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Dear Artist,

The CB100 MuralFest, celebrating the Carolina Beach Centennial in 2025 was such a huge success for our Artists, our community and island visitors. On behalf of the Carolina Beach Mural Project Board of Directors, I am excited to share that we are replicating the program in 2026 (with a few modifications), open to all North Carolina Artists.

This pop-up program will allow for 36 painted canvases measuring 4'x4' to be displayed at the Carolina Beach Lake from May 16, 2026- September 2026. 32 Artists + 4 local Schools will participate in a community Open Air Art project at Carolina Beach Lake on the weekend of May 16-17. We are asking Artists to paint 1 side of a 4' x 4½' thick plywood canvas on May 16 and May 17 LIVE at the lake, where the panels will be on display throughout the summer.

*Food trucks and live music are planned during the weekend event to create a festival environment. Artists are welcome to set up a small space to work, and display their other work for sale.*

The Carolina Beach Mural Project (CBMP), a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization, is dedicated to celebrating and preserving the history and culture of Carolina Beach through murals. The Public Art commissioned by the Carolina Beach Mural Project is found throughout the commercial and boardwalk districts, creating a cultural destination for Carolina Beach residents and visitors to the island. For more information about CBMP, visit <https://carolinabeachmurals.org/>

## Projected TIMELINE:

**February 15, 2026** Deadline for Application & Sketch Submission

**February 28, 2026** Chosen Artists Announced

**May 16-17, 2026** Installation Begins\*

**September 2026** Boards are Auctioned Off at a Fundraiser Event using an online auction tool.

\*Dates contingent on weather permitting. The Artist must begin work on their panel on May 16 and artwork must be completed by May 24, 2026.

## THEME: ***Livin' Carolina Beach***

Our goal is to celebrate the best of Carolina Beach. We want you to honor the island in your style! Whether you want to highlight something iconic to Carolina Beach, create a meaningful pattern, feature a significant event, person or location, or uniquely commemorate a historical event, here's your chance to paint a panel that will be seen by thousands of people who live and/or visit the island throughout the summer.

## SITE LOCATION & DIMENSIONS

This Pop-Up Art project will be installed and displayed at Carolina Beach Lake. Panels will measure 4' wide and 4' tall. Boards will be primed prior to the event, and CBMP will seal with a protective clear coat after the panels have been completed. Artists can choose to paint directly on an installed panel or paint on a propped panel which will be installed when completed. *Please note that the photos depict the 2025 events where boards were 2x the 4' height.*

## BUDGET

Each Artist chosen to participate will be given a \$400 stipend (\$200 after the Artist agreement is signed and \$200 when the panel is completed on May 17). In September 2026, when the boards are auctioned off, the Artist will also receive 50% of the final winning bid to be paid after the auction ends.

## SELECTION PROCESS AND PROPOSALS

Carolina Beach Mural Project is proud to support North Carolina Artists. This project is limited to Artists currently living in North Carolina with preference to Artists in New Hanover County. The Artist selection process is informal. We encourage all interested Artists to submit a preliminary concept rendering that fulfills this theme and the style of painting. ***The Artist may submit more than one concept sketch. The renderings must contain sufficient detail to convey the artist's concept in terms of content, style, colors, etc.***

***We are asking for the sketch to better plan the final placing and installation of each panel. In your email application, please also include:***

- 1) Name of your proposed concept & inspiration
- 2) Please include your medium of choice (spray paint, acrylic, etc.)
- 3) Photos of previous work or a link to your website
- 4) Any other information you want the Board to know about you.
- 5) Send your completed application to [info@carolinabeachmurals.org](mailto:info@carolinabeachmurals.org) by  
EOD February 15, 2026.

Other than for the general theme itself, CBMP's Board of Directors encourages Artists to learn a little about Carolina Beach and our unique island. We are looking for the artist's creativity to propose his or her own original concept that best embodies and conveys Carolina Beach and all it has to offer.

All applications with a sketch will be presented to the CBMP Board of Directors for their consideration in a blind review- meaning the Board will be voting on design alone and how well it fulfills the theme ***Livin' Carolina Beach***. The final 30+ designs will be selected by the Board.

Once the Artists have been selected, the proposal approved, and the contracts signed, "Let the painting begin."

**Applications will be accepted by EOD February 15, 2026. Email your submission to [info@carolinabeachmurals.org](mailto:info@carolinabeachmurals.org).**

We are available to meet in person, Zoom or by telephone to discuss the theme in more detail, and to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Maureen Lewis

Founder/ President ~Carolina Beach Mural Project

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*I'd really love to come back for a second year. It was one of my favorite things of 2025. ~Sandra Wimbush*



**2 Boards will be installed between each vertical pylon.  
Please note that these photos depict the 2025 events where boards were 2x the 4' height.**

