

2021 Exhibition Calendar Virginia Beach Art Center

PURPLE HAZE

January 8 - 31

Opening January 8

It's a rich, deep mysterious color. On the 2nd Anniversary of painting our building purple, all art within will contain our signature color in some way.

Special Rules: Must contain the color purple.

Application Deadline Friday Jan 1.

Juror Selections Sat/Sun Jan. 2-3

Notifications (of rejections only) Monday Jan 4

Drop off Jan. 5

Award Selections Thurs/Fri Jan 7-8

Opening Jan. 8

Artist Talks Jan. 31

Pick up Feb. 2

FABULOUS FORGERIES

February 5 - 28

Opening February 5

Is the art a copy of a Masterpiece or a new creation in the same style? Perhaps it's a copy with a twist that surprises or amuses. See which great Masters our artists choose.

Special Rules: May be 1: a copy of a masterpiece (but in a different size than the original) 2: an original composition in the style of a master, 3: a twist on an original masterpiece

Application Deadline Friday Jan. 29

Juror Selections Sat/Sun Jan 30-31

Notifications (of rejections only) Monday Feb. 1

Drop off Feb. 2

Award Selections Thurs/Fri Feb. 4-5

Opening Feb. 5

Artist Talks Feb. 28

Pick up Mar. 2

BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE

March 5 - 28

Opening March 5

Come see what inspires our artists, what they dream of. You may find similarities or fascinating differences from your own. Elementary students will also interpret this theme and their art will hang beside the adults'.

Special Rules: No special rules.

Application Deadline Friday Feb. 26

Juror Selections Sat/Sun Feb. 27-28

Notifications (of rejections only) Monday Mar. 1
Drop off Mar. 2
Award Selections Thurs/Fri Mar. 4-5
Opening Mar. 5
Artists Talks Mar. 28
Pick up Mar. 30

THE 757

April 2 - May 2

Opening April 2

In and about our area code are so many subjects artists can present. All of Hampton Roads – and more – provide inspiration for wide-ranging interpretations.

Special Rules: Local subject matter, but may be broadly interpreted.

Application Deadline Friday Mar. 26
Juror Selections Sat/Sun Mar. 27-28
Notifications (of rejections only) Monday Mar. 29
Drop off Mar. 30
Award Selections Thurs/Fri April 1-2
Opening April 2
Artists Talks May 2
Pick up May 4

FROM THE EARTH

May 7 - 30

Opening May 7

Anything born of dirt or clay is part of this tribute to nature, pottery and horticulture.

Special Rules: Broad interpretation of theme is encouraged. Pottery/ceramics encouraged.

Application Deadline Friday April 30
Juror Selections Sat/Sun May 1-2
Notifications (of rejections only) Monday May 3
Drop off May 4
Award Selections Thurs/Fri May 6-7
Opening May 7
Artists Talks May 30
Pick up June 1

H2O

June 4 - 27

Opening June 4

A Mid-Atlantic Regional exhibition that reflects our relationship to water. From a single drop to mighty oceans, from rising mists to stormy skies, water is all around us – and up to 78% of our bodies!

Special Rules: Must address water in some way, including watermedia, oceans, rivers, lakes, a glass of water, rain, etc. Broad interpretation is encouraged.

Application Deadline May 7 on CAFE
Juror Selections May 10-18

Notifications Wednesday May 19
Drop off June 1 (shipped art may arrive May 28-June 1)
Award Selections Thurs/Fri June 3-4
Opening June 4
Artists Talks June 27
Pick up June 29

A SHOW OF HEADS

July 2 - Aug 1

Opening July 2

Heads may mean more than portraits – head of cabbage, head of a nail, head of the class. But mostly, it means portraits.

Special Rules: Broad interpretation encouraged.
Application Deadline Friday June 25
Juror Selections Sat/Sun June 26-27
Notifications (of rejections only) Monday June 28
Drop off June 29
Award Selections Thurs/Fri July 1-2
Opening July 2
Artists Talks Aug 1
Pick up Aug. 3

ABSTRACTLY SPEAKING

August 6 - 29

Opening August 6

It's all about color, all about design, all about emotion. But definitely not about realism!

Special Rules: Abstracts.
Application Deadline Friday July 30
Juror Selections Sat/Sun July 31-Aug 1
Notifications (of rejections only) Monday Aug. 2
Drop off Aug. 3
Award Selections Thurs/Fri Aug 5-6
Opening Aug. 6
Artists Talks Aug. 29
Pick up Aug. 31

GLOBETROTTING

September 3 - 26

Opening Sept. 3

Art inspired by travel and cultures around the world. Artists reveal works that reflect Europe, China, Machu Picchu ... or Pungo. Any place you may have been or wanted to go.

Special Rules: Broad interpretation encouraged.
Application Deadline Friday Aug. 27
Juror Selections Sat/Sun Aug. 28-29
Notifications (of rejections only) Monday Aug 30
Drop off Aug. 31

Award Selections Thurs/Fri Sept 2-3
Opening Sept. 3
Artists Talks Sept. 26
Pick up Sept. 28

PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH October 1 - 31 Opening October 1

Active and retired Virginia Art Teachers have a rare chance to show off their own artwork. A statewide expression of loving what you teach.

Special Rules: Must be a current or retired K-12 art educator in VA.
Application Deadline Sept. 3 on CAFÉ (maybe Weebly)
Juror Selections Sept. 6-14
Notifications Wednesday Sept. 15
Drop off Sept. 28 (shipped art may arrive Sept 23-28)
Award Selections Thurs/Fri Sept 30-Oct 1
Opening Oct. 1
Artists Talks Oct. 31
Pick up Nov. 2

FINE ART FUNDRAISER November 5 - 14 Opening November 5

A rare chance to make the winning bid on donated art in a silent auction. Online bidding begins in October. Many of your favorite artists participate to support the mission of the Virginia Beach Art Center.

Special Rules: Donations accepted.
Application Deadline Friday Oct. 8 (assuming we'll start fundraiser online)
Staff Curates ongoing thru Oct. 11
Notifications (of rejections only) ongoing thru Oct. 12
Drop off Nov. 2
Opening Nov. 5
Pick up Nov. 16
*These dates could change depending on how we run the fundraiser (in person, online, live bidding, etc.)

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Nov. 19 - Dec. 23 Opening Nov. 19
Sip & Shop Dec. 3**

Give a gift like no other. Unique, hand-crafted gifts that are one-of-a-kind show you care enough to choose a special one for your special friend.

Special Rules: Be creative! Use high-quality materials and methods.
Application Deadline Friday Nov. 12
Staff Curates ongoing thru Sunday Nov. 14
Notifications—ongoing thru Monday Nov. 15

Drop off Nov. 16
Opening Nov. 19
Sip and Shop Dec. 3
Pick up Jan. 2 and 4, or by appt. Dec. 26-31

Note: Dates and Exhibition titles are subject to change. Always check the online prospectus.

2022 Exhibition Calendar
Virginia Beach Art Center
(Proposed)

IN A BLUE MOOD

January 7 - 30

Opening January 7

Art that includes anything from blue skies to down-in-the-gutter blues. See artwork that reflects the many shades of a sometimes happy, sometimes somber color.

Application Deadline Dec. 31

Drop off January 4

Pick up Feb. 1

FABULOUS FORGERIES

February 4 - 27

Opening February 4

Hands down, our most popular exhibition. Artists honor the Masters by true copies or tongue-in-cheek tributes. Come find the famous artists you love in sometimes new expressions.

Application Deadline January 28

Drop off Feb. 1

Pick up Mar. 1

THE ART OF POETRY

March 4 - 27

Opening March 4

Words and images can combine in exciting ways, especially if the words are poetry. Come see how artists have interpreted the thoughts a chosen poem expresses. Are they the same you would have imagined? Virginia Beach Middle School student work will also be included.

Application Deadline February 25 Drop off Mar. 1

Pick up Mar. 29

UNCONVENTIONAL

April 1 - May 1

Opening April 1

A theme as provocative as any we have ever sponsored. What is the unexpected, the beyond normal, the art at the bounds of reasonable expectation?

Application Deadline March 25

Drop off Mar. 29

Pick up May 3

GROW!

May 6 - 29

Opening May 6

The plants, flowers and wildlife that fill gardens are a joy to gardeners, photographers and artists alike. See how that joy finds expression in this most timely exhibit.

Application Deadline April 29

Drop off May 3

Pick up May 31

H2O

June 3 - 26

Opening June 3

A Mid-Atlantic regional exhibition that reflects our relationship to water. Seascapes, lakes, rivers and any kind of water can be depicted, even a rusty trickle on an ancient wall.

Application Deadline May 6

Drop off by May 31

Pick up June 28

FOCAL LOCAL**July 1- 31****Opening July 1**

A fascination with our local landmarks is part of the psyche of tourists and residents alike. The exhibition explores our famous scenes and secret gems through paint, photography, sculpture and more.

Application Deadline June 24

Drop off June 28

Pick up Aug. 2

ENDANGERED!**August 5 - 28****Opening August 5**

So many animals are possibly facing extinction, but that's not all that is endangered today. Come see what is on our artists' lists as they explore the theme.

Application Deadline July 29

Drop off Aug. 2

Pick up Aug. 30

A BODY OF WORK**September 2 - October 2****Opening September 2**

The human figure is one of the most attractive - and most challenging - themes in art. Subjects may be clothed or not, active or in repose. See what forms our artists choose.

Application Deadline August 26

Drop off Aug. 30

Pick up Oct. 4

GOING TO EXTREMES**October 7 - 30****Opening October 2**

Art that is large enough to make a statement or small enough to fit anywhere. Paintings, photos and other art will be larger than 36" x 36" or smaller than 8" x 8"

Application Deadline Sept. 30

Drop off Oct. 4

Pick up Nov. 1

SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER November 4 -15**Online Bidding Oct. 21****Opening November 4**

A rare chance to make the winning bid on donated art in a silent auction. Online bidding begins in October (date TBA). Many of your favorite artists participate to support the mission of the Virginia Beach Art Center with their donations.

Application Deadline Oct. 14

Drop off Nov. 1

Pick up Nov. 15

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**Nov. 18 - Dec. 23 Opening Nov. 18****Sip n Shop Dec. 2**

Unique, hand-crafted gifts perfect for showing someone that you care enough to give a gift no one else will ever receive. Cards, prints, ornaments, jewelry and so much more.

Application Deadline November 11

Drop off Nov. 15

Pick up Dec. 23 and Jan. 3, or
by appointment Dec. 24-Jan 2

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