

**Prospectus & Call for Entries**  
**Spring Celebration of River Valley Artists, May 24 - June 16, 2024 at Verdigris Gallery**

**INFORMATION:**

Entries will be juried by Verdigris Gallery (MK Wynn & EA Kirslis).

Up to 4 works may be submitted.

Theme is Open.

There is no Submission fee.

Participation fee of \$20 for accepted artists.

Commission of 40% on sales will go to Verdigris Gallery.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This show features River Valley Artists living &/or making art in Essex, Chester, or Deep River, CT (some exceptions are made for artists living very nearby these towns; if unsure if you qualify, please contact Claudia Van Nes at (860) 304-4954 to clarify your status).

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Submissions Due      Sunday April 21.

Decisions emailed    Sunday May 4, announced via email.

Art Drop-off            Weds & Thurs May 22 & 23, 12pm-5pm, 1 North Main Street, Essex Village

Opening Reception    Friday May 24, 4-7pm (note, this is Memorial Day Weekend)

Last day of Show      Sunday June 16 (note, this is Father's Day)

Art pick-up             Sunday June 16 (4-6pm preferred, but we will be there from noon on)

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Works must be original works of art: painting, printmaking, photography, collage, assemblage, or sculpture. Digital art is acceptable IF created by a human, not if generated by AI technology. Works must be either one-of-a-kind works of art OR from limited & numbered editions. Copies of original art (e.g., a giclee reproduction of a painting) will not be accepted. Our intent here is to include original artworks that are one-of-a-kind, as well as original artwork that inherently affords multiple, identical copies (some examples being fine art photography, woodcut relief prints or etchings, and artworks created digitally), while excluding reproductions that take a different form from the original work (e.g., a giclee copy of a painting). If you're not sure whether your art qualifies, email us at [info@verdigrisgallery.com](mailto:info@verdigrisgallery.com) and we will discuss your situation.

2. Other than the exceptions below, all works must be ready to hang with wire, or a rigid bar support for hanging over a picture hook (no sawtooth hangers or clip frames, etc. Contact us at [info@verdigrisgallery.com](mailto:info@verdigrisgallery.com) if you have questions as to suitability of your hanging hardware or need assistance (we can assist a small number of artists with framing for the show; beyond the show, generally speaking we can assist artists with framing needs at reasonable costs).

EXCEPTIONS: (i) sculpture for pedestal or floor display; (ii) unframed works on paper (see below).

3. Unframed Works on Paper - we hang these using a magnet system. Accepted works should be delivered in UNSEALED Krystal clear sleeves (or equivalent) with foam- or matboard backing (no mat) to protect the artwork from bending.

4. Accepted works must be hand delivered with a label affixed firmly to the back of the work (or the clear sleeve for unframed works on paper), stating (i) your name, (ii) artwork title, (iii) medium, (iv) year, and (v) price.

5. Exterior length x width of wall-hung work should not exceed 1000 square inches (si) INCLUDING the frame, if framed. If you have any questions, email us at [info@verdigrisgallery.com](mailto:info@verdigrisgallery.com). Examples:
  - An 8x10 painting in a frame that measures 10"x13" exterior dimensions counts as 130si.
  - An unframed 16x20 watercolor painting on a 22x30 sheet of paper is 660si.
  - Approaching the size limit: 26x38 outer dimensions is 988si, 31.5x31.5 is 992 si.
6. Depth of wall-hung artworks, including sculpture intended for hanging, not to exceed 3.5".
7. Weight of wall-hung artworks, including sculpture intended for hanging, not to exceed 15lb.
8. Weight of sculpture intended for pedestal or floor display not to exceed 50lb.
9. All works should be for sale.

If you're unsure whether your art meets these requirements, or if they do not address your artwork (e.g., your art is intended to be hung from the ceiling, for example), email us and we'll discuss your situation. Our aim is to consider all forms of original art that we are able to accommodate.

Verdigris Gallery reserves the right to refuse any accepted piece that, upon delivery & inspection, we judge does not meet our requirements, does not present professionally, and/or does not match the entry photograph or/or information details provided by the artist in the submission entry.

## HOW TO ENTER:

Send an email to [info@verdigrisgallery.com](mailto:info@verdigrisgallery.com) with Subject Header "RVA Entry". Email should include:

### **1. An Entry Form**

This form, available on our [Call For Entries page](#), should be completed and saved as an MS Word file named "Lastname Firstname Entry Form"; **OR** you may type all the requested information directly into your email as text. This form asks for your contact information, a brief statement, and details about each of the artworks you are submitting for consideration. For the artwork details:

- (i) Exterior dimensions: We will use this information to map out our hanging plan, so it needs to be accurate! The Exterior dimensions of a framed artwork INCLUDE the frame - please get a ruler and measure the outside of the frame (not the "size" it is sold as, which typically refers not to a frame's own dimensions, but those of the artwork it holds).
- (ii) The "2D Artwork Image size" is the size of the painting/print/photograph/etc. itself, EXCLUDING paper margins and any frame. If the work is sculpture, leave this blank.

### **2. Your Image Files (attached to the email, not inserted into email body as this may reduce their size):**

One per artwork, cropped to show just the artwork (no frame or paper margins). Requirements:

- (i) Images should be JPEG format and be Mac and PC compatible.
- (ii) Image size should be up to 2000 pixels on longest side, and with 300dpi resolution.
- (iii) Image file names should be in the form: LastName FirstName\_Entry Number\_Artwork

Title\_Medium\_Exterior HeightxWidth\_Price. Examples:

Laube Rachel\_1\_Afternoon Picnic\_Oil on Linen\_14x18\_600

Prasada Jay\_2\_Sailboat In Mist\_Watercolor on 300lbColdPress\_26x26\_400

Questions? Contact us at [info@verdigrisgallery.com](mailto:info@verdigrisgallery.com)