

**Senior College at Belfast
15th Annual Festival of Art
June 1-4, 2017**

INFORMATION SHEET FOR ARTISTS

Criteria: The exhibit is open to amateur and professional visual artists, age 50 and older. Work must be original. **Each artist may submit one piece of work.** Acceptance will be on a first-come basis until the March 31st registration deadline date. The Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed unsuitable.

Work must be suitable and ready for display. Pieces cannot be assembled on site. **Maximum dimensions are 40" h x 50" w**; maximum weight for hanging work is 40 pounds. Hanging artwork must have a wire on the back that does not extend above the frame. **No saw-tooth type hangers.** Pieces that need to be hung from the ceiling will not be accepted. Artists must provide their own pedestal if one is needed.

Facility: The Festival of Art will be held at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center, Route 3, Belfast, Maine. Approximately 150 works of art in a variety of media are exhibited each year on the walls of the Hutchinson Center hallways and on panels, tables and pedestals in the Center's spacious atrium.

Entry fee: \$15.00 (to cover rental of festival venue). Senior College covers outreach and publicity costs; all festival organizing and operating labor is donated. If Registration is mailed in, please submit entry fee with registration. Artists who register electronically may pay their registration fee when artwork is dropped off for the Festival show. **Please make checks payable to *Senior College at Belfast*** and write "2017 Festival of Art" on the memo line.

Entry Deadline: **Entry forms must be submitted by March 31, 2017.** Electronic submissions are preferred. An acknowledgement of receipt will be emailed to the artist when your entry is processed. In early May you will receive a participant confirmation email with updates and reminders about Festival logistics.

Registration/Artwork Drop-off: Artwork that has been entered in the Festival show (by application during the month of March) must be delivered to the Hutchinson Center on **Wednesday, May 31st between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Before dropping of artwork to be placed in the Festival show, participants must pay the \$15 entry fee (if not prepaid by mail), sign a release, and collect their "artwork pick up" receipt.

Festival Exhibit Dates/Times: The Festival exhibit will open to the public on

Thursday evening, June 1st, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (opening reception), Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 4, noon to 3 p.m.

Artwork Pick-Up: All artwork must be picked up on Sunday, June 4, 3 - 4 p.m.

Security/Assumption of Risk by Participating Artists: There will be security volunteers at the Hutchinson Center at all times when the Festival Exhibit is open to the public. Artists place work in the Festival show at their own risk. Senior College at Belfast and the University of Maine Hutchinson Center assume no liability for damage to or theft of artwork placed in the Festival show.

Artists' Bios/Pictures: Artists are invited to submit a brief biography and photo of themselves for inclusion in a slide show that will be on display in the Atrium at the Hutchinson Center during the Festival show. If you participated in the 2016 Festival of Art and submitted a **personal photo and bio** for inclusion in last year's Participating Artists slide show, you may opt to have us reuse the same photo and bio this year.

Sale of artwork: The Festival does not sell artwork, but artists have the option to price their work for purchase at the conclusion of the show. To facilitate purchase arrangements, artwork prices submitted at the time of registration will appear on the wall tag posted with each piece. Prices will also appear, along with participating artists' contact information, in a "List of Art Entries -- 2017 Festival of Art" that will be available at the Festival information table.

2017 Festival Special Events:

Opening Night Reception An opening reception will be held Thursday evening, June 1st, 6 -8 p.m. Participating artists are encouraged to attend the reception to meet one another, see the completed exhibit, and talk with visitors on the Festival's opening night. The Belfast Bay Fiddlers will provide music for this festive event. Festival volunteers will provide a delicious assortment of complementary finger foods. Wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Presentation by Our Featured Guest Artist Our featured artist for the 2017 Festival will be Maine native Marsha Donahue. Marsha owns North Light Gallery in Millinocket and is "well known for her clean, clear sure-handed watercolors of the Katahdin region and for her strong advocacy for its conservation." (DownEast Magazine, 2015). Marsha is a native of Waterville, grew up in Pittsfield, West Paris, and Auburn, and studied art at Portland School of Fine and Applied Art (now Maine College of Art) and American University. She worked in art galleries in Washington, D.C., and Portland before moving to Millinocket.

Marsha's guest artist presentation will be in the Hutchinson Center auditorium at **1 p.m. on Sunday, June 4th.** This event is free and open to the public and this year has been scheduled on the closing afternoon of the Festival show to make it convenient for the Festival's participating artists to attend!

The **15th Annual Festival of Art** is sponsored by Senior College at Belfast and held at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center. For more information, email: seniorcollegefestivalofart@gmail.com or call the Senior College office (207-338-8033) and leave a message for the Festival organizing committee.