

16th Annual Festival of Art Senior College at Belfast
June 7-10, 2018

INFORMATION SHEET FOR ARTISTS

Participation criteria: The Festival of Art 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. The Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed unsuitable.

Suitable work: Work must be 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, ME. 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: The entry fee is \$15.00. Please make **checks payable to *Senior College at Belfast*** and write “2018 Festival of Art” on the memo line. 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.

The entry fee helps cover the rental cost of the Festival venue. All Festival organizing and operating labor is donated; Senior College at Belfast covers outreach and publicity costs.

Registration Deadline: Registration forms must be submitted by March 31, 2018. Submission information is on the form. Electronic submissions are preferred. An registration acknowledgement 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, June 6th 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. Special drop-off or pick up arrangements, if needed, must be pre-arranged by contacting the registration coordinator.

Festival Exhibit Dates/Times: The Festival exhibit will be open to the public on Thursday evening, June 7th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (opening reception), Friday and

Saturday, June 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 10, noon to 3 p.m.

Artwork Pick-Up: All artwork must be picked up at the Hutchinson Center on **Sunday, June 10 between 3 and 4 p.m.** unless an alternative arrangement has been made, in advance.

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. Participating artists must sign a liability waiver when artwork is dropped off.

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 2017 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, if submitted at the time of registration, will appear on the wall tag identifying each piece of art. Prices will also appear, along with participating artists' contact information, in a "List of Art Entries -- 2018 Festival of Art" that will be available at the Festival information table.

2018 Festival Special Events:

Opening Night Reception An opening reception will be held Thursday evening, June 7th, 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.

Artists-Only Networking Session In place of the guest speaker event that the Festival has held in recent years, this year the Festival will host a special Artists-Only Networking Session on Sunday June 10th, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Artists participating in this year's show will have the opportunity to meet and share information, ideas and inspiration with fellow-artists during this time block. This opportunity for collegial sharing and learning has been scheduled for the closing afternoon of the show, just before artwork pick-up time, to facilitate your participation!

For more information about the 16th Annual Festival of Art sponsored by Senior College at Belfast please contact us at seniorcollegefestivalofart@gmail.com or call the **Senior College office (207-338-8033)** and leave a message for the Festival organizing committee. Please email any requests for special drop-off or pick-up arrangements.