

Boone County Art Fair Exhibition Guidelines

Location and date: The Art Fair will take place at the Funderburg House, 605 N. State Street, Belvidere, Illinois, on June 8, 2025, from 11 AM to 3 PM, with a rain date set for June 22.

Hosts: The Boone County Historical Society, the Boone County Arts Council, and the Belvidere Township Park District will host the event.

Eligibility: General exhibition space is open to individuals who are at least 18 years of age who fill out an application and submit 3 photos depicting examples of their artwork. There will also be a separate exhibit area for artists under 18 years of age.

Exhibition space: A 10' X 10" exhibit space will be provided to each artist. Please note that artists will need to furnish their own tables and chairs. All other tools and materials or tents needed must also be supplied by the artist. Electricity is not available, and no generators are allowed on the property.

Setup and breakdown: Each artist must set up, break down and manage his or her exhibit. Setup will be allowed beginning at 7AM the morning of June 8; breakdown will begin at 3PM and be complete by 4:30PM. All artwork will remain on exhibit and cannot be removed by the artist until the close of the art fair, unless inclement weather requires early breakdown.

Sale of Artwork: All sales will be handled by the artist. No commission will be collected by the hosts, and 100% of the sale proceeds will go directly to the artist. The artist, or a representative of the artist, must be present at the show at all times. Prices of all art pieces must be visible.

Exhibitor's Row: Artists interested in having one or two pieces judged can submit photos and details on the application. An Exhibitor's Row will be set up for these entries. **Only artwork submitted to Exhibitor's Row will be considered for judging.**

Miscellaneous information:

- Monetary awards will be presented to first-place winners in both 2-D and 3-D art submitted to Exhibitor's Row, along with a small prize for artists under 18.
- All works of art must be original and created by the exhibiting artist.
- The Boone County Historical Society, the Boone County Arts Council, and the Belvidere Township Park District reserve the right to remove any exhibit or artist in violation of our rules.
- Anyone in violation of the rules may be excluded from future art fairs.
- The hosts are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged art pieces.

While we deeply respect artistic freedom and the expression of personal and societal ideas through art, we also recognize the importance of creating an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome and respected. To that end, we kindly request that you review your selected pieces for the fair, while keeping in mind our goal to make the art fair a family-friendly atmosphere. With that in mind, art depicting the following elements will not be accepted: violence or weapons of violence, of any kind, political subjects, and nudity or sexually explicit scenes.

Thank you for your participation in the Boone County Art Fair.