

Dear Artist,

Britepaths is hosting its annual “Artful Living” event on **April 27, 2023**, from **7 pm to 10 pm**, at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA.

Artful Living is a juried art exhibition and sale; proceeds benefit low-income families in crisis in the Northern Virginia area. This festive community event raises awareness about the reality of poverty in our midst and spreads news about how Britepaths is working to support, educate, and empower our neighbors.

We are reaching out to you again this year to ask if you’ll donate a piece of your art for this event. If your artwork sells, you and Britepaths will share the price 50%/50%.

Submit your work(s) at this link: <https://forms.gle/EsAPSjiGzFrMhxeR6>
Event information is available at: <https://britepaths.org/events/art>

The theme for 2023 is **Forward**.

The last few years have tried our physical, mental, financial and moral resources. It’s time to bring what we’ve learned into the future, seeing our world more clearly and working toward connection and change. Use your artistic ability to communicate something about moving “forward,” and describe in your statement how your work explores this theme.

Submitted art will be categorized as follows:

1. Oil painting
2. Acrylic painting
3. Watercolor painting
4. Photography
5. Other two-dimensional (pencil, pastel, ink, print, electronic, collage, etc.)
6. Three-dimensional (sculpture, ceramic, assemblage, fiber, etc.)

We hope dividing the categories in this way will create artwork groups of relatively similar size, making judging more fair for all.

Other considerations:

- You are free to submit up to two works for our consideration. We may accept both.
- Please identify your artwork’s medium carefully, using the above criteria. If your art contains 10% or less of an additional medium or material it will be judged under the predominant material; more than that and we may consider it “mixed media,” category 5 or 6. Since this can be hard to tell from a submission photo, please let us know with submission whether the other media included in your artwork are “substantial” or “slight.”

- If necessary for balance, we may change category groupings before the event date. For example, we might receive so many “Other two-dimensional” entries that we move pencil, pastel, and ink into a new “Drawn” category.
- In past Artful Living events, the category with the largest number of entries has been “Oil/Acrylic”; the least-frequent types have been everything currently listed in “Other two-dimensional” and “Three-dimensional.”
- Judges will assign scores for Expertise, Creativity, and Engagement with Theme. Best of Medium recipients will win \$50, Judges’ Choice \$100, and People’s Choice \$200.
- The largest size we can accept is 4’ x 4’. These artworks always make a splash; however, the artworks that sell most readily tend to be smaller.
- We will price your artwork as you direct. Historically, the artworks that have sold most readily tend to cost \$90-\$400.

The deadline for submission is **March 6, 2023**. By **March 15**, we will inform you if your artwork has been chosen for the event. All art that is chosen should be delivered to the Country Club of Fairfax on **April 27**.

These events have always been popular, and we thank all of you who contributed and participated in previous years. We hope you can join us! And please spread the word around to your fellow artists. You can help us move forward to a more just, equitable, and empowered future for our shared community.

Thank you!