

Art Quilts XXI: In Stitches - Seriously Humorous Art Quilts Call to Artists

ARTIST CALL: Art Quilts XXI: In Stitches, an exhibition to be held at the Chandler Center for the Arts. To submit work for consideration, please follow the entry requirements below:

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Chandler Center for the Arts, Chandler, AZ
November 18, 2016 – January 7, 2017

Entry Deadline: Monday, August 22, 2016, 5 PM MST

“As an artist I have a passion for quilting. Creating is a serious use of my time and energy. Learning how to make each artwork the best I can is a constant process. On the other hand, humor helps me be healthy in mind and heart. That is why this is the theme for this year. Daily laughing and loving enables us to be happy.”

~ Marla Hattabaugh, Juror for Art Quilts XXI

Artists are encouraged to submit their most significant work to this annual exhibition of contemporary art quilts, showcasing one of the finest collections of textile art on display in the regional Southwest. The exhibition is produced by the Chandler Center for the Arts and is presented by the Chandler Cultural Foundation and the Chandler Arts Commission.

The Chandler Center for the Arts Art Quilts exhibition has grown from a local and regional quilt show to a respected destination for contemporary works. The exhibition draws entries from around the United States and Canada and allows thousands of visitors each year to experience quilting as an art form.

2016 Juror Marla Hattabaugh, Biography & Statement

Quilting is one of my main obsessions/passions. It gives me friends, laughter, visual stimulation, travel opportunities, and "alone time." Sometimes the challenge of getting the top to lay smooth regardless of how many seams come together is a great problem; other times, everything goes together so smoothly

that the thirty years I've spent doing it seem warranted!

Most of the fabric I use is hand-processed ... dyed using Procion MX, silk screened, deconstructed, printed, painted, stamped, or otherwise done as a one of a kind project. Sometimes I buy the material, sometimes I print it myself. Surface Design is a source of delight as I find exactly the right color/shape for a spot in a quilt.

Juror's Exhibition Theme: In Stitches: Seriously Humorous Quilts

Using any of the various techniques and materials of the Art Quilt medium, artists are asked to create a textile artwork that relates the elevation of spirit through humor. The artworks should represent a new outlook or an alternative twist on an older, established viewpoint.

Art often steps beyond the boundaries of comfort. Design elements can be expanded to represent new challenges or visions. Life is filled with opportunities to search for new pathways, and a person's outlook should reflect identity, will and personality.

Juror's Art Quilts defined: an artwork(s) constituting a quilted layer and stitched effect, with fiber inclusive of multi-art mediums with integrated surface design, thread play, and natural and synthetic materials. Assimilated 2 dimensional and/or 3 dimensional Art Quilts will all be considered in relationship to the exhibit theme.

- Articulate fiber and art materials expressed in such a way that represents opening one's self to new patterns, life goals and emerging opportunities that open the doorway to each artist's own vision and creativity.
- Explore whimsy and humor in a way that will challenge the viewer
- Include a material/technique paragraph describing the artwork
- Artist statement relating the subject in terms of self-exploration, 250 words or less.
- 2D and/or 3D textile combinations accepted.
- Collaborative artwork accepted.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For each \$15 fee, each artist may submit up to 3 works on a CD or via email. There is NO application form, but entries MUST be accompanied by the following information:

1. Artist name and contact info: Artist first and last name, email address (typed along with other contact information), physical mailing address and day and evening phone numbers.

2. Images of Art Quilts: For each submitted work, a full and detail view is required. Artists may submit images as digital jpeg, .tif or .eps images. Digital images should have a minimum 300 dpi resolution for an approximate picture size of 3 x 4 inches (or larger). This allows the images to be considered for the invitation postcard. The digital images can be either on a CD or submitted via email to vision.gallery@chandleraz.gov (if applying via e-mail, please note both last name and "Art Quilt Application" in the subject line). With each image, the name of the artist(s) and title of the quilt must be included. Please title digital files so that this guideline is followed, even if in an abbreviated manner. Example: MeyersBethAnneUpandDowndet.jpg would indicate the quilt titled: "Up and Down", detail view by Beth Anne Meyers. Accepted images will be retained for the archives and possible catalogue production; Submission CDs will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope with correct postage.

3. Information and Description: A list or document file describing the images which includes: artist(s) name(s) quilt title(s), dimensions in inches (width x height), sale price or insurance value, techniques/materials used, and a story or statement about how the piece addresses the theme: In Stitches: Seriously Humorous Quilts. The Gallery is interested in understanding and experiencing each entrant's particular artwork. We ask that each artist shares what moves and inspires them both as a person and an artist.

4. Permissions: Statement declaring whether or not photos are of each artist's own artwork, and the images that are provided may be taken to promote the current exhibition, including Web usage and in a catalogue (if funding permits). If the artwork is accepted, and permission is given to use said images, the artist also gives full permission to use image(s) of such work(s) and the artist's statement(s) in the exhibit publication without payment or royalties. The image of one selected Art Quilt will be chosen for use on a promotional postcard. In addition, this year a CD catalogue MAY be produced. During the exhibition, the Chandler Center for the Arts limits photography to the show organizer, media and artists taking photos of their own work(s).

5. Price/Value: Statement declaring insurance value(s) and, if wishing to sell said work(s), sale price(s). A fifty percent (50%) gallery commission will be

charged on all sales, so remember to state retail prices that include that percentage.

6. Payment: Fees can be paid either over the phone by debit or credit card by calling 480-782-2695, or by including a money order with the submission made payable to Chandler Center for the Arts. Once payment is made, a digital copy of the receipt will be e-mailed to each artist.

DEADLINES

Entries (not the quilts) are due by 5:00 PM, Monday, August 22, 2016, either by email at vision.gallery@chandleraz.gov or by hand delivery to:

By USPO: Vision Gallery, PO Box 4008, Chandler AZ 85244-4008

By FEDEX or UPS: Vision Gallery, 10 East Chicago Street, Chandler AZ 85225

A list of accepted artists will be posted on www.visiongallery.org or www.chandlercenter.org by Friday, September 2, 2016. Email correspondence to accepted artists will follow. Completed quilts accepted into the exhibition must be delivered by Monday, October 24, 2016. For ease of installation, quilts must have top and bottom sleeves (if applicable) appropriate to their sizes. These sleeves should be at least large enough for 2 inch slats. If the piece has a hanging system other than a sleeve, please contact the Gallery prior to entering to ensure it will be compatible with the gallery's hanging requirements. Slats should be included with all submitted artwork; please have them labeled with artist name and artwork title. Quilts from local artists may be picked up at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler, AZ, on the day the show is taken down, or the week thereafter at Vision Gallery, 10 East Chicago Street, Chandler AZ 85225. Accepted artists will be notified of take-down date. Non-local works will be shipped; see Shipping/Delivery for details.

ELIGIBILITY

Quilt artists who wish to share their art with a broad based arts audience are invited to enter. Artworks in which two or more people have collaborated are allowed. The works must not have been previously displayed at the Chandler Center for the Arts or other downtown Chandler venue. Works should have been completed within the last three years.

PRIZES

Up to four jury awards will be given as Juror's Choice Awards. A viewer's Choice award is selected by patrons and viewers. Multiple Purchase awards will be offered by the Chandler Arts Commission for up to \$10,000.00.

JURY FEE

There is a non-refundable fee of \$15 to enter up to 3 works. No entries will be considered without payment of this fee.

SHIPPING/DELIVERY

All delivery and shipping costs are the responsibility of the artist. To ensure that shipping and insurance needs are met, when the Gallery ships the quilt(s) back all artists are asked to include a FILLED OUT return-shipping form with pieces sent to Arizona for installation. This does not mean that payment is required in advance. The Gallery requests that each artist include a form with the artist's shipping account number included on it (which is NOT a credit card) so that the Gallery can efficiently process shipping. All art must be received by Monday, October 24, 2016. If an artist is new or unfamiliar with shipping, the simplest recommended method to proceed with shipment is to go online and create a free account with FedEx. Postage stamps will NOT be accepted as payment for shipping. More detailed shipping information will be included in communication to accepted artists.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

The rules listed are for U.S. artists. While shipping costs remain the responsibility of the artist, accepted international entries are handled on an individual basis to assure an efficient and cost-effective delivery system.

INSURANCE

Works are insured while on display at the Chandler Center for the Arts for 50% of the retail price for the duration of the exhibition. All paperwork must designate whether an artwork is available for sale, or if it is listed as NFS (not for sale). All artworks must include insurance values regardless of how it is listed in the catalogue.

SALES COMMISSION

All artworks offered for sale are listed with a 50% commission. Sales are collected and paid within 30 days of receipt. All applicable sales tax are collected and paid during the sale.

GALLERY HOURS

Gallery hours are 10AM – 5 PM Monday - Friday and Saturday, Noon - 5 PM. In addition, Chandler Center for the Arts patrons can view the artworks before shows and during intermissions. Call 480-782-2695 for holiday hours.

QUESTIONS?

Contact staff at vision.gallery@chandleraz.gov, or call the Gallery at 480-782-2695.