



2026 Ohio State Fair

Fine Arts Exhibition Catalog

Amateur Division

Patrick Affourtit

Solitude

affourtitdesigns.com, Instagram: @patrickaffourtit

Lenise Alexandra

Pink

Monarch

Instagram: @lenise_alexandra, Facebook: Lenise Alexandra

Sharon Andrews

Mother Gogunda - Juror's Choice Award

Light from the Threshold

Instagram: @sharonandrewsphotography

Clare Balombin

Five Green Balls

Vasanthi Balson

Whispers of the Sea

Kim Barnes

Kaleidoscope Dreams

I'm Every Woman

Lenny - Amateur Division Best of Show

Instagram: @Kimbarnesartscapes

Frank Begun

Arc of the Diver

Barbara Blanke

Pewter Pot and Oranges

S. Renee Bradford

Starburst

Instagram: @sharna.art_

Tracy Brown

The Song of Wonder

Beth Bubolz

Circles Emanating

John Butterfield

First Day of School

The Heart of the Home

Resilient and Strong - **Friends of the Cultural Arts Center Award**

Kristen Cady

The Koi

Kara Cannon

Shelia

William Richard Canter

Two to Tango

Carrie Cartwright

Greeting the Fall

Chenoa Clary

Ezio's Quiet Understanding

TikTok: gosuto17

Kelsie Clouser

More than Meets the Eye - **Friends of the Cultural Arts Center Award**

Tidal Bloom

Mary Comden

Country Living

The Stare

Mark Cottrell

73rd Ohio Infantry Reg at Rest

Haylie Crawford

Girls Night Out

Just Keep Swimming

Instagram: @hayliecrawfordart

Olivia Dowler

Blue Light

Abundance

Instagram: @artsbyod

Lee Evans

Arc Deco

The Mason's Quilt

Brianna Gore

Spades

Jim Graham

Sometimes Portage - Amateur Division Third Best of Show

Everywhere Hume

Anthony Herouvis

Seated Woman in a Green Jacket

Woman with Child

Instagram: @Artbyniko

David Higuera

The Lady Greychin

The Masterpiece

The Apprentice

artbydaveed.com, Instagram: @Art_by_daveed

Amanda Honeycutt

Dark Floral 1

Dark Floral 2

Instagram: @Andyhoneycuttphotography

Michael Hogan

USA 250 Miniature Gallery - **Ohio Arts Council Theme Award**

<https://qrly.org/pMgH2M>

Brian Husbands

Sentinel

Payton Hughes

Voluntary/ Involuntary Prisoners - **McConnell Arts Center Award**

Instagram: @arch_inthepm, TikTok: arch_inthepm

Jeff Jackson

The Lookout / Big Earl - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

jeffjacksonstudio.com, Facebook: Jeff Jackson Studio

Ben Jones-White

A Dream of John Ball (2025)

Herb Kaiser

Fox Face

Marcy Kanable

A Ribbiting Expression

Robert Kassan

Fast

Amy Koch

Soft Landing

Greg Krivicic

Vintage Turkey TV Dinner - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

Rock-Em Sock-Em Pop Art

Cat Woman Pop Art

Kathleen Kuhn

The Vault - **Columbus Glass Center Award**

Katie Kull

Chartreuse Harmony - **Amateur Division Second Best of Show**

Beach Day

Instagram: @katieloucreates

Jame LaFollette

Saturated Voids One

Saturated Voids Two

Saturated Voids Three

Instagram: @lafollette_art

Abigail LeBlanc

How Now - **Ohio Arts Council Special Purchase, Phoenix Rising Printmaking Award**

Chris Link

Space Haze

Instagram: @chrismlink

Avery Martens

Pride Parade

Jane Mead

Summer on the Canandaigua Pier

Troy McGough

The Tree

Gail Mezey

Kitchen Still Life

Mackenna Miller

(Ghost) Rider in the Sky

My Pistol, My Pony, and Me

Carol Mitchell

United in Self

Instagram: @attackongraphix

Judy Morse

The Formation of Gray Matter

Keira Ordonio

Mask

Fairy Garden

Queenie

Instagram: @Wisterkia.paints

Stephen Organ

Stormy Morning, Western Kansas

SteveOrganPhotography.com

Darrell Peters

Winter Breakfast

Anand Rane

Drying Out

Salmon Run

Flowing Fog at Dusk

Crooked Paths

Facebook: Anand Rane, Youtube: Anand Rane

Anna Reidelbach

Emmit Waiting

areidelbach.faso.com, Instagram: @annareidelbachart

Adin Sadic

A Heart Laid Bare

Transformation

Becoming

Robert Sako

Taking Flight

Avec Son Chapeau

Paul Sarver

Ohio Bound

Allison Sasso

Foliage 1

Acanthus

allisonsassoart.com, Instagram: @alliesassosews

Faith Schneider

The Shark - Juror's Choice Award

schneider1409778f.myportfolio.com, Instagram: @Faith_The_Ginger_Painter

Alison Schreiner

Study of an Eye

Lauren 2

Josslyn:9

Daniel Shiloh

We Stay in Place

Cailyn Skiles

Side by Side 2

Instagram: @cailynssketches

Allison Smith

Black Girl Magic

Ruth Staveley

Cultivating Light II

Cultivating Light III

Zach Stewart

Desert Duo - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

Linda Ulasiewicz

Forgotten

daydreamphotographyllc.com, Instagram: daydream_photography_lmu

Sarah Wrona

Full Moon

Jay's Eyes

Jake Young

I...

Abigail Zaleski

Tender is the Labor that Binds It

She Looked at the Branches Too

The Girl Behind the Woman

Get in Formation

www.abbienormal.com, Instagram: @abigailzaleskifineart

Professional Division

Rick Akers

Illuminous

Vitrail Village

Summer Inlet

White Cottage Mill

Solitude

Rooftop - Zanesville

*Appalachia - East Fultonham - **Art Eclectic Women Award***

Golden Aura

Judith Anderson

My Side Of Town

artbyanderson.com

W.E. Arnold

They Love Each Other...

Cold Rain & Snow

Down By The Docks Of The City

Huron Diptych

Raymond To Cream City Point

wearnold.com, Instagram: @wearnold

Jeanie Auseon

Contented Garden

jeanieauseon.com, Instagram: @jeanie_auseon

Deborah Baillieul

Jazz In 5/4 Time

Facebook: Deb Baillieul

Brian Ballenger

Closed System Transfer Device

Cherie Bauer

The Eloper

Sea Change

*Turning Point - **Friends of the Cultural Arts Center Award***

ckbauerstudio.com

Ginny Baughman

A Woman's Journey

Miss Liberty

ginnybaughman.com, Facebook: Ginny White Baughman

Jan Benham

Still Life With Apples

Rick Borg

Trashman

A Can Man

Instagram: @Rick.borg.58, Facebook: Rick Borg

Amy Brooks

Generations

Resting Among The Honeysuckles

Jennifer J. Brown

Crossing Over

twoartists.biz/jennifers-art, Instagram: @jenjolleybrown

Edward Buns

Springs Drive Symphony

These Dreams II

Instagram: @edbuns

Linda Clutter

Clean Slate

My Hat Is Better

Waiting

Wheel Of Wonder

Hey Bud

Not Forgotten

Liberty

Paper, Please

Ken Coon

Sign Of Life, Small

Vt Shrine, Small Vertical - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

Kaitlyn Cramer

Powder Room

Instagram: @kaitlyn.cramer.art, Facebook: Kaitlyn Cramer Art

Rebecca Cummings

Silent Witness

Spumoni Ice Cream Dream

Nora Daniel

Perishable

patreon.com/NoraDaniel, Instagram: @NoraVDaniel

Mary Dawson

Lotus Peony/ Meditation - Hazen-Taft Award

Iris In Paris

Lavendar Rose

dawsondesign.art

Edith Dinger Watkins

Creation Of The Horse

edithdingerwadkins.com, Instagram: @edithdingerwadkins

Katy Donahoe

Breakfast

In Her Own World

Optimistic

Instagram: katydonahoe_art

Neil Donovan

Rhythm And Rhyme

Anne Dorrian-Lenzotti

Midnight Gardens

Miro Left Foot

Susanne Dotson

Cerulean Lagoon

Bending the Rules

[Susannedotson.com](https://susannedotson.com), Instagram: Susannedotsonartist

Chinasa Duru

Line 8 Karl/ S High/ Parsons

Lisa Eastman

Beautiful Day

Tom Etter

Line Up

Swoosh

Deadwood

Light House

Clair Farris

Acadia On Mottled Film

White Sands Np On Mottled Film

clairfarris.com, Instagram: @Cla_cla

Jane Flewellen

Nice Variety

JaneFlewellen.com, Instagram: @janeflewellen

Michael Fornadley

Mary's Dream

A Date With Modersohn-Becker

The Ideologues

Elisha Frontz

The House Always Wins

elishafrontzart.com, Instagram: @elishafrontzart

Angela Gage

Reflections Of Routine

Nova

*Poseidon - **Connie Layne Excellence in Drawing Memorial Award***

Hats Off To Us

Still Sought

artbyangelagage.com, Instagram: @artbyangelagage

Suzanne Shea Gallagher

Offline

Character Study

Kellie Gedert

Pattern 1 - Sunrise

Michelle Geissbuhler

Meditations on Love and Loss 2

Donna J. Gleditsch

Traditional Irish Cottage

Monsterra

[Etsy.com/shop/GleditschStudios](https://etsy.com/shop/GleditschStudios), Facebook: Gleditsch Studios

Paul Graham

Lower Falls Of Yellowstone

Peony

Morning Dew, Worthington, Ohio

Tracy Greenwalt

The Dambuster

tracygreenwalt.com, Instagram: @tracygreenwaltart

Jonathan Grimm

Fall In The Woods

jsgrimm.com, Instagram: @j.s.grimmphotography

David Groff

The Cat Walk - Professional Division Third Best of Show

Skin And Bones

Once Upon A Time

Air Jodhpurs

Richard Martin Hahn

Technicolor Steam Plant

Driftwood & Clouds

Sidewalk Sonata

RichardHahnPhotography.com, Facebook: @RichardHahnPhoto

Pam Hartford

Long Day - Ohio Pastel Artists League Award

Koala In A Tree

Savannah Henderson

Reflecting In Alaska

Robyn-studios.com, Facebook: @robynstudios

Carol Herman

Methuselah

Mikelle Hickman-Romine

Common Lytrosis, Dark

mikelle.net, Instagram: @mikellehickmanromine

Georgia Hicks

National Park Collage

Patricia Howard

Reading Light

Pathowardart.com, Instagram: @patriciahoward248

Marilyn Hutchinson

Flutter

Jackie Jeromin

Feeding Frenzy

jackiejeromin.com, Instagram: @jackie.jeromin

Gina Judy

Nightview From Pgh Renaissance

Facebook: Gina Judy Fine Art, Instagram: @ginajudy

Andrea Kay

Catbird Symphony No.1

AndiKayArt.com, Instagram: @AndreaKayBirds

Kyle Knapp

In The Undergrowth

kyle-knapp.com, Instagram: @bummervacation

Deborah Kovacs-Sturdevant

Time Takes Its Toll

The Mermaid

Girl In Seashell Boat

Alice

deborahkcreations.com, Facebook: DeborahKCreations

David Lane

What's Next?

davidlane3d.com, Instagram: @davidlane3d

Chris Lang

Forest Floor Observations - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

Instagram: chrislang_fiberart

Trina Langsenkamp

Red, White And Blue II

Instagram: @small.local.artist

Debra Larabee

Deep Space

lifebylarabee.com

Tom Lasley

Time Flies

tomlasley.com, Instagram: @tomlasleyart

Karen Lavalley

Fiesta At Frida's

George Leach

Underwater Lilies V - **Juror's Choice Award**

Charlotte Lees

Wings

Linda Leviton

We Are All Leaders - **Ohio Arts Council Theme Award**

Cliff Lewis

Final Mooring

The Things I Sent Downstream

Ascent - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

The Air We Shared - **Columbus Glass Center Award**

Instagram: @cliffwood24

Bruce Ley

Dotting The I At The Shoe

Kayaking In Edgewater

Richard Lillash

The Artist's Studio, Columbus - Professional Division Best of Show

The Artist's Studio Interior

brandt-gallery.com/artists/richard-lillash, Instagram: @richardlillashpaintings

Rick Limes

Lily Pond

Becky Linhardt

Ice Dscn6093

Ice Dscn6452

Ice Dscn6213

Fanta-Seas Dscn8186

Dwaine Macdonald

Sun Dried

Coffee Shop

Route 66 - McConnell Arts Center Award

Truck 358

Ken Marshall

The Flock - Phoenix Rising Printmaking Award

Julie Martin

Floating Morning Glory

juliemartincreative.com, Instagram: @julie_martin_art

Chloe Mceldowney

Frankly

String Of Hearts

To Romaine - Professional Division Second Best of Show

Deflate

chloemceldowney.com, Instagram: @chloemceldowney

Rod McIntyre

Bird On A Limb

Welder Number 9

James Mellick

Michael Toussaint's Remco

Ron Aiello's Stormy M476

jamesmellick.com, Facebook: James Mellick, Artist

David Merrill

Rock Mill #3

dave-creates.com

Audrey Moody

Grace's Perfect Peppers

Susie's Paradise

Barbara Morejon

Paper Come To Life

Natalie Mouw

Fruit Dish

daybreaktextiles.com, Instagram: @nsmppottery, @daybreaktextiles

Craig Murdick

Glendora Avenue, Cincinnati - **Ohio Arts Council Award**

Timothy Murphy

Workers Unite

Instagram: tim_p_murphyart

Marc Nickles

Dollmaker - **Friends of the Cultural Arts Center Award**

Tara Nicodemus

In The Wake Of Grace

Still Human

nicodemusart.com, Instagram: @nicodemus_a_r_t

Jen O'Connell

Dancing Tree

Jensartshop.com, Facebook: Jensartshop

Christopher O'leary

Morning Light, Cuyahoga Forest

Wat Lao Temple, Bexley, Ohio - **Juror's Choice Award**

The Ledges Stone Staircase

Joseph Ott

Zuri

www.joeottart.com, @joeottart

Maria Palatsky

Perspective

mariapalatskyphotography.shootproof.com, Instagram: marypaige2018

Gail Paulus

Peace

Aaron Peters

Chuck

aaroncharlespeters.com, Instagram: @aaroncharlespeters

James Pilbeam

Aunt Edna's Triple Option

Facing Reality

Carried Grief

In Preparation

Bathroom Selfie

Helga Studies Hopper

Hero Worship

Shelly Pomponio

Elliston Place

Diner Downtime

Cafe Creekside - Ohio Arts Council Theme Award

Instagram: @shellypomponioart

Lynne Prillerman

My Protector

Jena Reif

Ready For The Rift

jenareif.com, Instagram: @jena_reif_art

K. Rossi

Hestia

krossiart.com, Instagram: @pangolin_finn

Franco Ruffini

Eternal Dance

Heavenly Qubba

Instagram: @FrancoGRuffini

Jeff Sagar

The Wave

Lone Tree

Cosmic Vortex

jeffsagarphotography.com, Instagram: @jcsphoto1014

Beth Schillig

Whispers In The Wind

Spontaneous Stitching, 4,5,6,8

Barbara, Alexander Schlagbaum

Paradise No. 1

Samantha Schneider

Wake Up, Alice!

samfineart.com, Instagram: @sam_the_painter

Richard Schnuerer

The Wave

Visitor From The Arctic

The Devil's Horns

Enemy In The Sky

richardschnuererphotography.com, Facebook: Rick Schnuerer

Aaron Sheldon

Free Bird/ Paid Parking - Ohio Arts Council Special Purchase

sheldonimagedesign.com, Instagram: @panchromatic_mechanic

Linda Shepard

Creekside Chaos

Nancy Simmons

Office Party

Leslie Sims

Pony Crossing - Ohio Arts Council Award

Lsims.artspan.com

Christine Smith

Raku Lidded Vessel

Circles

Instagram: @chris_smith_pottery

Jim Synders

Enjoying The Celebration

High Tide At Sunset

After the Rain 1

Celebrating 250 Yrs

Majestic Snow Day

Laurie Stevenson

Bright Lights

Fractured

Urban Orange

David Stichweh

Ripples With Diamond

Gull Bone Circle

Gwendolyn Surratt

The Ripple Effect

Gale Suver

Stratum

Spirit And Stone

galesuverart.com, Facebook: Gale Suver Art

Christopher Taulbee

Panoramic

Stop

Weight For Life - **Connie Layne Excellence in Drawing Memorial Award**

Divinity's Division

Reflection

TaulArts.com, Instagram: @taulartsstudio

AJ Trout

Burnham Boiler - Deconstructed

Zach Van Horn

Dissolve In Similar Manners
What Is An What Isn't

Gary Walker

Historic Roebling Bridge
Big Bird Little Feathers
Ohio Fall Colors

Rick Weber

Shaw's Market
New Straitsville Ohio
Instagram: @rickweberphotos

Ernst L. Wehausen

Plein Air Reflection

Heidi Weller

Moonrise

Paul Wilbur

Tree On Horizon
Tree On Horizon
Wilburs Steiglitz Winter In OH

Rodger Wilson

Ink On Paper #10

Kelsey Winand

Time Flies

Gina Wolfrum

Beneath The Evening Glow - Collage of Women Artists Award
Ginawolfrum.com, Instagram: Gina_Wolfrum_Art_Studio

Richard Wood

Seen Only By The Light
The Last Detective
Nothing Scheduled
Meditation In Light
Between Light And Stone

Julie Woodrow

Bear Jar (With Lid)

Power Trip

Time

Guardian

Pollinator

Turbulence

Juliewoodrow.art, Instagram: @Julie.Woodrow

Alisa Workman

Roberta Rose Likes Ice Cream...

She Thinks Color Is Everything

ahworkmanart.com, Instagram: @ahworkmanart

Robert Wright

Bikini - Ohio Arts Council Award

rwrightart.com, Instagram: @Rwrightartguy

Bryan Zima

Untitled

Larry Zink

The Glass Harp

Cat, Fish, Woman

Dance Into the Light

Plein Air Competition

Amy Adams
Nijole Tjader
Barbara Blanke - **Second Best of Show**
Rick Borgia
Edith Dinger Wadkins - **Best of Show**
Ronald Ford
Michele Hamsher
Pam Hartford - **Honorable Mention**
David Higuera - **Honorable Mention**
Julia Jones
Abigail Leblanc
Anna Markwardt
Donna Nesbitt
Kara Razek
Vivian Ripley
Faith Schneider
Angie Sieftring - **Honorable Mention**
Jericho Starzynski - **Third Best of Show**
Makaila Weir
Christopher Taulbee

Mural Competition

Krystan Ivey
Doreen Barrow
Marissa McShepard
Ayuka Shichinohe
Kristine, Nathan Gukich - **Third Best of Show**
Jeremy Newell
Jackie Jeromin
Faith Schneider
Linda Shepard - **Second Best of Show**
Alex Ferree - **Best of Show**

2026 Theme

This year's special theme to celebrate the United States of America's 250th birthday is ***Made Here: 250 Years of American Innovation in Art***. Special awards have been presented by the Ohio Arts Council to artists who drew inspiration from the techniques, philosophies, and experimental spirit that define American art, whether through direct reference or contemporary reinterpretation. Many of the artworks selected for awards prominently feature this theme in some way.

2026 by the Numbers

The Cox Fine Arts Center is celebrating its 104th fair! The Arts have been a part of the Fair since the very first one in 1850.

By the numbers, there were 1,345 pieces of artwork entered in the regular show this year

Our jurors selected 109 amateur works and 249 professional works to feature in the exhibit, for a total of 358 pieces

201 artists are featured in this year's exhibit and many of these artists entered the exhibition for the first time!

Work from 32 Ohio counties is represented in this show

41+ artist awards were selected

More than \$8,000 in exhibition awards will be distributed to Ohio artists this year

Art sales for the OSF FA exhibition average around \$15,000 per Fair. Last year, we recorded \$18,933 in art sales! I look forward to exceeding that this year. To date the 2026 exhibition has already reached \$11,600 in sales from Special Purchase Awards and our Past Patron Preview. All art patrons from our past Patron Preview Event are recognized beside the artwork they purchase and are invited to our yearly patron preview events for a chance to view and purchase exhibition artwork before the Fair opens. Many of the pieces in the exhibit are still for sale tonight through August 9th.

The number of Visitors through the exhibition varies from year to year, on average between 40-53 thousand fairgoers.

Thank you so much for your support for the arts! - Grace Collins, Director