



## ***“Kindred Spirits” - Members’ Art Exhibit***

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION:** Artists must submit **online by Monday, August 25, 2025** (see “Selection Process” section below for more info).

**ARTWORK INTAKE:** **Friday, November 14, 2025 (12-3pm) and Saturday, November 15, 2025 (10am-1pm)**

**AWARDS:** One People’s Choice Award will be awarded at the end of this exhibit; the public may vote for their favorite piece during the exhibit. This exhibit will be on display in the Depot’s Skylight Gallery, and held at the same time as the travel show for the American Watercolor Society’s Annual Exhibition, which will be on display in the Depot’s Center Gallery.

### **SCOPE OF EXHIBIT:**

*Kindred Spirits* is a special Members’ only exhibit showcasing visual art pieces, as inspired by the theme of “kindred spirits.” Artists may interpret this theme however they wish and present a finished piece of art in what the theme means personally to them.

The definition of a kindred spirit is “A kindred spirit is someone (or something) who shares the same interests, thoughts, beliefs, feelings, *values*, and attitudes as you. When you meet your kindred spirit, chances are you will hit it off immediately, as you recognize your spirit and energy in each other.” A kindred spirit can play an important role in your life, offering companionship, validation, emotional support, inspiration and personal growth.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Mooreville Arts Members, 18 years of age or older, may display one entry per artist, if accepted into the show (eligibility may be given to some artists 16-18 years of age; please email us for details). ***All Fine Art entries accepted in any medium, including but not limited to: painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, digital art, ceramics, wood, glass, mosaics, sculpture, and fiber arts.***

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Interested artists are REQUIRED to submit samples of their artwork to be considered for inclusion into this show. This exhibit is a limited opportunity and **only 25 pieces are allowed for display**. Artists for this exhibit will be chosen by the Gallery Committee approximately two-and-a-half months ahead of show intake weekend so that artists have adequate time to create new artworks, if needed, for this exhibit. ***This exhibit is a curated opportunity, and artists will be selected based on the quality and diversity of the artwork submitted.*** Artists should submit 3 images that are representative of their artwork (samples are not to be the actual work for the exhibit). Artists should complete the online submission form – visit the Gallery tab at moorevillearts.org, click the Call for Artists subpage and follow the “Kindred Spirits” prompt. Also, be sure to submit 3 artwork images to the email address below. Artwork images must be received for the submission to be complete and should be sent to gallery@moorevillearts.org Artists must include their name and “Kindred Spirits” submission in the email subject line (For example, John Smith Kindred Spirits).

**Submissions will be reviewed, and artists will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance into the show by Friday, August 29th, 2025.**

### **SALES:**

Please note all final pieces to our show will be displayed in our gallery and MUST be for sale (no NFS). Mooreville Arts will assess a 30% commission for members. Membership is welcome, starting at \$60 a year. Join Us!

Payment to artists for any sold pieces during this show will be mailed within two weeks of the conclusion of this exhibit.

### **SIZE AND OTHER LIMITATIONS:**

- Each entry should not exceed 48" in any direction, including frame. There may be some availability for pieces larger than 48"; please contact the Gallery Committee if you wish to display work larger than 48".
- All hanging pieces must be dry – no wet paint.
- Artwork must be properly framed and/or properly prepared for presentation. Gallery wrapped (at least 1 1/2" deep) canvases with sides painted and presentable are also acceptable. Paintings on canvas or any other substrate (board, wood) less than 1 1/2" in depth MUST be framed. Artwork on metal may be acceptable without a frame.
- For your convenience and for more information on presentation guidelines, please visit our Gallery Presentation FAQ page here: <https://moorevillearts.org/artist-faq>
- For any questions or clarification on these guidelines, please email the Gallery Committee.
- Artwork MUST be wired for hanging (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- The maximum weight for 3D pieces is 30 lbs.
- ***Please have all work prepared for hanging before submission.*** Artists should be able to carry their own work into the Mooresville Arts Gallery. Mooresville Arts reserves the right to decline entries deemed inappropriate, not in good taste, works not properly prepared for display, or works that require special installation or care. Mooresville Arts reserves the right to use discretion in acceptance/denial of submitted show entries.

### **LIABILITY:**

Mooresville Arts will do everything possible to keep each piece safe. However, submission of an entry is at the artist's own risk. The declared value of the work must be reasonable and in line with the artist's previous sales.

### **REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:**

Mooresville Arts reserves the right to photograph any work for publicity or promotional purposes only. No compensation is provided for this use.

### **CALENDAR:**

- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** By **Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **ARTISTS' NOTIFICATION:** By **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **ARTWORK INTAKE:** **Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (12-3pm) and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025** (10am-1pm). Only accepted artists are eligible for this exhibit. All entries must be hand delivered to the Depot. *No entries will be accepted after 1pm on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*
- **"A FIRST LOOK" TICKETED RECEPTION FOR AWS: Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9pm:** A special private and ticketed reception for "the first look" at the AWS Opening – tickets will be on sale in the summer of 2025.
- **GALLERY CRAWL: Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025,** from 6-8pm: the artists' reception that is open to the public for exhibiting artists and invited guests will be held via a gallery crawl event in downtown Mooresville. Artists, their families and friends are encouraged to attend. The public is also invited to attend.
- **SHOW CALENDAR: Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.**
- **ARTWORK REMOVAL: Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (12-3pm)**
- **\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE:**

*If you are unable to arrange for your artwork to be dropped off or picked up on the designated dates listed above, you MUST contact the Gallery Director (contact info below) to make other arrangements. Please do not drop off or pick up your work early without prior acknowledgment. Each exhibit is promoted through the end of each show, and many patrons visit the Gallery (and purchase) in the final week of the shows. Works not picked up within **10 days** will become the property of Mooresville Arts.*

### **CONTACT:**

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