



Visual Art Center

Call for Exhibition Proposals M.G. Nelson Family Gallery

The Springfield Art Association requests exhibition proposals for the M. G. Nelson Family Gallery annual exhibition calendar.

The Springfield Art Association is one of the oldest visual arts organization in Central Illinois. Founded in 1913 to promote the visual arts, we now operate the M. G. Nelson Family Gallery, the Michael Victor II Art Library; the School of Art and its art appreciation program, *Art Outreach*; and historic Edwards Place, the oldest house in Springfield.

Our Exhibition space is approximately 1368 square feet with 150 feet of linear wall space that is 14' tall. Four movable walls 4' x 8' and a variety of pedestals are also available.

We are requesting proposals from individual artists and groups in all media; however, we have limited resources for exhibition of video and computer-based works. Each exhibition will span approximately four weeks. All proposals will be juried and exhibitions will be awarded on merit of work. Individual artists may be paired with other artists for optimal gallery utilization.

The SAA provides: hanging and lighting services, all hanging hardware, text panels, labels and signage in the gallery; layout and design of postcards with artist's input, postcard printing, mailing to our membership list and mailing of up to 50 cards for each artist; all PR to local press, and an opening reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres. SAA insurance covers the work while it is in our possession. We take a 30% commission on all gallery sales.

Visiting artist workshops and /or residencies, in conjunction with exhibitions, are an option.

The artists are responsible for: shipping/delivery and collection of the work to and from the gallery and insurance during transit. All 2D work must be framed or mounted so that it is ready to hang.

Proposals should include:

- Full contact information including mailing address, telephone and e-mail address for each artist.
- A resume and artist statement from each artist
- 10-20 images of each artist's work with written descriptions including media and sizes
- Link to website when applicable
- For group proposals, please include a statement or outline of the exhibition theme or what brings you together as a group.

Proposals will be accepted through **August 31st**. Artists will be notified of acceptance and potential exhibition dates by **October 15th**.