



CALL FOR ENTRIES/CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
57TH ANNUAL OPEN ART EXHIBITION
SAT 19TH OCTOBER – SAT 16TH NOVEMBER 2024
To be held at The Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra

Shoalhaven Art Society Members and other artists are invited to enter artworks in the 57th Annual Open Art Exhibition, 2024. Entries can be made online via the Shoalhaven Art Society website – www.shoalhavenartsociety.org

The Shoalhaven Youth Art Exhibition will be held in conjunction with this exhibition, with a separate entry form and conditions. Terms and Conditions apply, and we ask that you read these carefully before completing and returning your entry form.

Theme and Categories for the Open Art Exhibition 2024

- The overall theme for the exhibition is: COLOUR AND TEXTURE
- Any medium – 2D only, no ceramics, sculpture, photography, digital art or computer-generated imagery.
- There are five adult categories as follows:
 - a. **Still Life**
 - b. **Life Form/Portrait**
 - c. **Abstract/Contemporary**
 - d. **Landscape**
 - e. **Members Only**

The theme for Members Only category is: A Tribute to Nature - Including Flowers.

Open Art Exhibition Prizes

- First Prize and Highly Commended are allocated for each adult category.
- First Prize and Highly Commended for 3 Youth Age Groups 12-14, 15-16, 17-18.
- H. Parsons Funeral Directors Acquisitive Art Prize selected from all categories.
- People's Choice will be awarded at the conclusion of the exhibition.

Key Dates

- Friday 4th October: Entry Forms and exhibition fees are due (close 5pm)
- Tuesday 15th October 9.30am - 12.30pm: All artworks delivered to Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, 12 Berry Street, Nowra (SRG). Refer separate instructions for postal/courier deliveries.
- Saturday 19th October: Exhibition opens – 12.00 noon – Prizes presented.
- Saturday 16th November: Exhibition closes. Artworks to be collected 2-4pm from SRG.

Conditions of Entry

NB: Shoalhaven Regional Art Gallery Conditions of entry to keep in mind

Shoalhaven Regional Gallery (SRG) will not accept artworks that include organic and / or natural / found materials. This includes (but is not limited to)

Driftwood
Shells
Leaves and seeds
Bones
Animal fur / wool / skin
Feathers
Farming implements / fenceposts / wire

Any items that include such materials will be removed from the exhibition in consultation with committee members of Shoalhaven Art Society.

- The Open Art Exhibition is open to any persons living in Australia, 18 years and over.
- Three Youth Age Categories are based on the age you are turning this year.
- Entered work **MUST** be an original created by the artist, completed since September 2023.
- Artwork **MUST NOT** have previously been awarded any prize in local society's exhibitions, or other similar publicly exhibited locations except for The Berry/Nowra/ Milton or Kangaroo Valley Agricultural Shows.
- The artist is deemed to have accepted sole responsibility for ensuring the works submitted do not infringe any copyright laws, are suitable for public display, and meet the conditions of entry.
- The Art Society reserves the right to determine if an artwork is unsuitable or offensive and will not be exhibited.

Number of Entries, Exhibition Fees and Size of Artworks

- All artworks must be for sale and priced not less than \$200.00.
- A commission of 30% of the sale price will be retained by the Shoalhaven Art Society.
- Shoalhaven Art Society Members (SAS) are limited to three (3) entries per person.
- Members exhibition fee of \$25.00 will be charged per artwork.
- 'SAS members only' category with the theme '*A Tribute to Nature – Including Flowers*' can be interpreted by the artist in any medium. This is an optional category for members and will be judged as a singular section. An entry in this section will count as one of the maximum of three entries.
- **Members are required to be rostered** (refer below).
- Non-Members may enter one (1) artwork for a fee of \$40.00.
- Shoalhaven Youth participants may enter one (1) artwork for a fee of \$5.00.
- **Non-members and Shoalhaven Youth participants are not required to be rostered.**

Roster

- SAS members must sit at the exhibition for a minimum of two (2) half days or one (1) full day.
- Please indicate your preferred days and times on the entry form, if you are unable to do so on the form, SAS will email you prior to the exhibition requesting 3 preferred sitting times.

Artwork dimensions, framing and labelling

- **Members and non-members:** One artwork, including frame, may not exceed 130 cm in width.
- Members: Additional artworks, including frame, cannot exceed 80 cm in width.
- No artwork can exceed 200 cm in height.
- Diptych or Triptych artworks must not exceed 200 cm x 200 cm and are to be sold as a single artwork.
- All frames must be of high gallery quality and ready to be hung securely with two (2) D-rings attached to the back of the frame between 5 cm and 10 cm from the top. No need for wire or string.
- The maximum weight of each artwork may not exceed 25 kgs.
- Artworks must be dry and presented professionally, i.e. framed, or unframed canvas with painted or clean sides. If framing is not deemed professionally presented or safe for hanging, the artwork will not be hung for exhibition.
- Each artwork must be clearly labelled on the reverse side with the following details:

ARTIST'S NAME	TITLE
MEDIUM	SIZE (cms high x cms wide)
CATEGORY/SECTION ENTERED	PRICE
PHONE NUMBER	

Postal and Courier Deliveries

- Following the registration and entry form completion, the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery will be informed of your potential delivery. It is your responsibility to contact the gallery for their directions. All artworks to be delivered by courier *must be pre-arranged directly with Shoalhaven Regional Gallery*. Artworks should not arrive before Wednesday 9th October and no later than 5pm Tuesday 15th October 2024. Please note the Gallery is closed Sundays and Mondays.
- A printed entry form must accompany each entry. Delivery Address: SAS Open Art Exhibition %- Shoalhaven Regional Gallery 12 Berry Street Nowra, NSW 2541.
- To make arrangements with the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Phone: 02 4429 5444.
- Return freight documentation must accompany each artwork.

Judging

- The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence or discussion regarding this decision will be entered into. By participating in the exhibition, participants agree to be bound by the decisions of the judges and exhibition committee.
- It is a condition of entry that all rules are accepted as final, and that the exhibitor agrees to abide by these rules. *Late entries will not be accepted.*

Pre-judging, returns and refunds

- In the event of too many entries and/ or space restrictions, pre-judging by an independent body, staff of SRG, will take place. Artists will be informed if their work will not be accepted for exhibition, and they will be asked to collect their works.
- If the work was delivered by courier, these will be returned as per arrangements.
- Exhibition fees will not be refunded.

Collection of Artwork

Saturday 16th November, 2-4pm

- After the close of the exhibition, exhibitors or an authorised representative of the exhibitor must collect artworks from Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, 12 Berry Street, Nowra. Photo ID or authority note will need to be presented at time of pick up or the artwork receipt gained when the works were submitted.
- Collection of work by courier: Artists must organise the courier and advise Shoalhaven Regional Gallery of freight details, including the name of the courier company and scheduled time of pick-up.
- Works not collected after seven (7) days from the close of the exhibition will be deemed as a donation to Shoalhaven Art Society.

Copyright and reproduction of images

- The applicant grants Shoalhaven Art Society and Shoalhaven City Council/Shoalhaven Regional Gallery a non-exclusive licence to reproduce the artworks, publish the artworks or communicate the artworks for a period of 5 years to the public for the purposes of publicity and the production of any promotional material in relation to Shoalhaven Art Society and to its activities.

Insurance

- The Shoalhaven Art Society does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any artwork through any cause whatsoever nor can it provide safe storage for uncollected works. Exhibitors must arrange their own insurance. It is a condition of entry that all art entered in the exhibition can be safely hung and no danger of injury to the public.

Entry Form Requirements

Banking Details -

- For the purpose of awarding prize money and/or the event of the sale of an artwork/s.

Photograph of Entries -

- Artists are encouraged to provide a digital photograph of their artwork/s, ideally taken prior to framing. (Artworks photographed behind glass are disadvantaged by image reflections)
- Photographs of artworks can be provided as part of the online entry process.
- (Please send files up to 1 MB only).
- Providing a photograph of your artwork will not guarantee exhibition acceptance.

Tax Declaration -

- Artists will be asked on the entry form to provide their ABN if they are not a hobby artist.

Further enquiries -

- Please direct all enquiries to info@shoalhavenartsociety.org

We look forward to receiving your submission and exhibiting your art.
Shoalhaven Art Society Committee.