

The Marshall Regional Arts Council's Second Annual "Great East Texas Arts Competition"

Thank you for your interest in "The Great East Texas Arts Competition!"

Information and Criteria

- Artist must be a resident of the Marshall Regional Arts Council's tri-county region which includes Harrison, Marion, and Panola Counties.
- The entry fee for the competition is \$25. By entering the competition, you'll become a member of the Marshall Regional Arts Council at the "Friend" level.
- Each artist is allowed to submit only one art piece for the juried competition in any visual art medium (painting, watercolor, sculpture, photography, etc).
- All art must be original.
- Since the "Certificate of Merit" winners will be eligible, following the competition, to tour the tri-county region as part of "The Great East Texas Arts Road Show," there is a size and weight limitation for the art work. The art work cannot be larger than 36 x 48 inches and it cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Due to limitation on exhibition space in the Marshall Visual Art Center, the competition will be limited to 40 art pieces. So, those wishing to enter should plan on submitting their completed Competition Entry Forms and fee in a timely fashion.
- All works on paper or canvas must be framed and wired for hanging or ready for presentation in an exhibition. Works on paper should be framed under Plexiglas. With regard to canvas, gallery wraps are acceptable.
- Artists submitting an art piece must complete a Competition Entry Form and mail or hand deliver it with the \$25 entry fee to the Marshall Regional Arts Council office by Tuesday, May 30, 2005 (5:00pm). MRAC Address: Marshall Civic Center • 2501 East End Blvd. South • Marshall, Texas 75670 or P.O. Box C, Marshall, Texas 75671.
- Artists submitting an art piece must bring their work for display for the competition to the Marshall Visual Art Center (208 East Burluson, Marshall, Texas) between 1:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday, May 31, Thursday, June 1, or Friday, June 2, 2006.
- Artists submitting art pieces for the juried competition will be exhibited at the Marshall Visual Art Center from Tuesday, June 6 through Friday, June 16.
- The art pieces will be judged by a jury of three art judges on Thursday, June 8 at the Marshall Visual Art Center between 4:00pm-6:00pm. The judges will not be given the names of the artists whose artwork they are judging.

The six art pieces that receive the highest scores from the judges will be named the “Certificate of Merit” winners. The public will be allowed into the exhibition area at 6:00pm, following the judging. Winners will be announced at 6:45pm.

(NOTE: All entrants whose art pieces are not selected as “Certificate of Merit” winners must pick up their art piece from the Marshall Visual Art Center by Tuesday, June 20 at 5:00pm. Please call the Art Center if other arrangements need to be made (903) 938-9860.

- The six “Certificate of Merit” winners will then become eligible to be a part of “The Great East Texas Arts Road Show” which will tour the tri-county region (Harrison, Marion, and Panola) and be displayed at exhibits in businesses, galleries, schools, and other venues from Tuesday, June 20 through Tuesday, September 12 in connection with the MRAC 2006 membership drive.
- On the evening of Tuesday, September 12, at the “Just Desserts” Member Appreciation Gathering (which is the culminating event of the Marshall Regional Arts Council’s annual membership drive), the “Certificate of Merit” winners will be displayed at The Design Center (216 N. Washington in downtown Marshall). The artists of these works will be presented their “Certificates of Merit” that evening.

The winning raffle ticket for the 2006 Arts Council Membership Drive will be drawn at this “Just Desserts” gathering at 6:45pm. The person holding the winning ticket will then be given the opportunity to select the “Certificate of Merit” art piece which he or she would like to take home as his raffle prize.

- The artist whose art piece is selected by the raffle winner will then be given an award prize of \$1,500 from the Marshall Regional Arts Council. *

(* Patrons attending the “Just Desserts” gathering will have the opportunity to purchase the “Certificate of Merit” art pieces that are not selected by the raffle winner. It has been agreed upon by artists in this community that, should a “Certificate of Merit” art piece sell due to the publicity from “The Great East Texas Arts Competition and Road Show,” the artist will make a tax-deductible donation to the Arts Council of 20% of the cost of the art piece.)

For any additional information about the competition, please call the Arts Council office at (903) 935-4484 or Nancy Simpson at (903) 935-7620.