

2024 Kentucky National Wildlife Art Exhibit

Presented by Ohio Valley Art League and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

Reason & Purpose

Henderson, KY, home of John James Audubon, will once again host the 15th biennial Kentucky National Wildlife Art Exhibit. John James Audubon lived and painted in Henderson from 1810 to 1819, where he began his mission to paint every bird in North America. The exhibit's purpose is to raise awareness for wildlife preservation and to honor artists who draw inspiration and imagery from wildlife and the environment. It further encourages the collection of original works of art.

Calendar

July 1	OVAL begins accepting email images (see Rules for Entry)
July 31	Deadline for submission of emailed images. Entry form, fee, and SASE must be received by US mail no later than July 31
Aug. 15	Notification of Juror's decision to the artists
Aug. 23-24	Hand-delivered accepted artworks delivered to Preston Arts Center (PAC)
Aug. 26-30	Shipped artwork must arrive
Sept. 11	Juror judges for awards
Sept. 12	5:00 p.m. Central Time. Juror's Lecture at PAC
Oct. 5	Opening Reception 5:30 pm
Nov. 29	Exhibit closes
Dec. 2-3	Pick up hand-delivered artwork
Dec. 9	Shipped artwork returned

Eligibility & Media

The exhibition is open to residents 18 years of age and over in the United States. Artists may submit two entries depicting wild mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, and/or other aquatic life native to the United States, including hunting and fishing scenes. All two and three-dimensional media (no photography, digital media, or AI assistance) can be entered. Sculptures should not exceed 50 lbs. or six feet in any direction, with no assembly required. The maximum size of a painting is 60" x 60". Works on paper must be matted in neutral colors (whites, creams, light grays, or beiges) and framed with Plexiglas. Two-dimensional works must be framed with wire and screw eyes on the back for hanging. All works must be original, executed since January 2022, and not have been exhibited in any previous KNWA exhibit.

Rules for Entry

Artists 18 years of age or older may submit two (2) entries. The cost is \$40 for the first entry and \$20 for the second entry. Make checks payable to Ohio Valley Art League and mail them to Attn: Wildlife Exhibit, P.O. Box 1043, Henderson, KY 42419. Entries for the exhibit will be chosen by the juror based on digital images ONLY. The images must be 300 dpi, no more than 8" at the widest dimension, and in JPEG format. Each image must be labeled with the artist's last name and image number, corresponding with the entry form. For 3D artwork, two views are required for each entry. If submitting images via email, the file names must include the artist's last name and the image number corresponding to the application form's information (Example: Jones-Image 1). For 3D artwork, add A or B after the image number for view A or view B (Example: Smith - Image 1A). Email the images to ovalhenderson@gmail.com

Awards

In past years, cash awards totaling \$13,000 and more were presented. The juror will select merit awards. Artists will be contacted prior to purchase award for their approval. Purchase awards are selected by individuals and corporations.

Sales

The Preston Arts Center and OVAL will evenly split 30% of the commission through patron, corporation, and individual purchases.

Review of Digital Images

E-mailed images will be assumed to represent accurately the artwork entered. OVAL reserves the right to reject upon arrival any piece of unacceptable craftsmanship or quality artwork not discernable in the emailed images.

Promotion

Images of accepted artwork will be placed on OVAL's website.

Insurance

The Preston Arts Center will insure accepted works for the purchase price (or insured value of "NFS") while at the gallery, until the removal deadline. Insurance during the shipping to and from the exhibit is the responsibility of the artist.

Shipping or Delivery Instructions

Accepted artworks should be shipped to arrive after August 29 and prior to September 2 at the Preston Art Center, 2660 South Green River Rd, Henderson, KY 42420. Shipping fees to and from the PAC are the responsibility of the artist. Detailed instructions will be sent with the acceptance letter. Artists are strongly urged to use Airfloat Containers for shipping (www.airfloat.com or 1-800-445-2580). All shipped artworks MUST have prepaid return labels provided by the artist from the artist's shipping company. Artworks will be returned in the same packing and manner as received. Handling Fee is \$10 per container, \$15 for wood crates. Checks should be made payable to OVAL.

KY National Wildlife Art Exhibit Entry Form

Entry Form
(Please print Legibly or Type)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (C) _____
Email _____

*please list insurance value if not for sale

1. Title _____
Sales Price _____ Ind Value _____ Size _____
Medium _____ 3D Weight _____
Accepted ___ Declined ___ Eligible for Purchase Award ___

2. Title _____
Sales Price _____ Ind Value _____ Size _____
Medium _____ 3D Weight _____
Accepted ___ Declined ___ Eligible for Purchase Award ___

Agreement

By entering the 2024 Kentucky National Wildlife Art Exhibit, I understand and agree to all the conditions set forth in the entry form.

Signature _____ Date _____

Ohio Valley Art League
P.O. Box 1043
Henderson KY 42419

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JUROR: RENÉE BEMIS

Renee has served on the board of the Society of Animal Artists (SAA) for over 30 years, with the last ten years serving as the President. She is currently a fellow member of the American Artists Professional League and a distinguished member of the American Society of Marine Artists and Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club. Renee has been a professional artist for 38 years. In 1994 Renee won her first monumental public commission, "Returning on the Wings of Peace," a 16-foot sculpture depicting a Veteran with his child on his shoulders that was installed at the entrance of a veteran's hospital. In the ensuing years, Renee has created public monuments for universities, hospitals, libraries, and parks, with one of her latest pieces being a memorial to the 9/11 Emergency Responders where Renee had steel from the North Tower as part of her design. Renee's sculptures have been acquired by museums for their permanent collection and are found in private collections around the world. In 2012, Renee and her husband built and started a distillery in Baraboo, Wisconsin. She is currently the CEO of the company that distributes their hand-crafted spirits, specializing in Bourbon and Rye Whiskey, to over twenty-five states and three foreign countries.

Lecture

Thursday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m.
Stagg Room - Preston Arts Center

Renee Bemis will give a lecture and PowerPoint presentation about some of the accepted artworks of the 2024 Kentucky National Wildlife Art Exhibit. She will focus on defining qualities of some of the artworks and the reason why they were chosen. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will be curated by Tracy Sturgill, Executive Director of OVAL, and Stacey Howell, Director of Program Facilitation of Preston Arts.

Email Images to:

Tracy Sturgill, OVAL Executive Director
ovalhenderson@gmail.com
270-844-4697



Send Entry Form and Fee to:

Ohio Valley Art League
Attn: Wildlife Exhibit
P.O. Box 1043
Henderson, KY 42419

Check List

- Signed entry form & entry fee
- Self-address, stamped #10 envelope (must be a business #10) for notification of juror's decision
- Check made payable to Ohio Valley Art League (OVAL)
- Images in JPEG format emailed to ovalhenderson@gmail.com

OVAL and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources are pleased to present the 15th biennial Kentucky National Wildlife Art Exhibit. This exhibit is being funded in part by the Henderson Area Arts Alliance. OVAL would like to thank the Preston Arts Center, Henderson Community College, for the use of its facility. OVAL is funded in part by a grant from the Kentucky State Arts Council. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. It receives no general fund tax dollars.





15th Biennial Kentucky National Wildlife Art Exhibit Entry Form

Exhibit Dates: October 5, 2024 - November 29, 2024

(Please Print Legibly or Type)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Phone (H) _____ (C) _____
Email _____

***Please list insurance value if not for sale**

1. Title _____
Sales Price _____ Ins. Value _____ Size _____
Medium _____ 3D Weight _____
Accepted _____ Declined _____ Eligible for Purchase Award _____

2. Title _____
Sales Price _____ Ins. Value _____ Size _____
Medium _____ 3D Weight _____
Accepted _____ Declined _____ Eligible for Purchase Award _____

Please return entry form and fee to:

**Ohio Valley Art League
Attn: Wildlife Exhibit
P.O. Box 1043
Henderson, KY 42419**

1st Entry is \$40.00

2nd Entry is \$20.00

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Signature _____ Date _____

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Artwork Presentation and Shipping & Hand-Delivered Instructions

Presentation:

Artworks on paper **must be** matted in neutral mats (white, cream, light gray, or light beige colors) and framed in plexiglass, **except** for pastels on paper which can be framed under glass. Two-dimensional artworks must be framed with wire and screw eyes on the back for hanging. Saw-tooth hangers will not be accepted.

Hand Delivery: This form MUST accompany the artwork

Deliver artwork to Preston Arts Center, 2660 S. Green St., Henderson, KY. OVAL will not save any packaging materials for hand-delivered works.

Friday, August 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 24 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Shipping Instructions: The form MUST accompany the artwork

OVAL will begin accepting shipped artworks on **August 26** the deadline date for arrival of shipped artworks is **August 30**.

All shipped artwork must have prepaid return labels provided by the artists from the artist's shipping company. The artworks will be returned in the same packing and manner as received. OVAL handling fee is \$10 per container or \$15 for wood crates, which should be mailed separately at the same time period.

Checks should be payable to OVAL. Mail to P.O. Box 1043, Henderson, KY 42419

Artists are strongly urged to use Airfloat Containers for shipping at www.airfloat.com or 1-800-445-2580

Artworks should be shipped to:

**Preston Arts Center
Attn: Wildlife Exhibit
2660 South Green Street
Henderson, KY 42419**

Must include this form with artwork. Do not cut the instructions from info below.

Artist Name _____ Title _____
Address _____ City,
State, Zip _____ Phone
_____ List the
following: 2-D or 3-D artwork size of container Width _____ Height _____
Depth _____ Weight _____ Name of shipping provider: UPS _____ FedEx _____
Other _____ **Mark if hand-delivered and pick-up** _____

*This form must be brought with hand-delivered artwork.