



The Fort Wayne Artists Guild and University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts  
Present the 48th Annual  
Ventures in Creativity

Prospectus 2026 May 29th – June 25th

Ventures in Creativity, first shown in 1978, is an annual regional juried art exhibition sponsored by the Fort Wayne Artists Guild. Ventures features fine art of artists across Northeast Indiana and surrounding area. The Fort Wayne Artists Guild is committed to enhancing knowledge about the fine arts, as well as providing the opportunity for artistic growth. We are a member of Arts United and the Indiana Arts Commission.

**Eligibility:** Artists must be 18 years or older. Each entry must be an unassisted original work by the artist, not previously exhibited in the Ventures Show and completed within the last three years. Copies of other artist's work, published photographs, computer generated art, photography, installment art, or giclees are not acceptable. Artwork must not depict images of violence, sexual content, political themes, or the degradation of race, creed, or religion.

**Category:** Open to all framed or gallery wrapped work (minimum 1-½ inch depth with painted sides) no visible staples; relief sculpture and fiber art prepared to hang. No sawtooth hangers. Artists shall classify each entry on the Entry Form and Identification Label according to the following Categories:

**Category 1:** Open to oil or acrylic paintings on canvas, artist board, wood panel, or masonite.

**Category 2:** Open to water media, including watercolor, gouache or acrylic on paper, Yupo, or watercolor board.

**Category 3:** Open to dry media, works on paper, including pastel, charcoal, graphite, colored pencil, marker, ink, and printmaking,

**Category 4:** Open to 2D, 3D, mixed media, fabric, sculpture ie (wood, metal, plastic, or stone), ceramics and jewelry.

**Size Limitation:** Hanging art can be no larger than 42" in either direction, including frame. All 2-D work must be dry and ready to hang with wire attached. No saw tooth hangers. Dimensions of sculptures may not exceed 18" w x 18" d x 24" h. No artwork can weigh more than 50 pounds.

**Entry Fee:** \$40 FWAG members/\$45 non-members: entitles the artist to submit three entries. \$15 member/ \$20 non-member for one additional entry. Limit, four total. USF students - \$10 for one entry or \$20 for up to three entries. Checks payable to Fort Wayne Artists Guild. Entry fee is not refundable.

**Entry Procedure:** Complete entry form. Entry form with check must be mailed and postmarked by Monday, May 11. Send to: Annette Colgrove, 3002 Thompson Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46807. Entries postmarked after May 11 or on-site entry will be \$10 extra per artist.

**Delivery:** Deliver works, with labels attached to: Weatherhead Gallery - USF Rolland Art Center, University of Saint Francis, 1014 Leesburg Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808

\*\*\* There is road construction at the intersection of West Main Street and Leesburg Rd. (Road is closed) Make sure to come into the campus from Spring Street /Leesburg Rd. Stoplight (Northeast corner of campus)

Delivery dates are: Friday, May 15, 11 am -2 pm and Saturday, May 16, 11 am -2 pm.

**Notification of Acceptance:** Notification of accepted work will be by e-mail after 7 pm, Wednesday, May 20. Phone notification will be provided for artists without e-mail.

**Return of Entries:** Artwork not accepted may be picked up on Thursday, May 21, 5 - 8 pm and Friday, May 22, 10 am - 1 pm.

**Awards and Sales:** One entry shall receive a Best of Show award. All media are eligible for this award. First, Second and Third place awards shall be given for each Category. In addition to the Category awards, all work will be eligible for Memorial awards. Up to \$4,000.00 in cash awards. A 35% commission will be retained on the sales. Pieces sold in the show cannot be picked up until the show closes.

**People's Choice Award:** This year you have the opportunity to vote for your favorite art piece. The artist with the most votes will receive an award. Pick up your ballot at the front door as you enter. Come early so you have time to vote before the award ceremony begins at 6:00 pm.

**Reception/Awards: Thursday, May, 28th, 5-7 pm / Awards at 6:00 pm.**

**Pick Up:** Artwork is released and must be picked up Friday, June 26, 12:30 pm -2:30 pm and Saturday, June 27, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

**Questions:** Linda Flatley ([flatdash2@comcast.net](mailto:flatdash2@comcast.net)) or Susan Voigt ([voigt.susan@gmail.com](mailto:voigt.susan@gmail.com))

**Judge:** Mary Hertler Tallman website: [MaryHertlerTallmanArt.com](http://MaryHertlerTallmanArt.com)

**[www.fortwayneartistsguild.org](http://www.fortwayneartistsguild.org)**

## Calendar 2026

Postmark Deadline	Monday, May 11	
Drop off / On-Site Registration (Gallery)	Friday, May 15	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Saturday, May 16	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Notification	Wednesday, May 20	after 7 pm
Pick up unaccepted work (Gallery)	Thursday, May 21	5:00pm - 8:00pm
	Friday, May 22	10:00am - 1:00pm
Reception Awards	Thursday, May 28	5-7 pm 6 pm
Normal Gallery Hours	Monday-Friday	9 am-5 pm
Extended Hours	Thursday	9 am-7pm
Last Day of Show	Thursday, June 25	
Pick up Artwork (Gallery)	Friday, June 26	12:30 - 2:30 pm
	Saturday, June 27	11:00 am-1:00 pm

# Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Title** \_\_\_\_\_

Category: (As defined on page one. Check only one)

Category #1 \_\_ Category #2 \_\_ Category #3 \_\_ Category #4 \_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price/NFS \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Title** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Title** \_\_\_\_\_

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Members: \$40 Entry Fee (1-3 Entries, plus \$15 for 4th Entry) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members: \$45 Entry Fee (1-3 Entries, plus \$20 for 4th Entry) \_\_\_\_\_

USF Students: \$10 Single Entry Fee, plus \$10 for additional 1 or 2 Entries (Total \$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Late/On-Site Entry Fee: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Non-member** \_\_\_\_\_ **USF Student** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to Ft. Wayne Artists Guild and postmarked by Monday May 11, 2026.**

**Send to: Annette Colgrove, 3002 Thompson Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.**

**Agreement:** Your registration implies agreement and consent to all terms and conditions of the show. All accepted work must remain hanging through Thursday, June 25, 2026. A reasonable effort will be taken to protect the safety of the works, but neither the Fort Wayne Artists Guild nor the University of Saint Francis will be held responsible for loss or damage. Permission to reproduce works for publicity is granted.

Attach to back upper right corner of artwork

**IDENTIFICATION LABEL**

Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Not for Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

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