

The 71st Annual Virginia Highlands Festival Juried Fine Art Exhibit Rules and Entry Forms:

To enter your artwork for consideration in the Juried Fine Art Exhibit:

1. **Fill out an Artist Entry Form and Submit Payment:** \$20 for each painting (non-refundable entry fee); checks (\$20, \$40, or \$60) should be made payable to: Virginia Highlands Festival. Online pre-registration available at:

<https://vahighlandsfestival.networkforgood.com/events/11559-2019-juried-fine-art-intake-registration>

****NOTE:** Anyone entering work in the Abingdon Plein Air Festival receives one free entry into the Juried Fine Art event**

2. **Send PAYMENT and ENTRY FORM(s) to:** FINE ART COMMITTEE
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL
PO Box 801
Abingdon, VA 24212

3. **Fill out Art Identification Form(s)** (found in this brochure) for as many as three of your paintings. Please print clearly! Cut the form(s) apart and attach to the *upper right hand corner(s)* of your painting(s) for identification purposes. **Art work without identification will not be accepted.**

4. **Deliver your artwork on Saturday or Sunday, July 20 or 21 2pm–5pm at The Arts Depot:** Depot Square, “Downtown” Abingdon. (Pre-register and pre-pay to avoid delayed processing time.)

For more information, **PLEASE CONTACT:**

Heather Eisenhart at hbeisenhart@gmail.com or the Virginia Highlands Festival Office: 276-623-5266

Awards: (1) Award of Excellence, \$750; (3) Awards of Distinction, \$250 each; (3) Awards of Merit, \$100 each; (1) Gary Kimbrell Award, \$100; (1) Plein Air Award, \$100, and (1) People’s Choice Award, \$250. (Voting for the People’s Choice Award will be conducted July 26 through August 4. Winner will be announced Thursday, August 1.)

PLEASE ATTEND:

Awards Presentation Ceremony:

Thursday, July 25 @ 5:30pm at The Abingdon Arts Depot. Awards will be presented by Juror, Suzanne Dittenber. Refreshments will be provided.

The Juried Fine Art Exhibit:

Friday, July 26, through Sunday, August 4th: 10am until 5pm, Sundays 1-5pm; Thursday August 1: 10am–5pm and 6pm–8pm at The Abingdon Arts Depot.

Virginia Highlands Festival
Juried Fine Arts Show
P.O. Box 801
Abingdon, Virginia 24212
Info@VaHighlandsFestival.org

71st Annual Virginia Highlands Festival
July 26–August 4
Abingdon, Virginia
CALL FOR ENTRIES—Juried Fine Art
Exhibit



Art Identification Forms:

Entry #1

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size: _____
Price: _____

(Cut on the dotted lines and place on upper-right back of piece #1.)

Entry #2

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size: _____
Price: _____

(Cut on the dotted lines and place on upper-right back of piece #2.)

Entry #3

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size: _____
Price: _____

(Cut on the dotted lines and place on upper-right back of piece #3.)

INFORMATION & GUIDELINES:

- ONLY those paintings selected by the juror will be hung in the gallery.
- Exhibit selections will be made from all works submitted.
- All work will be accepted at the committee's discretion.
- Artwork must be priced by the artist at time of entry (see forms). If not for sale, mark "NFS" on the Art Identification Form and on the Artist Entry Form.
- The Virginia Highlands Festival commission on sales through the Juried Fine Arts Exhibit is 30%.
- Entries are limited to only three per artist. (Diptychs, in two separate frames, will be counted as two entries. Triptychs, in three separate frames, will be counted as three entries.)
- **No artwork will be received or returned by mail.**
- Every care will be taken by the committee and the Festival, but neither can assume liability for loss or damage, whatever the cause. Submission of a work to the exhibition shall constitute an agreement to comply with all conditions set forth in this prospectus. It is suggested that artists wishing additional protection insure their works independently.

ENTRY CRITERIA:

1. All paintings must be artist's originals - made by the artist's hands - and executed solely by the artist within the most recent two years (copy written material will not be accepted.)
 2. 2D artwork ONLY
 3. Mixed media is acceptable, however **digital media is a separately exhibited category.** (See photography contest guidelines.)
 4. Entries should not include those accepted in previous years
 5. The entry fee must accompany the entry form
 6. All works must be entered by the artist or designated agent
 7. Provided identification forms must be on back of paintings
 8. Plexiglass suggested; glass accepted at artist's risk
 9. All paintings must be WIRED and ready for hanging—**no saw-toothed hangers will be accepted**
 10. Unframed wraparound canvas and cradle boards will be accepted only if: (1) it is at least 1-1.2 inches in depth, (2) the sides are completely painted, and (3) no staples are visible
 11. Paint and other materials MUST be dry
 12. Maximum size: 52 inches by 52 inches by 4 inches, including frame
- **Artwork not meeting the above criteria will not be accepted or judged. **

Artist Entry Form:

Artist: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Medium: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____

\$20 PER PIECE. Limit: three paintings per artist

Entry #1

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size: _____
Price: _____

Entry #2

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size: _____
Price: _____

Entry #3

Artist: _____
Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size: _____
Price: _____

Suzanne Dittenber, Juror

2019 Virginia Highlands Festival Juried Fine Art Exhibit



Suzanne Dittenber was born in Charleston, South Carolina, grew up in Columbus Ohio. She currently lives in Asheville, North Carolina where she is an Assistant Professor of Painting at UNC Asheville. Suzanne received her BFA from Columbus College of Art and Design, her MFA in Painting from the University of New Hampshire, and has also completed studies at the New York Studio School and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts. She has had the opportunity to attend numerous artist residencies: the Vermont Studio Center, MICA's Alfred and Trafford Klots Residency in Brittany, France, and the Heliker LaHotan Foundation Residency on Cranberry Island, Maine. Recent exhibitions include Blue Mountain Gallery, High Point University, Florida State University, Michigan State University and the Wiregrass Museum of Art.

When to Pick Up Artwork

- Artwork *not in the Juried Show* can be picked up at The Arts Depot July 26 – August 4, 10am–5pm, Sundays 1–5pm
- **Exhibited artwork may not be removed** from the exhibit until Sunday, August 4 4–6pm

FINE FOR EARLY REMOVAL: \$20.00

- Neither the Virginia Highlands Festival nor The Arts Depot are responsible for artwork not picked up by August 7, 2019.
- Artwork not picked up by August 24, 2019 will become the property of the Virginia Highlands Festival.

Join us:

April 25 -27, 2019

4th Annual Plein Air Abingdon!

Featuring a juried painting competition, quick draw event, pop up gallery, and more . . .

For more information visit www.VAHighlandsFestival.org