

2026 Youth Art Show & Competition

Presented by Stanly Arts Guild

March 24th – April 11th, 2026

Stanly Arts Guild & Gifts ~ 152 W. Main Street ~ Albemarle, NC 28001 ~ (704) 983-4278

Calendar of events

Delivery dates:

- Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Location: 152 W. Main St, Albemarle

Show opens:

- Tuesday, March 24th – 12:00 PM

Awards and art pickup:

- Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Categories and Awards

Both 2-D & 3-D art will be accepted & judged in this show. (2-D art includes photography.)

Awards will be given in 2 age categories (Ages 9-12 & ages 13-17) for the following:

- First place
- Second place
- Third place

Entry Fees:

Artists may enter up to 6 pieces total. Fees are as listed below:

- Up to 2 pieces - \$5; \$2 each for up to 2 additional entries

Rules for Entry

- Artists must be between the ages of 9 and 17 years old.
- Art must not have won awards in any previous Stanly Arts Guild show.
- Any art created from photos or other reference material should have permission from the originator of the photo or reference material and/or should be changed to make the art unique by the creator of the final art.
- All artwork must remain on display until the end of the show.
- Two dimensional art and photography must not exceed 48" x 36" and not weigh more than 35 pounds. It must be properly framed or painted/printed on gallery wrap canvas.
- Three dimensional pieces must not weigh more than 75 pounds. The maximum acceptable base is 24" X 24", with a maximum height of 72".

- Entries must be properly prepared to hang – no saw tooth hangers will be accepted.
- Artwork must be hand delivered.
- Please note – if the number of entries exceeds available space, the show may be juried.
- Stanly Arts Guild reserves the right to decline entries deemed inappropriate, not in good taste or works not properly prepared for display.

Sales

Prices or NFS must be listed on the forms. All sales and tax will be paid directly to Stanly Arts Guild and checks will be mailed to artists. A 15% commission will be retained by the Guild on all sales.

Liability

While the best possible care will be taken while handling art, the Stanly Arts Guild will not be responsible for damage or loss. Work should be picked up on Saturday, April 11th, 2026, (unless special provisions are made), and all work left after 2 weeks will be considered abandoned and property of the Stanly Arts Guild.

Judge

The judge for this show will be announced soon.

Use of Entry Images

Stanly Arts Guild reserves the right to take and use photographs of all entries for the purposes of advertising the show and publishing the results.



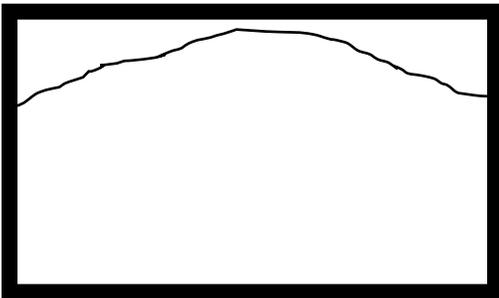
Hanging Guidelines for Artwork for Displays & Shows

It is not acceptable to use sawtooth hangers/hardware, string, plastic frames or any other improvised framing or hanging apparatus on artwork being entered for displays or shows with the Stanly Arts Guild. It creates a hazard for both the artwork and for those viewing the artwork. Artwork that cannot be properly set up to hang may be placed on an easel.

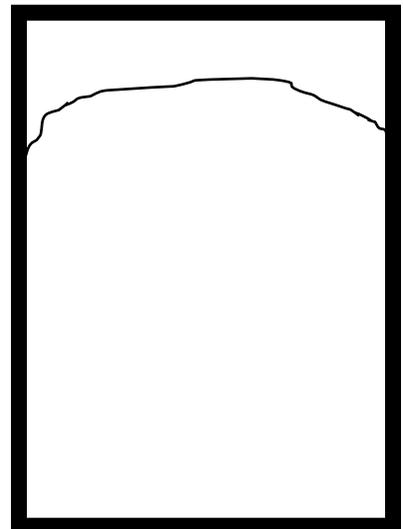
All artwork should be presented with appropriate hardware attached to the back for hanging. All artwork should be secured in a manner to prevent it from slipping or becoming dislodged if the piece is framed with glass. No wire should be showing above the top of the frame or artwork unless it is an intentional part of the artwork presentation. All wire for hanging should be securely attached to the hanging apparatus in a manner that prevents it from slipping or coming undone from the back of the artwork.

Any artwork that is not properly set up to hang for display or a show may be declined as an entry for the display or show.

Suggested hanging apparatus locations for both portrait and landscape shaped artwork are below:



Wire attached approximately 1/3 of the way down from the top of the artwork. Leave enough slack in the wire so it comes close to the top of the artwork, but not showing above, or the artwork may "stand out" from the wall at the top. Wire can be attached using picture hanging kit hardware or simple small eyebolts from the hardware store, which are screwed into the wooden frame or canvas securely. Professional framing or mounting on other substrates, glass, metal, etc., is acceptable, as well.



Circle Age Group: (9-12)(13-17)

Exhibitor No. _____

2026 Youth Art Show & Competition Entry Form

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Please have your completed entry form ready at check-in.

Payment may be made by cash, check or credit. All checks should be made out to Stanly Arts Guild.

Print all information so it is clear & easy to read. Your entries will be keyed according to the information you provide below. **Please be sure to list your age so your work is judged in the correct age group.**

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Mailing Address City State Zip

Phone Number (Best to reach you) Email Address Age

How did you hear about this show? Facebook ___ SAG Website ___ SAG Email ___ Other (Please list.) _____

Entry No.	Title	Medium	Size	Price
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

(If needed, list additional entries on the back of this form, being sure to include all required information listed above.)

Entry fees are defined below for both Stanly Arts Guild Members & non-members:

- Members = \$5 for up to 2 entries, \$2 each for up to 4 additional entries
- Non-members = \$5 for up to 2 entries, \$2 each for up to 4 additional entries

Memberships will be accepted during art take-in. **(Memberships are half price from January thru June.)**

- \$15 for Apprentice (ages 16-21) membership for 1 year – July thru June (\$7.50 Jan-June)

Entrant Agreement

I have read the show prospectus & agree to all rules of entry.

Entrant's Signature Date Signed

Entrant to pick up show entries? ___ Yes ___ No If No, name of person picking up? _____

SAG USE ONLY

Signature of SAG Member receiving entries:

_____ Date: _____

Tags placed on all entries? _____