



Valley Art Association

April 1, 2015

Dear Prospective HWC 35th Anniversary Poster Artist,

Hospice of Washington County, Inc. (HWC), in partnership with and support from The Washington County Arts Council (WCAC) and The Valley Art Association, is pleased to invite visual artists, including local artists of Western Maryland and the surrounding area, to answer a “Call to Artists” for the opportunity to create a poster to be used in celebrating Hospice of Washington County’s 35 years of service to the community. All submissions are subject to the guidelines set forth herein, and the “Call to Artists” is open to submission by any and all interested artists.

The theme for this contest is, “Transformation,” (a change in form, appearance, nature or character). Interested artists are encouraged to visit Hospice of Washington County’s website at www.hospiceofwc.org. HWC’s 35th Anniversary Celebration will include many events throughout 2015. One selected original work of art will be commissioned by HWC, and will be used to create posters and promotional materials.

Interested artists are encouraged to submit up to two (2) entries. Submissions for this call are limited to two dimensional work, including painting, collage, works on paper and mixed media images. No photography please unless such images are included in a mixed media piece. The maximum dimension on any side is 36 inches. Images must be submitted in a jpeg format and files should be labeled: “Last Name, First Name, and Title of Work.” All submissions will be received by the WCAC on behalf of HWC. The submissions will be juried by members of HWC’s 35th Anniversary Committee.

Please email images of the works to be considered and Entry Form to: gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com. Include full name, mailing address, telephone and email address. Alternatively, artists may submit digital images by sending a CD, marked with the artist’s name, and a completed entry form to:

Washington County Arts Council, Inc.
34 S. Potomac Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Artists who would like to have the CDs returned should include a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

All digital entries must be submitted to WCAC no later than noon on September 1, 2015. WCAC will create a database with the identifying information of each artist, the title of the piece, and an

assigned number. To ensure fair and impartial judging, WCAC will provide HWC judges with a CD depicting each piece of artwork, identified by number only.

The judges will select up to 30 submissions for exhibition at the Valley Art Association's Mansion House Art Center in City Park from September 25 through October 18, 2015. From these, ten (10) pieces will be selected as finalists and exhibited at HWC's 35th Anniversary Reception to be held at Fountain Head Country Club on Sunday, October 18, 2015. The selected finalists must be "ready to hang" (framed or wrapped canvas). The artists whose submissions are chosen for exhibition will be notified by phone and email by October 1, 2015. The winner will be announced at HWC's 35th Anniversary Reception and will receive \$350. The selected artwork becomes the property of HWC.

Please make note of the following detailed guidelines which apply to all submissions:

1. The artwork must be original, and not clearly identifiable as imitative of any existing art or artist. By submitting artwork, the artist thereby agrees to hold HWC, the Valley Art Association and the Washington County Arts Council harmless, and indemnify the same for any loss, damages or claims arising as a result of the style, content, subject or theme of said artwork.
2. Keep in mind when creating your original work that the selected art will be manipulated by a graphic designer.
3. The artwork should not represent, without express written permission from the subject or from his/her authorized legal representatives, a real identifiable personage, living or dead. By submitting artwork, the artist thereby agrees to hold HWC, the Valley Art Association and the WCAC harmless, and indemnify the same for any loss, damages or claims arising as a result of the style, content, subject or theme of your artwork.
4. It is recommended that the artist visit www.hospiceofwc.org to gain a better understanding of the organization's mission.
5. Promotional efforts including a press release, posting on HWC's website and FACEBOOK as well as print media will be used to highlight the pieces selected for exhibition at the 35th Anniversary Reception, with special emphasis on the winning submission.
6. Artwork selected for exhibition at the Mansion House should be delivered to the Mansion House between 4 and 7 pm on Wednesday, 9/23/15 or between noon and 5:00 pm on Thursday, 9/24/15. Pieces selected as finalists should be picked up at the Mansion House on Friday October 16th or Saturday October 17th between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM and delivered to Fountain Head Country Club on Saturday, October 17 between 12:00 - 4 pm. Prior to the event, artwork will be securely stored in a locked room on the premise.
7. At both exhibitions, artists may list pieces as "available for sale following the contest." A log will be kept of those interested in purchasing exhibited pieces. Once the winner is announced, interested buyers will be contacted directly by the artist. (There will be no commission.)
8. All works not exhibited at Fountain Head should be picked up from the Mansion House by 5:00 pm, Sunday, October 18th. Works exhibited at the 35th Anniversary Reception should be picked up at Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD on Monday, October 19 from 9 am- 4 pm, or by special arrangements.
9. The selected artist will receive 25 prints for his or her own use.
10. The selected artist will be compensated \$350 by Hospice of Washington County for the artwork and all reproduction rights. The selected artwork becomes the property of Hospice of Washington County.

We are very pleased to offer this opportunity to the artists of our surrounding area and we look forward to reviewing your work.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact WCAC Gallery Manager, Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or email gallerymanager@washingtontyarts.com. Please note that the Washington County Arts Council Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Very truly yours,

Bernadette Wagner
Community Outreach Coordinator
Hospice of Washington County

Mary Anne Burke
Executive Director
Washington County Arts Council

Sue Park
Board Member
Valley Art Assoc.

Hospice of Washington County, Inc.
35th Anniversary Poster Artist
ENTRY FORM

Submit completed form to:
Washington County Arts Council, 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740
by NOON, September 1, 2015

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Mobile: (_____) _____

Email _____@_____ Website: http://www._____

	<i>Title of art work</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Price</i>
Entry 1				
Entry 2				

Email is the preferred method to receive your information. However, if sending via mail, be sure to include a CD (No DVD's please) with digital images, a digital copy of your most recent resume and/or artist bio, and a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope if you would like your CD returned.