

2026 Summer Art Explosion Exhibition & Competition

Sponsored by Uwharrie Bank & Judith Williams

July 14th – August 8th, 2026

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

Calendar of events

Art Take-in dates:

- Friday, July 10th, 2026, 1 PM – 5 PM
- Saturday, July 11th, 2026, 11 AM – 3 PM

Show opens:

- Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, 12 PM

Awards and art pickup:

- Saturday, August 8th, 2026, 10 AM - 4 PM

Categories – Awards – Entry Fees

Categories:

- 2-D Art (**NO PHOTOGRAPHY**)
- 3-D Art
- No Photography will be accepted for this show

For Each Category:

- First place - \$300
- Second place - \$200
- Third place - \$100
- Honorable mentions (at judge's discretion) – Ribbons only
- 1 Members' Choice Award for Entire Show - \$100

Entry Fees:

- Stanly Arts Guild members - up to 2 pieces - \$30; \$10 each for additional entries – limit 4
- Non-members - up to 2 pieces - \$40; \$15 each for additional entries – limit 4

Rules for Entry

- Artists must be 18 years or older.
- Work from workshops or copied art is unacceptable.
- Art must not be over five (5) years old and cannot 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 must not exceed 48" x 36" and must be properly framed or painted/printed on gallery wrap canvas.
- Entries must be properly prepared to hang – no saw tooth hangers will be accepted. (Proper framing & wiring instructions are on the back of this page.)

- 3-D art must not weigh more than 75 lbs. The maximum acceptable base is 24" x 24" with a maximum height of 72".
- Please note – if the number of entries exceeds 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, (Not For Sale), must be listed on the entry forms and labels. All sales and tax will be paid directly to Stanly Arts Guild and checks will be mailed to artists. A 15% commission for Guild members and a 30% commission for non-members 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, August 5th, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. 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 Robert Patterson. Mr. Patterson has a bachelor's degree in Art Education from Appalachian State University and a Master of Educational Administration from UNC Charlotte. He taught art at North Stanly High School and was the principal of Ridgecrest, South Stanly High School, Aquadale Elementary, and East Albemarle. After retiring from school administration, he was the co-owner and broker at My Lake Home Realty and is currently a broker at Lake Tillery Properties, LLC. Robert Patterson is married to Merry Alice Patterson, a speech pathologist. He has three adult children, Dr. Summer Shelton, Mr. Austin Patterson, and Dr. Jasmine Wilson. He has two step grandchildren and seven grandchildren.

Use of Entry Images

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



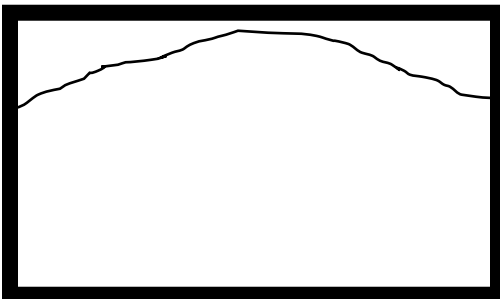
Hanging Guidelines for Artwork for Displays & Shows

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.

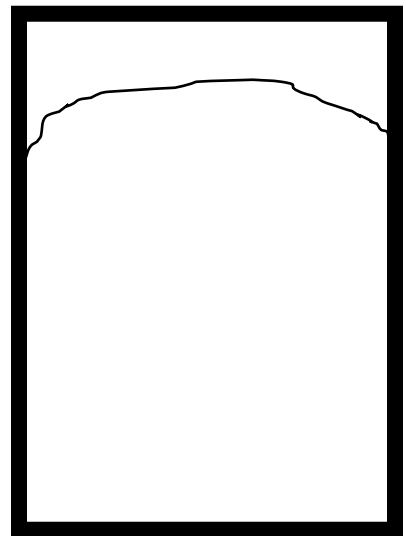
All artwork should be presented with appropriate hardware attached to the back for hanging. All artwork should be secured in a manner to prevent it from slipping or becoming dislodged if the piece is framed with glass. No wire should be showing above the top of the frame or artwork unless it is an intentional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



Exhibitor No. _____

2026 Summer Art Explosion Exhibition & Competition Entry Form

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.

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Mailing Address City State Zip

Phone Number (Best to reach you) Email Address

How did you hear about the SAG Summer Art Explosion Show? _____

Entry No.	Title	Medium	Size	Price
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2				
3				
4				

(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 = \$30 for up to 2 entries, \$10 each additional entry – limit 4
- Non-members = \$40 for up to 2 entries, \$15 each additional entry – limit 4

Memberships will be accepted during art take-in. Memberships renew each year on July 1st.

- \$15 for Apprentice (ages 16-21) membership for 1 year – July thru June
- \$40 for single membership for 1 year – July thru June
- \$50 for family membership for 1 year – July thru June (All family members in a single household)

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? _____

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Signature of SAG Member receiving entries: _____

Date: _____ Tags placed on the back of all entries? _____