

American Women Artists  
National Juried Competition  
October 9 - November 8, 2009

**Hosted by: South Street Art Gallery, Easton, Maryland.**

South Street Art Gallery, located in Easton, Maryland, is "the 8th Best Small Town in America". It is an arts and cultural center with a population of over 14,000 individuals who love living in a small town that offers the best of many worlds: access to large metropolitan areas like Baltimore, Annapolis, Washington, and Wilmington; good health care from a strong local hospital and medical community; casual and gourmet dining; shopping for all budgets from collectibles to fine antiques; eclectic art galleries; numerous public golf courses; the splendid Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in their backyard for sailing, canoeing, kayaking, and crabbing; an historic Town Center with Colonial and Victorian architecture; and an active local community that welcomes new ideas and enthusiasm." (from Bishop's House Bed & Breakfast at Easton, Maryland Visitor's Information). The Gallery will host an Awards Brunch for artists only at 9am and Artists Reception for the public from 5-8pm on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

**INTENT**

It is our intention to choose the very best art in terms of composition, technique and overall excellence regardless of style or medium. Selected work will include a very broad range from contemporary abstraction to impressionism to extremely tight realism. There is not a quota on specific mediums such as oil, watercolor, pastel or sculptural materials. Our only goal is excellence, no matter how it is expressed. Whimsical work may be included as well as extremely serious statement. Each work is judged solely on its own merit without regard to the artist's name. We feel that the final show will be elegant, very well rounded and include a wide range of artistic expression.

**AWARDS**

The total awards will be approximately \$10,000 in cash and prizes, with a \$1,000 Best of Show award. Award packages are designed to encourage and inspire women in the arts.

**JURORS**

Show Jurors who will select this year's Competition Finalists include South Street Art Gallery Co-Owner Nancy Tankersley, and AWA Master Signature Members Cary Ennis, and more to be announced. Awarding Jurors include all Master Signature Members in attendance at the show.

Awards will be announced Saturday, October 10, 2009 at an Awards Brunch from 9-10am at the Gallery. All invited artists are invited to attend.

**SUBMISSION**

Only on-line entries through Juried Art Services will be accepted for this show. Please submit all entries to [www.juriedartservices.com](http://www.juriedartservices.com). No slides or images on CD will be accepted, on-line submission only.

**MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY**

Open to women at least 20 years of age, who are working in the fine arts and living in the United States, Canada or Mexico. Applicants need not be a member of American Women Artists to submit work; current Supporting Members of American Women Artists receive a reduced entry fee.

**DEADLINE**

Final acceptance of all submissions is August 15, 2009.

**TYPE AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

All subjects and styles are eligible including traditional, contemporary and abstract. Each artist may submit no fewer than two or more than five entries.

## MEDIA

The competition includes sculpture, painting (oil, acrylic, water media, pastel and egg tempera) and mixed media. No craft, photography, computer generated, prints or fabric art, please. All works must be executed within the last two years and must not have been accepted for a previous AWA show.

## EXHIBITION

Up to 50 artists will be selected as competition finalists and be invited to exhibit work selected from their entries at South Street Art Gallery in Easton, Maryland, October 2009. The show of National Juried Competition finalists will also be posted on our website [www.americanwomenartists.org](http://www.americanwomenartists.org) and the gallery website [www.southstreetartgallery.com](http://www.southstreetartgallery.com).

## ENTRY GUIDELINES

Two views may be submitted for each piece of sculpture.

No fewer than two or more than five entries will be accepted.

Two-dimensional works:

Longest dimension shall not exceed 30" and shortest dimension shall not exceed 24", excluding frame.

Three-dimensional works:

Combined dimensions, height, length and width, when all added together, shall not exceed 40 inches.

For example: 14½"L x 5"H X 8 ¾"W = 28¼" combined dimension.

Artists retain copyright of their works, however if accepted into the show images become part of the AWA archives and may be used in publicity for this and future shows.

## FEES

**All entry and jury fees are non-refundable; overpayment of any fee will be considered a donation and will not be refunded.**

### Jurying Fees:

A Jurying Fee of \$20/applicant artist is assessed for all regardless of membership status.

### Entry Fees:

Two entries (required minimum) are free for Supporting Members; \$35 for non members.

Three entries are free for Supporting Members; \$40 for non members

Four entries are free for Supporting Members; \$45 for non members

Five entries are free for Supporting Members; \$50 for non members.

### For example:

Non-member enters four entries:	\$45 entry fees
Jury Fee	<u>\$20</u>
Total fees	\$65

Supporting Member enters four entries	\$ 0 entry fees
Jury Fee	<u>\$20</u>
Total fees	\$20

Electronic payment may be made via PayPal for jury fees, entry fees and membership.

If you are a current AWA Supporting Member, having paid your membership fees between October 1, 2008 and May 15, 2009, your membership and submission will be verified. If you are not current and represent yourself as current your entry will be rejected and any fees paid retained.

## JURY STATUS

All jury status notifications will be emailed on September 7, 2009. A list of accepted artists and their works will be posted at [www.americanwomenartists.org](http://www.americanwomenartists.org) not later than September 15, 2009.

## LIABILITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, SALES

Submission of work for this exhibit will be construed as acceptance of all conditions.

AWA and South Street Art Gallery reserve the right to return work that does not meet exhibition standards!

Every reasonable care will be taken with an original artwork. The artwork will be insured while in the Gallery. No individual or entity connected with the exhibition will be responsible for loss or damage however caused.

All works submitted for the competition must be for sale.

## Accepted Works:

The decision of the jurors is final.

All accepted two-dimensional work must be framed (gallery wrap acceptable) and wired for hanging.

Accepted three-dimensional work must be ready to place with any stands and title plates securely fastened.

## Shipping:

All shipping charges to and from the gallery are the responsibility of the artist.

We recommend insuring your work during shipping.

We highly recommend that all two-dimensional works be shipped in an air-pack box. Sculpture should be shipped in a foam-in-place box, unless it is a miniature, and then it shall be shipped in a bubble bag inside a box with bubble. **NO PEANUTS, PLEASE, IN ANY PACKAGES!** An additional packing/unpacking charge of \$75 will be assessed if packages are excessively difficult to unpack or repack.

All works must have appropriate identification including title, size, artist name, price and medium on the piece.

All boxes must have this information placed inside the box.

All works must be delivered to the Gallery:

***South Street Art Gallery, 5 South Street, Easton, MD 21601***

***Phone: 410-770-8350***

All work must arrive **between Monday, September 28 and Friday, October 2, 2009.**

Hand delivered work must be delivered during Gallery Hours: Thursday – Monday from 10am - 5pm.

A "Return Shipping Instructions" form will be supplied by AWA to all finalists and must be included in the package with the work.

A completed or prepaid FedEx or UPS shipping label for the return of the work must be included with the artwork. If you are using FedEx ground, you must contact FedEx to schedule a pickup of the work via a call tag. If you have an account with either FedEx or UPS and intend to send the package via this account, you must complete the FedEx or UPS form and include the account number and all other information.

No checks or CODs will be accepted for artwork return.

## Hanging:

All accepted work will be hung and placed at the Gallery's discretion.

Exhibited work cannot be removed from the Gallery before the close of the exhibition.

## Commission:

**Two Dimensional and non-bronze three-dimensional artists will receive 45% of the selling price.**

10% will go to AWA and 45% will go to the selling Gallery.

**Bronze sculptors will receive 60% of the selling price.**

10% will go to AWA and 30% will go to the selling Gallery.

Payment for work sold will be made directly to the artist from the Gallery.

## CALENDAR

- August 15, 2009      Deadline for on-line submissions. NO MAILED SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- September 7, 2009      Notifications via email.
- September 15, 2009      All works and artist's names will be posted on AWA website.
- Sept 28-Oct 2, 2009      All artworks delivered to South Street Gallery. If hand-delivered they will be delivered during Gallery Hours: Thursday - Monday 10-5
- October 10, 2009      Awards Brunch, 9am  
Artists Reception, 6-8pm
- Oct 9 – Nov 8, 2009      Show hangs.
- Nov 9-10, 2009      Work may be picked up; unsold work shipped.
- December 15, 2009      Deadline for all artists to be paid for sold work.