



Jury Day 2027– Information Handout

Date: **Saturday, February 20, 2027**

Location: **Christ the Lord Lutheran Church**

9205 E Cave Creek Rd, Carefree

Jury Day Web Page: sonoranartsleague.org/jury-day

Once a year, the Sonoran Arts League holds a Jury Day at which members may apply to become "**Juried Members**" of the League. This special designation is awarded to artists who submit a body of work that is deemed by a panel of independent art professionals to meet an elevated standard of excellence, based on criteria established by the League.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration Opens:

Sun, Oct 30, 2026

Registration Closes:

When 30 slots are filled

(or Sat, Feb 13, 2027, whichever comes first)

JURY DAY:

Sat, Feb 20, 2027

No-Cost Preparation Opportunities

Information Sessions:

On Zoom: **Tue Oct 20**, 7-8:30 pm

In Person: **Sat Oct 24**, 10 am - 12:30 pm at the
Desert Foothills Library, Jones Room

Individual Art Critiques: Registered Jury Day participants can have their work evaluated for Jury Day readiness in early Jan by members of the Jury Committee.

REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be a paid member of the Sonoran Arts League in good standing.
2. **\$50 Jury Day fee** entitles you to submit **5 pieces of work** in a single medium.
3. Your **Medium** must be eligible, per drop-down list on League website's Artist Profile pages.
4. **Artwork must be "gallery-ready."** Work that is not will be turned away. (You'll find a short video on gallery-ready art at the bottom of the Jury Day page, sonoranartsleague.org/jury-day.)
NOTE: 2D art will be placed on chairs or leaned against walls. 3D art and jewelry will be displayed on tables. Work will be grouped by artist. **No work will be hung on walls.**
5. **We do NOT allow:**
 - Work that is copied, in part or whole, from any published/locally shown work that is copyrighted.
 - Pieces done in a workshop/class, student work, or work completed under mentor guidance.
 - Giclée's or photographs of original paintings printed on canvas.
6. **Large work** that cannot reasonably be moved may be juried with 8" x 10" colored photos showing all sides (not to exceed four photos of each piece).

For more information and instructions on how to register, turn the page.

WHY BECOME A JURIED MEMBER

All participants in Jury Day get the benefit of personalized professional feedback about their work and the chance to become a Juried Member of the Sonoran Arts League.

NOTE: The League's annual Jury Day is NOT the same as getting juried into a specific show at the League Gallery. Juried Member status is NOT a requirement to submit your work to a regular show at the League Gallery or to participate in the HITH Studio Tour. All you need for those is membership in the League.

For those who become Juried Members, that designation is recognized...

- In the artist's profile on the Sonoran Arts League website;
- With "Juried Member" next to the artist's name in the Hidden in The Hills (HITH) Directory and other League publications;
- With "Juried Member" on their title cards when that artist has work in Sonoran Arts League Gallery shows;
- On a special "Juried Member" League badge that Juried Members can purchase.

Newly Juried Members will have the opportunity to:

- Submit work to Gallery shows limited to Juried Members only;
- Opt-in for special social media promotion (when offered);
- List the accomplishment on their own websites and resumes.

WHO JURIES THE WORK?

Artwork submitted on Jury Day will be evaluated by a three-Juror panel of accomplished art professionals who are not associated with the League. Jurors' identities remain anonymous.

Criteria for Evaluation

The Jurors will evaluate whether the submitted pieces rise to the level of a **consistent and professional body of work**, based on 12 criteria listed in the **Jurying Criteria Definitions** sheet, available in the League Gallery and Studio and accessible from a button on the Jury Day page (sonoranartsleague.org/jury-day).

The Jurors evaluate against these set criteria but their decisions are, to an extent, subjective. Jurors can choose to ignore a specific criterion and mark it "NA" if it does not apply to the work. All participants will receive a letter with Juror comments about their work, based on the criteria.

ART MEDIUM

Artists should submit work for Jury Day in **one medium only** to show mastery of that medium. Submitted work does NOT have to be for sale. Once an artist becomes a Juried Member, they retain that status no matter what media they may choose to work in thereafter. They are then free to submit work in any medium or set of media when responding to Calls for Art, participating in the Hidden in the Hills Studio Tour, etc.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR JURY DAY

Registration: **Oct 30, 2026 to Feb 13, 2027** or when 30 slots are filled, whichever comes first.

To Register for Jury Day, starting on Oct 30, 2026:

1. Log in as a member of the **Sonoran Arts League**.
2. Go to the **Jury Day page:** sonoranartsleague.org/jury-day (or click the link in the **Resource** tab).
3. Click **REGISTER FOR JURY DAY** to open the Calendar Event.
4. Click **Register Now** at the bottom of the event page.
5. Fill out all required information (including credit card), and click the **Register** button.

After Oct 30, look for important **Registered Participant** info at the bottom of the Jury Day Page.