ 85602.
- 2.) Online—go to our website at www.sprarts.org and complete the “on-line” entry form and submit and pay online using our PayPal option.

DEADLINE for entries is NO LATER THAN Friday, February 20th.

There will be NO ENTRY FEES charged for YOUTH DIVISION ENTRIES.
REGULAR ENTRY FEE is \$8.00 per item for Adult SPRAC Members. FEE for Adult NON-MEMBERS is \$10.00 per item.

PRESENTATION: Each piece of art must be framed or appropriately presented for its' medium. All work must be strung with wire for hanging (bracket hangers are NOT acceptable). We will not accept any art work not ready to hang.

Each painting must be clearly labeled on the back with Artist's name, medium, and Title of painting.

RECEIVING AND PICK UP: All entries must be delivered and picked up at Cochise College Benson Center. Drop off art work on Monday, March 2nd between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Collect paintings after the show on Thursday, March 26th between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Note! All artwork shall hang for the duration of the show. If you are unable to pick up your work on March 26th, contact endeavorartgallery@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

SECURITY/LIABILITY: The San Pedro River Arts Council and Cochise College, Benson Center will exercise all reasonable precautions to prevent damage to, or loss of, art work; however, the artist must ultimately assume all risks for his work. Artists are required to sign a liability waiver when making entries.

SHOW DIVISIONS: The show will be divided into four separate divisions.
Artists will choose their division. There will be no cross entries.
YOUTH (18 and under)
NOVICE (for beginning artists)
INTERMEDIATE
ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL (You know who you are...)

AWARDS: "Best of Show" winner will receive a rosette and \$100 cash prize...
"Best of Division" winners will receive a rosette and \$50 cash prize.

We will also be awarding cash prizes (in addition to ribbons) within each Division of \$20, \$15, and \$10 to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the various media groups.

***** MEDIA CATEGORIES:** Oil & Acrylic; "Wet" media (watercolor, gouache, pen a& ink); "Dry" media (pastels, charcoal, graphite); "Mixed media;" and "Other" (hangable wood, glass ceramics, beadwork, etc.)
BE SURE TO NOTE THE MEDIUM OF EACH PIECE ON YOUR ENTRY FORM

Note: The judge's decisions are FINAL

A "People's Choice" Rosette and \$50 cash prize will be presented at the end of the show.

SALES/COMMISSIONS: Artists will set prices for their own work. The San Pedro River Arts Council will act as Intermediary to connect buyers and sellers. If the artist negotiates a sale, the Arts Council is due a 20% commission on that sale. Price your work accordingly!

Any work not for sale must be clearly marked NFS on the entry form.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS—please contact endeavorartgallery@gmail.com)