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11th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit ***Opening September 29; Inaugural event at newly restored Maxfield Engine House in Boonton***

(Boonton, NJ) The New Jersey Highlands Coalition, in association with the Center for the Study of Cities and Small Towns (CSST) Foundation, announces the 11th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit at the recently restored Maxfield Engine House in the heart of the Boonton Main Street Historic District. Accepted fine art, photography and sculpture inspired by the natural beauty of the Highlands will be shown September 29 through December 29, 2024. Winners in the categories of fine arts, photography and young artists will be announced at the exhibit opening reception on Sunday, September 29 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 713 Main Street, Boonton NJ.

Artists (adults, and young artists under the ages of 18) are invited to submit works featuring the landscapes, flora, fauna, natural, cultural, or historic resources of the 4-state Highlands region, which includes parts of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A map of the region and a list of Highlands municipalities is available at <https://highlandsart.org/about-the-highlands> (please note that works depicting flora and fauna taken outside of the Highlands will be accepted as long as those species are also found within the Highlands region. Landscapes must be within the region). Jurors will consider two- and three-dimensional paintings, drawings, pastels, original prints (lithographs, etchings, monoprints, serigraphs etc.), mixed-media, sculpture and photography. Abstract images inspired by the Highlands are welcomed. *Images created with AI (Artificial Intelligence) will not be accepted.*

Thanks to generous donors, a Grand Prize of \$300 will be awarded in each of two categories: Fine Art and Photography, in addition to Second Place and Third Place awards of \$200 and \$100 respectively. Youth artist awards for First-, Second-, Third Place and Honorable Mention (in any media mentioned above) will be awarded either a workshop with landscape photographer and exhibit founder, Dwight Hiscano, or a fine art workshop with an award-winning art instructor at Speakeasy Art in Boonton.

SCHEDULE & DEADLINES

August 19 Monay Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m.

August 25 Sunday Acceptance notices, agreements and instructions will be emailed to artists

September 22, 23 & 24 All works to be delivered to Maxfield Engine House between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

September 29, Sunday Opening Reception 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

December 29, Sunday Exhibit ends with a closing party at 5:00 p.m.

For complete art submission instructions and updates about the exhibit, please visit
<https://highlandsart.org/>

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ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COALITION

Our mission is to protect, enhance and promote the vital water and other natural & cultural resources of the New Jersey Highlands. The Coalition represents a network of organizations and individuals in their common interest to protect the New Jersey Highlands and the quality and quantity of drinking water for 6.2 million people in New Jersey. <https://njhighlandscoalition.org/>

ABOUT THE MAXFIELD ENGINE HOUSE

The Center for the Study of Cities and Small Towns (CSST) Foundation renovated the firehouse according to a preservation study done by researchers from Penn Praxis at the Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania. Constructed in 1893 by civic-minded Boonton citizens led by then City Council president, Esli B. Dawson, great, great grandfather of CSST board members, Ryan Dawson of Mendham and Rebecca Birch of New York City, the firehouse occupies a prominent location in the center of Boonton, NJ's Main Street Historic District. It has served a variety of functions since the town's fire engines became too large for its original use.

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