

September 23, 2022

RE: 11th Annual Davis County Fine Art Exhibit

Dear Artist:

We are excited to welcome back the Davis County Fine Art Exhibit. The exhibit is coming up on October 16. That's just under a month from now and we hope you are planning on joining us this year and submitting some of your artworks. We often find visitors to the Administration Building and Headquarters Library lingering to view the artwork. We hope you will take this opportunity to exhibit your work, promote appreciation of the arts and expose younger residents (and some older ones) to the world of art.

The 2023 Davis County Fine Art Exhibit/Competition begins on October 16, 2023 and runs through April 24, 2024.

This year we have something a little different inspiring our theme. The Davis County Library, a partner in the Fine Arts Exhibit, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant for a community Big Reads event. The book that has been chosen to read as a community is *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. To celebrate this, we are hoping that participants will base their entry/entries on something that inspires them from this book. (If you already have a piece of artwork that you were planning on submitting that doesn't fit the theme, please still submit!) The book will be available from the Davis County Library beginning September 1. Copies are available to check out on your card or for those that might not have a library card, you can pick up a copy at any library location to enjoy.

Here is a brief synopsis of the book: *In an Edenic future, a girl and her father live close to the land in the shadow of a lone mountain. They possess a few remnants of civilization: some books, a pane of glass, a set of flint and steel, a comb. The father teaches the girl how to fish and hunt, the secrets of the seasons and the stars. He is preparing her for an adulthood in harmony with nature, for they are the last of humankind. But when the girl finds herself alone in an unknown landscape, it is a bear that will lead her back home through a vast wilderness that offers the greatest lessons of all, if she can only learn to listen.*



This will be a juried entry and it is possible not all entries will be accepted.

This exhibit will include submissions of original paintings, sculptures and other mediums as accommodations within the building allow. There will be **CASH PRIZES** for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. **Submittals will be accepted from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm October 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th** in room 304, the Community & Economic Development Department, in the Davis County Administration Building at 61 South Main, Farmington, Utah.

If you have any questions regarding the theme or the book, please contact Kim Valeika (801-451-3045). Any other questions can be directed to Megan Christensen (801-451-3286)

NO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER October 19th unless prior arrangements have been made.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ARTISTS:

1. *There will be a \$15.00 non-refundable entry fee for each artwork submitted.*
2. *Each artist may submit up to **two** artworks. Due to space limitations, entrants may only submit **two** artworks for 2023.*
3. *Artists can be from anywhere and need not be from Davis County.*
4. *Submitted artworks will be juried on October 23rd and results will be emailed.*
5. *Artworks not accepted may be picked up October 24th through the 26th.*
6. *Accepted artworks **will be on display October 25, 2023 through April 24, 2024.***
7. *Prize money will go to First, Second and Third Place winners.*
8. *Two dimensional fine artworks must have a minimum of 2” gallery wrap or be framed. All two dimensional works must be ready to hang with wire hanging system or “D” rings (please do not submit work with saw tooth or other hanging systems.) “D” rings with no wire are preferred.*
9. *Three dimensional pieces will need to be able to stand securely on the floor or a pedestal and not be too fragile for display in public areas.*
10. *There are no date-created limits, but no artworks previously submitted will be accepted.*
11. *There will be limits on our ability to hang very large pieces. You are encouraged to keep two dimensional pieces 6’w x 6’h maximum. (Exceptions may be made by prior approval of the Art Committee.)*
12. *Artists are encouraged to submit pieces that will be available for purchase, but not-for-sale pieces will be accepted.*
13. *You will be asked to specify a minimum price you would accept for a purchase on the loan form or, if not-for-sale, then a value for insurance purposes.*

We sincerely appreciate all those that will be participating in this great event. We have set a standard as one of the premier art events in Utah and we need your help to keep it that way. This event will increase awareness of the importance of art and of you, as an artist, in our community.

See you soon.

Megan Christensen
Chair, Davis County Art Advisory Committee