2027 Art Meets Poetry Exhibit Prospectus

Exhibit

The 6th annual 2027 Art Meets Poetry Exhibit is open to the public from Friday, February 5th – Saturday, February 6th, at the Community Garden Kitchen, 501 Howard St, McKinney, TX 75069 during **the following hours**.

Public Events:

- **Exhibition: Friday, Feb. 5, 2027, 1:00pm-5:00pm and Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027, 10:00am-4:00pm.**
- **Reception: Friday, Feb 5, 2027**, **5:00pm-7:00pm**
- **Art & Poetry Showcase: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027, 10:00am-4:00pm** Artists and poets will present their **pairings**, sharing inspiration and process. Each poet will read their poem; artwork will be displayed by paired artist. The showcase schedule will be posted online and emailed to participants prior to the weekend. Free and open to the public. *Invite friends and family!*

Eligibility

Open to **artists and poets** with a Texas connection.

Membership in the Art Club of McKinney or the Mockingbird Poetry Society is **not required**.

Goals

- **Connect** Texas-affiliated artists and poets from every discipline, style, and background.

- **Inspire** new ways of seeing and feeling. As Leonardo da Vinci said: *“Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.”* And as the AMP Committee states, what better place for artists and poets to gather than in a garden kitchen!
- **Support** the McKinney Community Garden Kitchen by pinning financial donations on the “Giving Heart.”

Exhibit Concept

A collaborative platform for **emerging and established** artists and poets to create dialogue and share fresh perspectives with each other and the community.

We invite members and non-members to enter and submit poetry or artwork for Phase 1. If you submit for Phase 1, you do not have to enter Phase 2 and 3. We also invite members and non-members to select a poem or artwork and submit for Phase 2 & 3, whether you entered Phase 1 or not.

Theme & Content

- **Open Theme:** This is the artist’s and poet’s choice, but wouldn’t it be most enjoyable for some of the artists and poets to hone in on the garden theme this year since we will be at the Community Garden Kitchen!
- **Family-friendly**: We welcome creative work that celebrates artistic expression and can be enjoyed by a broad community audience. To ensure a welcoming experience for all, please refrain from submitting work that is overtly violent, political, racist, sexist, or sexually explicit. The chairs reserve the right to refuse any poem or art if they feel it does not represent these expressed requirements.

How AMP Works

Phase 1 — Submit Original Work

- **What: Original** poetry or art (*you must own the rights*)
- **Limits:** Max 1 submission
- **Fee: $5 for members of Mockingbird Poetry Society or the Art Club of McKinney; $10 for non-members.**
- **Submission Window: Oct. 24, 2026, 8:00am — Nov. 29, 2026, 11:59pm**
- **Submission Deadline: Nov. 29, 2026, 11:59pm**
- **Submission Entry Form and Payment:** https://form.jotform.com/262864035273156

What happens next: After the deadline, all accepted and eligible Phase 1 entries are posted in **online galleries** (*one for poetry, one for art*) for Phase 2 participants to review.

> *Submitting in Phase 1 does **not** guarantee your work will be selected or included in the exhibition.*

You cannot pay by cash/check this year. You must complete the Jotform to enter AMP and also pay in Jotform. If you need help with the Jotform, please ask a club member or friend or family member to assist you with completing the online Jotform entry and payment form. It is very easy to use.

Phase 2 — Select & Interpret (Pairings for the Show)

- **Selection Window: Nov. 30, 2026, 8:00am — Dec. 15, 2026, 11:59pm**
- You **do not** need to have submitted in Phase 1 in order to participate in Phase 2.
- **How It Works:**

1. Review the Phase 1 **art** and **poetry** galleries:

   Art (Link will be added here at the end of Phase 1.)

   Poetry (Link will be added here at the end of Phase 1.)

2. Email the **ID/number** of the piece you want to interpret to **Barry Rynk** (Mockingbird Poetry Society AMP Chair) at ArtMeetsPoetryProgram@gmail.com to **reserve** it. *No entries are pre-assigned for interpretation. Reservations are **first come, first served** once Phase 2 opens.*

3. **Limits:** You may reserve **ONLY one poem OR one artwork**. You **cannot** interpret your **own** work.

4. **Interpretation Defined**

   Interpretation = your personal response.
   It's about how the work makes *you* feel—what you notice, imagine, or connect with—rather than the creator's original intent. **Literal interpretations are welcome too** if that's your choice.

➔ **Artists:** Choose a poem and create a new artwork inspired by *your* reaction (mood, imagery, memory, color, rhythm). It can be

expressive or **literal**—your call.

➔ **Poets:** Choose an artwork and write a new poem based on your own emotional/creative response (tone, shapes, story you sense). It can be exploratory or **literal**—your choice.

- **Exhibition Outcome:** The **pair** (*original Phase 1 work* **+** *your interpretation*) will be **shown together** at **Art Meets Poetry 2027**.

- **After Confirmation:** Once Barry Rynk confirms your reservation, begin creating your interpretive piece. Please read the full prospectus for all guidelines.

- **Selection Deadline: Dec. 15, 2026, 11:59pm**

Phase 3 — Submit Your Interpretive Piece

- **What to Submit:** Your finished interpretive **poem** or **artwork**
- **How:** Complete the Phase 3 Jotform and upload your file:
  Link will be added here when Phase 3 begins.
- **Fee:** There is a fee for Phase 3 for everyone who submits for Phase 3, so if you already paid a fee in Phase 1 when you first entered a poem or artwork, you will pay a fee again here in Phase 3 if you chose to be a paired poet or artist. **$5 members of Mockingbird Poetry Society or Art Club of McKinney; $10 non-members** *(1 submission only)*
- **Submission Window: Dec. 16, 2026, 8:00am — Jan. 23, 2027, 11:59pm**
- **Submission Deadline: Jan. 23, 2027, 11:59pm**
- Please see the physical artwork drop off date below in the Timeline.

- **You cannot pay by cash/check this year. You must complete the Jotform to submit in Phase 3 for AMP and also pay in Jotform. If you need help with the Jotform, please ask a club member or friend or family member to assist you with completing the online Jotform entry and payment form. It is very easy to use.**

Art Guidelines

- All entries must be **original in concept and rendering** by the submitting artist and **not** shown in prior Art Meets Poetry exhibits.
- **No wet artwork** accepted.
- Works containing text are considered **art** (not poetry) for this program.
- **2D Artwork:** framed or gallery-wrapped; clean finished edges; **wired for hanging** (**no sawtooth hangers of pop-in criss-cross plastic/metal tension rod systems on the back such as you sometimes see on inexpensive frames or inexpensive framed posters).**
- **Max Size (2D): 24 × 36 in** framed.
- **Liability:** The Art Club, Mockingbird Poetry Society, and venue are **not responsible** for glass breakage, damage, or theft.
- **3D Artwork:** must be **stable and self-supporting** (table/platform) or framed for hanging; combined **H+W+D ≤ 70 in**.
  Oversized pieces require **prior approval** (space permitting). Contact **Trina Harlow** at **presidentartclubmckinney@gmail.com**.
- **Labels:** Complete and **affix** to each work (back upper-right for 2D; base for 3D). Labels are on the last page of the prospectus.
- Art **will not** be accepted unless properly **wired** and **labeled**.
- **Copyright:** Artists retain copyright; once accepted, images may enter the Art Club of McKinney and Mockingbird Poetry Society archives and may be used in publicity or in future published materials for Art Meets Poetry.

- **Tastefulness & Acceptance** are at the discretion of the Art Club President and Mockingbird Poetry Society Event Chair. Work that is overtly **violent, political, racist, sexist, or sexually explicit** will **not** be accepted.

Poetry Guidelines

- All poems must be **in English**, the **original** work of the submitting poet, and **not** shown in prior AMP exhibits.
- **Any style or form** is welcome.
- **Length:** body of poem ≤ **24 lines** (title and one-line epigraph **not** counted).
- **Line Width:** ≤ **60 characters** (incl. spaces/punctuation); applies to titles, subtitles, epigraphs, dedications, footnotes.
- **Typeface: Times New Roman, 12 pt** preferred. Editors may standardize formatting for display.
- **Published Status:** Unpublished **and** previously published poems accepted (provide first-publication info on the form for previously published work).
- **Interpretive Poems (Phase 3):** Include an **epigraph** beneath the title crediting the **original artwork** (artist name + artwork title).
- **Copyright:** Poets retain copyright; once accepted, works may enter organizational archives and be used in publicity.
- **No Retractions** after submission.
- **Tastefulness & Acceptance** are at the discretion of Mockingbird Poetry Society Event Chair and the Art Club President. Work that is overtly **violent, political, racist, sexist, or sexually explicit** will **not** be accepted.

Artwork Sale & Pick-Up

- You may **price your art for sale**. Sales are **between artist and buyer**; the Art Club, Mockingbird Poetry Society, and venue are **not** parties to the sale.
- Interested buyers will contact the artist using the **label** info.
- Pre-sold work must **remain on view** for the duration of the exhibit.
- Artists are responsible for **sales tax** reporting to the State of Texas.
- It is mandatory that artwork must be picked up on Saturday, Feb. 6th between 3:30pm-4:30pm and must be checked out at the Art Club table.
- Regarding art not picked up on Feb. 6th, late pick-up will incur a **$25/day** storage charge. The organizations/venue are not responsible for uncollected art. The Art Club has no where to store your art. If you do not pick your artwork up at the end of Saturday's event, you must email presidentartclubmckinney@gmail.com to make arrangements to pick it up within three days of the event. Any artwork not picked up within three days WILL BE donated to charity.

Timeline

- **Phase 1 Submission Window (submit original work): Oct. 24, 2026, 8:00am — Nov. 29, 2026, 11:59pm**
- **Phase 1 Submission Deadline: Nov. 29, 2026, 11:59pm**
- **Phase 2 Selection Window (reserve your piece): Nov. 30, 2026, 8:00am — Dec. 15, 2026, 11:59pm**
- **Phase 2 Selection Deadline: Dec. 15, 2026, 11:59pm**
- **Phase 3 Submission Window (submit interpretive work): Dec. 16, 2026, 8:00am — Jan. 23, 2027, 11:59pm**

- **Phase 3 Submission Deadline: Jan. 23, 2027**

- **Physical Art Drop-off: Friday morning, Feb. 5, 2027, 10:30am-12:30pm at Community Garden Kitchen, 501 Howard St, McKinney, TX 75069**
  Contact Trina Harlow in advance to arrange an alternate time if you are unable to drop off art at this time. Email presidentartclubmckinney@gmail.com.

- **Reception: Friday, Feb. 5, 2027, 5:00pm-7:00pm at Community Garden Kitchen, 501 Howard St, McKinney, TX 75069**

- **Art & Poetry Showcase (when pairings present - schedule to be sent to each poet and artist): Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027, 10:00am-4:00pm at Community Garden Kitchen 501 Howard St, McKinney, TX 75069**

- **Exhibit On Display: Fri, Feb. 5, 2027, 1:00pm-5:00pm and Sat., Feb. 6, 2027, 10:00am-4:00pm, during Showcase at Community Garden Kitchen, 501 Howard St, McKinney, TX 75069**

- **MANDATORY Art pick-up: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Community Garden Kitchen 501 Howard St, McKinney, TX 75069**
  Contact Trina Harlow in advance to arrange an alternate time if you are unable to pick up art at this time. It is vital that you or a friend or family member pick your art up during this hour as we literally have no where to store the art so that you can pick it up later. Please make arrangements for someone else to pick up if you cannot and let Trina Harlow know if someone else is picking up your artwork. Email presidentartclubmckinney@gmail.com.

Contacts

- **General:** ArtMeetsPoetryProgram@gmail.com
- **Poetry: Barry Rynk**, AMP Poetry Chair ArtMeetsPoetryProgram@gmail.com
- **Art / Payment / Curation: Dr. Trina Harlow**, Co-Chair, President, Art Club of McKinney, presidentartclubmckinney@gmail.com
- **Committee Members:** Shiny Wu, Beth Ayers, Susan Mardele, Lori Hawk, Kavya Baburaj, Brian Cummings
- We can't wait to see how **vision + verse** spark new collaborations for **Art Meets Poetry 2027**. Submit boldly, explore the galleries, and bring a pairing to life!

- Art Club of McKinney Website: https://artclubofmckinney.org/

- Mockingbird Poetry Society Website: https://mockingbirdpoetry.org/

- Community Garden Kitchen Website: https://communitygardenkitchen.org/

🏨 Accommodations

For those visiting our lovely **McKinney** for the event weekend, we have many nice hotels in town, as well as many AirBNB lodgings. The Grand Hotel is on the Historic Square in McKinney, just two blocks from the venue and we have many AirBNB's in the historic area. The AMP Committee may, in the near future, share a list of blocked and saved rooms or rentals with those who enter the contest.

2027 Art Meets Poetry Exhibit ART LABELS

Prior to arriving at artwork check-in, labels must be filled out completely and legibly and attached to **THE BACK** of each piece of art - in the top right corner for 2-D work and underneath for 3-D work.



