



2026 Spring Fine Arts Show - West Virginia

17th annual show- this year March 7-28
At Hampshire County Public Library – Romney

Artist call for Entries

Schedule

Art work accepted
Saturday, March 7
10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Opening Reception
Saturday March 14th
4:00 to 6:30 pm

Exhibit Open
March 9-27

Art picked up
Saturday March, 28
10:30 am to 2 pm

Location
Romney Library
153 West Main Street
Romney, WV 26757

Awards

\$500 - First Place
\$250 - 2nd Place
\$150 - 3rd Place

5 Honorable Mentions -
\$50 each

People's Choice - \$50
Awards will be presented at
the Reception

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Eligibility

The 2026 SPRING Fine Arts Show is open to all U.S. artists age 18 and older. **NEW: All original work is eligible if it has not been submitted to an HCAC judged event in the past 3 years. Older than 3 years is OK if it did not win a prize.**

Entries in the following media will be accepted: painting, watercolor, drawing, mixed media, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, carving, textile, glass, wood, metal work, photography.

Two-dimensional work must not exceed 3ft in width & 3ft in height, and must be ready for exhibition and ready to hang by wire. We are not able to accept work that requires suspension from the ceiling. Textiles may be larger if they can be folded for display. Work to be hung must not be over 15 pounds. Three-dimensional work must not exceed 4 feet in any direction or weigh more than 100 pounds. Depending on size, they will be placed on tables or on the floor for display. All work must be labeled with the artist's name, title, short description, & price.

The HCAC screening/registration panel will serve as the final authority on eligibility. All art is expected to be displayed throughout the length of the Fine Arts Show. Work submitted should be considered for general viewing audiences of all ages.

Fee, Entry, & Pick-up Procedure:

HCAC members fee is \$20 and \$30 for non-members. The Fee allows up to three entries. All art work must be brought to the Hampshire County Public Library, Romney, WV. You do not need to pre-register. You can just come on March 7th with your work between the hours of 10:30 am and 2:30 pm. **The entry form will be available at the Library and online at HampshireArts.org website.**

Artists must pick up their work on Saturday March 28, between 10:30 am and 2 pm.

Insurance

Each artist is responsible for the insurance of their art. Neither HCAC nor the Library assumes any responsibility.

Sales

Sales are encouraged and all works are assumed to be available for purchase unless designated "Not For Sale" (NFS). The artist is responsible for ALL details of the sale including delivery of the work to the buyer after pickup on March 28th. (Note: items are to remain in the Show until March 28th.)

A 20% commission is to be paid to the HCAC by the artist for each sale by April 14, 2026. Commission checks should be mailed to HCAC, PO Box 624, Romney, WV 26757.

Our Judge

We are extremely pleased that Brent Nelson from Cumberland MD will be our 2026 Judge.

Brent Nelson was born in Cumberland, Maryland and grew up on his family's dairy farm in the Potomac Valley. He and his wife Kathy, now reside there, in their log cabin and art studio at the base of Dan's Mountain, where the outdoors inspires his present-day paintings.

After graduating from Goshen College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Nelson turned his attention to commercial art, illustration and graphic design. In 1980, he founded his own graphic design firm near Washington, DC. Nelson created and designed a wide range of print and visual media for government agencies, associations and corporations.

Now retired, Brent continues to enjoy both watercolor and oil painting in his cabin loft studio. He's also been selected to participate in a number of plein air events in the Mid-Atlantic region. Nelson is a watercolor media expert, instructor, photographer, author and has served as a juror for fine art competitions in the region. His recent chartered induction into the Whiskey Painters of America, has been a highlight of his career.

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