



QUAD CITY
BOTANICAL
CENTER

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Quad City Botanical Center Artists Call for Entry

The Call:

The Quad City Botanical Center conditions and terms of entry:

- Regional Artists (within a 300-mile radius of Rock Island) are asked to complete the attached entry form and submit five digital images of your original artwork, on a CD or flash drive, along with an artist statement or resume and a \$20.00 non-refundable jury fee (Jury fees must be paid at the time of application) to be considered for inclusion in our rotating gallery exhibits.

Guidelines for your entry:

When selecting artwork to submit for consideration please remember:

- Artwork should be inspired by nature – plants and flowers, animals, insects, birds or remote landscapes for example.
- Please note, the exhibition space, while comfortably heated and cooled, is not strictly climate controlled – please take this into consideration when choosing your medium and method of display.
- The Quad City Botanical Center cannot be held liable for damage to your artwork; insurance coverage is the responsibility of the exhibiting artist.
- The Quad City Botanical Center reserves the right to exclude any entry that is found unsuitable for exhibiting to the public – please avoid art that is politically, religiously, or explicitly sexually charged.
- Artwork that presents complex installation or assembly may also be excluded.

If you are selected to be an exhibiting artist at the Botanical Center:

2-D Art:

- You must have between 15 to 20 framed and wired pieces of art to exhibit. The art must be delivered and ready to hang on the date you are assigned to hang your show (staff and/or volunteers will be on hand to assist in hanging the work.) Art must not weigh over 15 pounds, and should be framed in glass/Plexiglas unless painted on canvas or printed on canvas wrap.
- All artwork that is displayed must have been completed in the past 2 years, and not been previously exhibited at the Quad City Botanical Center.
- Each piece of work must be clearly marked on the back with your name, the name of the work, and the selling price.
- A 30% commission will be retained from all work sold during the exhibition; works not for sale must be clearly marked as such; local sales tax will be applied to the sale of artwork.
- Unless otherwise noted, artists will enjoy a 60-day long exhibition; artists may request an artist's reception to be hosted by the Quad City Botanical Center anytime during your designated exhibition.
- The Quad City Botanical Center reserves the right to use photographs or digital images of any accepted work for publicizing Art in the Gardens.

3D Art:

- The Quad City Botanical Center has spacious gardens that easily accommodate large sculptural works of art.
 - All 3D art accepted for exhibition must be weather resistant, must be able to be safely anchored to the ground, and depending on the size and weight, may require the assistance of the artist for placement. The Quad City Botanical Center gardening team will work with the artist to identify where the works can be safely and elegantly staged.

The Process:

- The Quad City Botanical Center will collect submissions on a rolling basis
- Submissions will be evaluated based on the quality of the work and the relevance of the work as it relates to or has been inspired by nature.
- Entries will be judged by a committee of three independent judges.
- The judge's selection will be final. Correspondence regarding the judge's decisions will not be entered into.
- Artist will be notified about the results of their submission within 30 days of receiving the packet; winning artists will be assigned an exhibition date, spanning a 60-day time frame, and provided with details about hanging and pulling the exhibit.

What to expect from the Quad City Botanical Center:

- Professional service.
- Assistance in hanging or placement of art.
- Creating labels and signage relevant to the display.
- Publicizing the exhibit through press release, social media, and email blasts.
- Receipt of ten, single person, free admission passes to distribute to friends and family, valid for use during the scheduled time of your exhibition.
 - A public opening reception or artist meet and greet, when requested in advance by the artist.
- Management of the sale of artwork during your exhibition. We encourage artists to allow customers to take the art at the time of purchase, noting that this allowance may deplete the number of pieces on display. The artist is welcome at any time during their exhibit to add pieces to replace sold items.

We look forward to reviewing your artwork and learning more about your vision and imagination. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by for help.

With Kindest Regards,

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Quad City Botanical Center Artists Call for Entry Application

Please Consider me for (check one or more):

Gallery Show (lobby or hallway)

Outdoor Sculpture Show

This is a group show proposal

Please provide a list of your jpegs:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Contact information:

Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/etc)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (cell) or _____ (home)

Email _____

Check list for entry:

List of artwork and CD or flash drive with jpegs (CD, flash drives are not returnable)

Artist statement or resume

\$20.00 entry fee (please make check out to Quad City Botanical Center)

Please mail entry to:

Quad City Botanical Center

2525 4th Ave.

Rock Island, IL 61201 Attn: Ryan Wille / Call for Entries

Please email entry to:

rwille@qcgardens.com

You may also **drop off entries** in the admission area of the Quad City Botanical Center. Please make sure entries are in an envelope marked "call for entry" or identified the same way in the subject line of your email.