

THE 38th ANNUAL
OPEN ART COMPETITION
presented by
ROCK SCHOOL
ARTS FOUNDATION



2024 1st Place Winner: Dark Hair Light Hair / Kate Worm

2024 PROSPECTUS

GALLERIES I AND II

August 1 – August 29, 2025

ONLINE

August 1 – September 26, 2025

Old Rock School

400 Main Street West Valdese, NC

(828) 838-9806

www.rockschoolartgalleries.com

EVENT INFORMATION

EXHIBITION of ENTRIES — Friday, August 1, through Friday, August 29. With Opening Day August 9.

Galleries are open weekdays from 9 am–5 pm. The exhibition can be viewed online at rockschoolartgalleries.com from August 1 to September 26.

ARTIST AGE REQUIREMENT—Must be 18 or older.

AWARDS — 1ST \$500 / 2ND \$200 / 3RD \$100 / PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$50 **Winners will be notified before the exhibition opens. Except People's Choice. The People's Choice Award will be voted for by visitors to the galleries on **Exhibition Opening Day, August 9.** **Prizes will be mailed to the winners.

JUDGE: **Mary Anne Redding** is the senior curator at the Turchin Center for Visual Arts at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. She is a visual arts curator and writer with more than forty years' experience working as a curator, archivist, librarian, educator, arts administrator, and sometimes image maker. Redding holds a BA in English Literature from Ohio University, an MA in Arts Administration from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and MLS from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana as well as an advanced certificate in Museum Studies from Arizona State University, an MA in Creative Leadership from Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Her publications include *A Country No More: Rediscovering the Landscapes of John James Audubon* with photographer Krista Elrick (2021); *Gila: Radical Visions/The Enduring Silence* with photographer Michael Berman (2012); the introduction for *Light in the Desert: Photographs from the Monastery of Christ in the Desert*, photographs by Tony O'Brien and an essay by Christopher Merrill (2011); *Through the Lens: Creating Santa Fe* (Museum of New Mexico Press, 2009); and, *Grasslands/Separating Species* an exhibition catalog for 516 ARTS in Albuquerque, New Mexico; as well as an essay in *Land/Art New Mexico*, published by Radius Press in 2010.

ELIGIBLE WORKS—**2-D and 3-D works.** *Works must be original and never shown before in the OAC.*

ENTRIES PER ARTIST – **Two entries per artist.** Entries may be 2 2D works or 2 3D works. **Or 1 2D and 1 3D.**

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS—

- **All paintings must be ready for hanging using wire for hanging.** NO Sawtooth hangers.
- **Works submitted framed and under glass must come with image to be used on the website.**
If the artist does not provide an emailed image of the work, it will not be placed on the website.
- **Size for 2D is limited to 48" x 48".** For information regarding **size limits for 3D works**, please call 828-838-9806 or email rsaf1893@gmail.com.
- **Artwork needs to be priced.** If artwork is NFS there must be a value given.
- **Tags for artwork are on the third page. Fill out One for the back and One to turn in for each work entered.**

LIABILITY—Rock School Art Foundation will not be responsible for loss or damage. Works will be handled with care.

ARTIST FEES—RSAF Members: \$10 per artist. Non-members: \$15.

Cash or Checks (Checks payable to RSAF or Rock School Arts Foundation).

COMMISSIONS—20% of the asking price for each artwork sold.

RECEIVING of EXHIBITED WORK —Wednesday, July 23, 12–6pm and Thursday, July 24, 10am–2pm in Gallery I.

DATE of REMOVAL of WORK – Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3. Please pick up artwork between 9am and 4pm. **Storing paintings is not permitted.** No artwork removed before Friday, August 29.

HANGING COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY — Committee reserves the right to reject a painting for any reason.

SALES of ARTWORK — For purchases after Opening Day contact the Executive Director at 828-838-9806.

PAYMENT/OWNERSHIP OF ARTWORK—Payment for artwork is cash/check and is due on the day of possession. Possession of purchased artwork will be given on the **date of removal.**

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MEMBERSHIP RATE

Individual \$20

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