

# Art in the Yard

Back for a 5<sup>th</sup> Year.... The 2026 annual Art in the Yard event on Pleasure Island. This event is an opportunity for local\* artists and crafters to open their yards, home studios, garages and/or driveways to display and sell their art. No packing up and carting your work to a local art/craft fair, just set up in your own yard! We want to bring people to you so that you can sell your wonderful creations. **The event will be Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 10:00am – 4:00pm and Sunday, September 20, 2026 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.**

\*This year we are accepting applications for artists from the area including Monkey Junction through to Pleasure Island. These off-island artists will need to have a host on the Island to display their work. If you need a host, please email [CBARTINTHEYARD@gmail.com](mailto:CBARTINTHEYARD@gmail.com), we have potential hosts we can connect you with.

This event is being sponsored by the Island Arts Council.

## ***So, how does this work....***

Artists who want to participate will sign up by submitting the commitment to participate below to email: [CBARTINTHEYARD@gmail.com](mailto:CBARTINTHEYARD@gmail.com) by **July 15, 2026**.

Working with the Island Arts Council, paper maps will be created which will list each participating artist's location. The maps will be made available on-line and in print. The paper maps will be made available in local businesses ahead of the event and at Good Hops during the event.

We will be putting up posters in local businesses and will advertise the event as broadly as possible to create awareness and traffic.

## ***So, what does each Artist have to do?***

- Submit the Commitment to Participate by July 15, 2026, along with the participation fee for this year's event. The fee is \$25 for Island Arts Council members and \$40 for non-members. Again this year we have a rate of \$20 for students under 18 years of age. If you have not participated before and need a yard sign (we're using the same one's from prior years), you will also need to send \$20 for the new sign. At least one sign is required in each location. You can mail the application and payment to: Beth Carter, 216 Spencer Farlow Dr, Carolina Beach, NC 28428 or submit the application via email; you can also pay at [www.islandartscouncil.net](http://www.islandartscouncil.net) or you can pay via Venmo to: @IslandArtsCouncil-2
- We suggest you also think about purchasing additional things on your own such as balloons or flags to draw more attention to your location, but that is up to each artist. We will only require one sign.
- New artists will create a Facebook album in the Art in the Yard Facebook Group (I will help you!), and you can upload the statement you provided as a part of that. Next, you upload your own pictures of your art to that album. Uploading pictures will allow attendees to browse your art ahead of the event. The albums will stay there after the event for artists continuing to participate. This will allow folks to reach out to artists at a later time.
- Create your own display and set up the day of the event. You will be required to be set up by the start of each day's event, (10:00 am on Saturday, 12:00 noon on Sunday) and keep it up until 4:00 pm each day of the event. Get creative about your display!!! The more enticing you make it look, the more likely people are to stop by. Some people are adding live music at their location so you may want to consider that, totally up to you.
- If you don't have a space of your own to set up, consider buddying up with another artist or use a friend's home (with permission of course). Reach out to [CBARTINTHEYARD@gmail.com](mailto:CBARTINTHEYARD@gmail.com) if you want to participate but don't have a space, we will try and connect you with a host.
- If you live in a location with an HOA, make sure you understand the rules of your HOA for such an event.
- Selling only original craft or art, made by hand, or with the appropriate tools, by the artisan. Absolutely no buy and sell items, hand-assembly of bought items, imports, or work that is commercially manufactured. We want to see original works! Sale of cards, prints, posters, etc. of your original art is totally acceptable.
- All participants are responsible for proper insurance and protection of their work and set up and should plan accordingly to prevent theft, damage or misuse during the event. The Town of Carolina Beach and all sponsors of

this event will assume NO responsibility for any damages to work or any person or persons participating in the event.

- Participants are responsible for the collection of applicable NC State and New Hanover County sales tax and payment thereof to the NC Department of Revenue. Carolina Beach Art in the Yard is not responsible for the collection or payment of any sales tax.
- The artist agrees that photos taken by the Island Arts Council during the event may be used on the Art in the Yard and Island Arts Council websites and social media to promote the event.
- We will be running a raffle again at Good Hops the days of the event. Raffle donations are optional but appreciated. Sheila Amato is the contact for all donations, her email is: sheilaeamato@gmail.com

### **Commitment to Participate**

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Studio/Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook Name:

Website/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (for map): \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of your Art/Craft:

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**NOTE: Attach 3 photos of your work when you submit your commitment – NOTE: Please send your best photos as these may be used in promotions for the event - *Returning artists DO NOT need to submit the photos, just be sure to update your album with your latest works.***

Applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Organizers of the event, the Island Arts Council and Town of Carolina Beach, its agents and employees and assigns from and against all losses, costs, damages, expense and liability caused by an accident or other occurrence in bodily injury, including death, sickness and disease to any persons or damage or destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly or indirectly from operations, products or services rendered under this contract. By submitting this application, the artist acknowledges an understanding of and a willingness to observe the rules and regulations set forth and an acceptance of the deadlines referenced. The artist understands that

no refunds for signage will be made for late cancellation. The artist understands that the coordinators reserves the right to not promote work that does not meet the requirements specified in the application, or is not consistent in style or subject matter with the images and summary submitted. The artist understands that the organizers of the event reserves the right to alter event details and make necessary changes to ensure the event's success.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_