



Juried Art Exhibition Call for Entries

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Juried Art Exhibition at Coquitlam Public Library! Please read the description of the Exhibition below and submit an Application Form to apply.

The Juried Art Exhibition

Celebrate the arts with the Coquitlam Public Library's Juried Art Exhibition in honor of Culture Days celebrations across the country. Artists from the Tri-Cities area, including Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, and Belcarra, are invited to submit their best 2-Dimensional artworks in the mediums of paintings, drawings, photographs, collage, and prints. The Exhibit is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 16, as well as artists aged 16 and up. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Library's open area throughout the exhibit period (Oct 5 to Nov 15) during library hours, providing artists with a unique opportunity to showcase their talent and gain recognition within the local community.

Theme

The theme for this year is **Inclusivity and Sustainability**. Our exhibition explores how art can contribute to a more just and sustainable society through the themes of inclusivity and sustainability. By bringing together diverse artworks that embody these principles, the Juried Art Exhibition inspires dialogue and understanding of the important role that art can play in addressing pressing social and environmental issues.

Works submitted should reflect at least one of the above ideas from the selected theme to get selected.

Inclusion and Diversity Statement

We acknowledge that Coquitlam Public Library provides service on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish and Sto':lo Nations.

Coquitlam Public Library values the diversity that exists within our community. In order to provide a platform for voices that are often marginalized, we strongly encourage artists who identify as LGBTQ+ spectrum, non-binary artists, artists of color, Indigenous artists, and disabled artists to submit their artistic creations. We believe that by promoting the artistic expressions of these communities, we can help break down barriers and promote inclusivity and diversity. Join us in our efforts to celebrate and showcase the artistic talents of all members of our community.

Rules for Entries

- Two-dimensional works of art including paintings, drawings, photographs, collage, and prints. Paintings and drawings can be executed with, but are not limited to, oils, watercolours, tempera, acrylics, ink, and pencils.
- Entries must be original artwork created within the last four years (2019 – 2023)
- Up to two works of art may be submitted per artist
- All works submitted must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition
- Works must be dry, framed, and/or otherwise ready to be hang on a hook.
- Work dimensions must be within 24 x 30 inches or smaller due to space constraint and no more than 20 pounds in weight.
- Artists must sign a Photo Release Form allowing Coquitlam Public Library to take and use photos of them and/or their artwork.

Jurors

A panel of three jurors will review applications for inclusion in the Juried Art Exhibition. The three jurors are:

- Leah McGraw, Arts Education Coordinator, from the Art Gallery at Evergreen
- Natália Fonseca from the Coquitlam Public Library Community Advisory Group
- Michelle Sound, Indigenous CAF Advisor, Douglas College

Benefits for artists:

Selected artworks will have the opportunity to be showcased in the open area of the City Centre Branch of Coquitlam Public Library, allowing for public viewing and appreciation. This is a unique opportunity for artists to gain exposure and recognition within the Tri-Cities community. Additionally, the People's Choice Awards will allow visitors to vote for their favorite artwork to represent their community.

The artworks that receive the most votes will be displayed for an extended period of time after the exhibit as a token of appreciation and recognition.

Embrace the opportunity to showcase your talent and gain recognition as a talented artist.

Reception will be on Oct 28, 2023. More information will be released on the Library website.

Display Period and Exhibition Installation

The Juried Art Exhibition will be held at Coquitlam Public Library's City Centre branch, 1169 Pinetree Way. The exhibition will be open to the public from Thursday, October 5 until Wednesday, November 15. Works must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition.



Successful artists should bring their accepted works, including accompanying artist statements, to the Library for installation on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, Oct 3: 1:00 - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, Oct 4: 1:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Artists are expected to install their own works. Library staff will be on site to assist with installation. Panels, hooks, and all other equipment will be supplied by the Library.

Important Deadlines

Applications must be received in full by **August 9 at 9:00 pm** PDT to be considered for the Juried Art Exhibition.

Successful applicants will be notified by September 17, 2023.

Accepted works, including accompanying artist statements, must be installed and ready to display by Wednesday, Oct 4 at 8:00 p.m.

Works will be available for return pick-up after the conclusion of the exhibit starting Thursday, Nov 16 at 11:00 am. Library staff will coordinate pick-up times with artists.

Liability

While every precaution will be taken to protect the artwork, Coquitlam Public Library is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of any kind. Submitting artwork to this exhibition implies agreement with these conditions.

Acknowledgement

Coquitlam Public Library is grateful for the valuable support of our community partner, Art Gallery at Evergreen, throughout this project.