



Call for Art: **Contemporary Art** **Show 2019**

The Desert Foothills Gallery, located at 38443 N Schoolhouse Rd., Cave Creek, Arizona will be the site of the 2019 Contemporary Art Show exhibiting works by members of The Sonoran Arts League. **The exhibition will run from January 24, 2019 to March 21, 2019. Note: We have moved our beginning/delivery and end/pick-up dates to Thursdays to avoid conflicts with the Library's Friday activities.**

Eligibility:

Open to all Sonoran Arts League members.

Gallery Information:

- There is space for 30 to 40 pieces of 2 dimensional art, depending on the size of the pieces. All 2 dimensional art must be wired and ready to hang with a frame or "gallery wrapped" canvas. Work will not be accepted if it is not ready to hang with a strong wire and appropriate frame. The maximum size for 2 dimensional art is 75 inches wide by 60 inches high with a maximum weight of 50 pounds.
- There is a locked display case that can accommodate up to nine small pieces of jewelry or sculpture. The dimensions of each section of the case measure 14 inches high by 14 inches wide by 11 inches deep.
- There are eight (8) pedestals available for sculpture and artists may provide their own plinths. All large 3 dimensional artwork must be installed and/or moved by the artist.

Gallery Sales:

- The Desert Foothills Gallery (Library) has agreed to handle sales directly with the purchaser.
- Total commission on all sales is 25%. The Desert Foothills Library will retain 20% of the total commission and the Sonoran Arts League will retain the remaining 5% of the total commission.
- The purchaser will pay Desert Foothills Library and take possession of the artwork at the end of the exhibit, unless arrangements can be made for a replacement piece.
- Desert Foothills Library will inform the Desert Foothills Gallery Committee chairperson of the sale and they will then contact the artist to potentially arrange for a replacement piece of artwork for the remainder of the exhibit if necessary.
- Desert Foothills Gallery (Library) will send a check to the artist for the sale price less the 25% commission.

Key Dates:

- **Submission Timeframe:** December 5, 2018 to January 18, 2019
- **Notice of Acceptance (via email):** January 21, 2019
- **Artwork Delivery Date:** **Thursday**, January 24, 2019, between 9:30am and 10:30am at the Desert Foothills Gallery inside the Desert Foothills Library.
- **Show Dates:** January 24, 2019 to March 21, 2019
- **Artist Reception:** Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm
- **Pick Up Unsold Artwork:** **Thursday**, March 21, 2019, from 9:30am to 10:30am at the Desert Foothills Gallery



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Submission Process:

- All submitted artwork must be original. No reproductions will be accepted.
- You may submit no more than **three (3)** pieces for consideration.
- **The submission must be completed on-line at the Sonoran Arts League website. Look for the event on the calendar.**
- The information provided for each piece of artwork submitted will be used to create the gallery tags so be sure it is accurate.
 - Title (or an identifying inventory number if the work is untitled, example Untitled_542)
 - Medium
 - Dimensions
 - Price – Make sure this is accurate.
- The digital photos of the artwork must meet the following the guidelines. These photos will be used to determine your acceptance into the show and the photos of accepted work will be used to promote the show on social media. The photos must be an accurate representation of the work that will be delivered if accepted. **The committee reserves the right to reject artwork that is not the same as that depicted by the digital image.**
 - Technical specifications:
 - Photos should be in JPG format
 - The file size for each photo should be less than 2MB. This can usually be accomplished most easily by resizing your photo so that the longest side is 6 inches or less, or 1200 to 1500 pixels.
 - The file name of each photo should be the artists name and the title of the artwork. We need to be able to easily tell which photos are yours.
 - Examples:
 - JudyBruce_Lashes.jpg
 - ChrisRoss_Untitled_542.jpg
 - For two dimensional work:
 - One photo for each piece being submitted for consideration.
 - The photo should be of the artwork only with no background or with a solid background.
 - For three dimensional work:
 - You may provide as many views of each piece submitted as are needed to give an accurate portrayal of the work. The photos should be as focused on the artwork as possible with minimal background. A solid background will work best.
 - If submitting more than one photo for the same piece of work make sure to adhere to the file naming convention above and add a sequence number for additional views.
 - Examples:
 - TraceySaliba_Carmen_view1.jpg
 - TraceySaliba_Carmen_view2.jpg



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Acceptance Notification Process:

If your artwork is accepted you will receive an email notification stating exactly which pieces have been accepted. The Art Description Contract will be attached to this email and will need to be completed and submitted when you deliver the artwork.

If your artwork is not accepted you will also receive an email notification. Do not let non-acceptance discourage you from submitting for future shows. There are many factors that go into determining what artwork will generate a cohesive exhibit and just because yours did not meet those criteria for this show does not mean that they won't fit into a future exhibit.

This juror for this show will be Laura Cohen-Hogan.

Artwork Delivery Process:

- Before bringing your artwork to the exhibit location make sure it is labeled with your name, phone number, and the title of the piece.
- When you deliver the artwork:
 - Bring the completed Art Description Contract form you received with your acceptance email. You can find this form in the File Archive section of the member area of the Sonoran Arts League website if you can't find the copy that was sent to you.
 - If this is your first time exhibiting at the Desert Foothills Gallery bring a printed copy of your Artist Statement.
 - You can find some guidelines about Artist Information in the member area of the Sonoran Arts League website in the File Archive section.
 - This information will be included in the Artist Information Books that are located at the front desk of the library.
 - If you have previously submitted this information for another exhibit at the Desert Foothills Gallery then you do not need to submit the information again unless you have a more recent version.
 - If you also wish to provide a printed copy of your bio and/or information about your technical processes bring that as well. Be sure that your name is on every page of this material.
 - When you deliver your artwork you will be asked to verify the accuracy of the gallery tags.

Artist Reception:

There will be an Artist Reception for the exhibit on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. We hope that exhibiting artists will attend and encourage their friends, family, customers, neighbors, clients and patrons to attend as well. The reception is an excellent opportunity to promote your work, to invite folks to your studio, to sell and to educate.

Artwork Pick Up:

Artists will need to make arrangements to pick up their artwork on Thursday, March 21, 2019 between 9:30am and 10:30am. They will be required to sign the Art Description Contract form indicating the return of the artwork before they will be able to pick up their pieces.



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Promotional Information:

Desert Foothills Gallery has a FaceBook page (www.FaceBook.com/DesertFoothillsGallery) where we will be posting photos of the accepted artwork, artist information, and event information. [Please make sure you have an up-to-date artist statement and artist bio in your Member Information area on the Sonoran Arts League website](#) (www.sonoranartsleague.org).

Also make sure that your website listed there is correct. We use that information to complete the short posting we do for each artist participating in the exhibit. Once the posts have been scheduled you will receive the schedule so you will know when the post about your work will appear. We recommend that you “like” the page and share the posts about your artwork with your friends and on your business FaceBook page if you have one.