

Be Seated – A Chair Art Exhibit

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION: Artists must submit **online by Monday, November 2nd, 2026** (see “Selection Process” section below for more info).

ARTWORK INTAKE: Friday, November 13, 2026 (12-3pm) and Saturday, November 14, 2026 (10am-1pm)

SCOPE OF EXHIBIT:

Be Seated is a special exhibit of artist-created chairs, complementary to the concurrently running *Kaleidoscope* juried exhibit in our Center Gallery. This exhibit will showcase functional visual art pieces that will provide seating in the gallery throughout the length of the show. Artists may interpret this theme however they wish to present a finished piece of art which both represents the artist's vision and serves as a functional piece of furniture. Mooresville Arts hopes to purchase one of the exhibited chairs to use as a permanent furniture in our Gallery Shop, but reserves the right to not purchase a chair from this exhibit if not suitable.

ELIGIBILITY:

This call is open to Mooresville Arts Members and non-members, 18 years of age or older (eligibility may be given to some artists 16-18 years of age; please email us for details). Up to one entry per artist.

SELECTION PROCESS:

This exhibit is a limited opportunity and **only 10 pieces will be selected for display. *This exhibit is a curated opportunity, and artists will be selected based on the quality and diversity of the artwork submitted.*** Artists should complete the online submission form – visit the Gallery tab at moorevillearts.org, click the Call for Artists subpage and follow the “be seated” prompt.

Submissions will be reviewed, and artists will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance into the show by Monday, November 9th, 2026.

ENTRY FEE:

\$15 MA Members in good standing (limit of 1 work); \$20 Non-members (limit of 1 work). *Please only pay entry fee once.* Membership is welcome, starting at \$60 for individual memberships. Please visit our website at the link below for more info and to join/renew: <https://moorevillearts.org/join-or-renew>

Entry fee is non-refundable. NO exceptions.

SIZE AND OTHER LIMITATIONS:

- The chairs will be used by gallery guests as seating, so need to be sturdy, and should accommodate the weight and size of a seated adult.
- Each chair should not exceed 30” in seat height. Otherwise, artists are allowed to use their preference and discretion for chair size.
- All pieces must be dry – no wet paint.
- For any questions or clarification on these guidelines, please email the Gallery Committee.
- The maximum weight for each chair is 30 lbs.
- ***Please have all work prepared for display 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:

Mooreville 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:

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

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 and a 40% commission for non-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.

CALENDAR:

- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** By **Monday, November 2nd, 2026 (by 5pm)**
- **ARTISTS' NOTIFICATION:** By **Monday, November 9th, 2026**
- **ARTWORK INTAKE:** **Friday, November 13th (12-3pm) and Saturday, November 14th, 2026 (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 14th, 2026.*
- **"A FIRST LOOK" TICKETED RECEPTION FOR HOLIDAY EXHIBITS:** **Friday, November 20th, from 6-8pm:** A special private and ticketed reception for "the first look" for the holiday exhibits for the 2026 Arts on Main weekend – tickets will be on sale in September of 2026.
- **SHOW CALENDAR:** **Friday, November 20th through Wednesday, December 23rd 2026.**
- **ARTWORK REMOVAL:** **Monday, January 4th, 2027 (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 us (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 Mooreville Arts.*

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