



Call for Entry, Artist's Booth – Art in the Garden, July 20, 2019

Is nature your artistic muse? The Quad City Botanical Center is seeking artists working in various mediums to showcase and sell handcrafted works at our third annual art show, Art in the Garden, to be held on July 20, 2019. Local and regional 2D and 3D artists, jewelers, woodworkers, fabric artists, and other artists and makers who turn to nature for inspiration are encouraged to submit work for consideration.

The event will be held rain or shine at the beautiful Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island, Illinois 9am – 4pm. Artist booths, food, musicians, poets and storytellers will come together to create a wonderful community event for all ages. The attendance goal based on past events is 300 – 500 guests and Art in the Garden attracts a wide demographic, with a target audience of people interested in nature, the arts, community and fun. Admission to the event is \$8 per adult, \$4 for Quad City Botanical Center members and children 5 – 15, with children under 5 gaining free admission.

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, via email (low-resolution) to porter@qccgardens.com or on a flash drive, along with an artist statement or resume, **by June 21, 2019** to be considered for inclusion.

Guidelines for your entry:

When selecting artwork to submit for consideration please remember:

- Artwork must be inspired by nature – plants and flowers, animals, insects, birds or remote landscapes for example.
- Please note, this is a one day exhibition – weather permitting, all booth space will be situated outdoors in the garden – please take this into consideration when applying. Artists must have canopy tents - tables and chairs may be supplied by the artist, or rented from the Botanical Center.
- 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, or does not fit the art and nature theme.
- **There is a \$75 fee for booth space.** Special accommodations may be available inside our events canopy for an additional fee of \$75. It is our intention that most of all artists will exhibit on the lawn in our gardens.

If you are selected to be an exhibiting artist at Art in the Garden:

- The Quad City Botanical Center reserves the right to use photographs or digital images of any accepted work for promoting Art in the Gardens.

The process:

- The Quad City Botanical Center will collect submissions through end of business on June 21, 2019.
- 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; artist names and locations will be omitted during judging.
- The judges' selections are final. Correspondence regarding the judges' decisions will not be permitted.
- Artists will be notified about the results of the judging on July 1, 2019; winning artists will be assigned an exhibition space and provided with additional details about set-up and teardown.

What to expect from the Quad City Botanical Center:

- Professional service.
- Assistance in set-up and throughout the event.
- Promotions campaign for the event including press releases, social media, community outreach events, marketing within the Center and multiple emails.
- Receipt of 20, half-price admission coupons to distribute to your friends and family, valid for use at the Art in the Garden event.

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

With Kindest Regards,

Ami Porter, Executive Director

Quad City Botanical Center

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_____ Please consider me as an exhibiting artist for the 2019 Art in the Garden event.

Please list your jpegs:

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

Price range of your art: _____

Short description of how nature influences or inspires your work:

Contact Information

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (cell) or _____ (home)

Email _____

Business Name _____ Website _____

Checklist for entry

___ List of artwork, emailed to porter@qcgardens.com or on non-returnable CD or flash drive

___ Artist statement or resume

___ **Submitted by June 21, 2019**

Mail entry to

Quad City Botanical Center

2525 4th Ave.

Rock Island, IL 61201

Attn: Ami Porter/ Call for Entries

Or email entry to

porter@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 – Art in the Garden 2019."

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