

KENSINGTON PAINT THE TOWN ART SHOW

Frequently Asked Questions for 2024

ENTRIES / REGISTRATION

Do I have to renew my membership before I register?

This is not required for this year's Paint the Town Show. The MAA membership year is September 1-August 31. If you are a current member you can register for this show as well as the Plein Air events.

How many pieces can I enter?

Each MAA member may enter up to three artworks in any category. The first two pieces will have a place in the show; the third piece will be added if there is space. Additions will be made based upon order of registration. More than one artwork may be entered in the same category.

What are the entry categories?

- Kensington – the Bertha Clum Award (top prize) comes from this category only
- Landscape (natural and urban)
- Still Life
- Photography
- Portraits (people and animal)
- Abstract
- Sculpture / 3D
- Student Invitational
- Plein Air

Is Digital Art permitted?

Yes, original digital art is permitted.

Are there any size limitations?

The size maximum for large wall-hung works is 32" wide and 40" height (including frame). This is because our panels are 36" wide; however, the facility also has 10 larger panels and so we can accommodate a limited number of large pieces. If your artwork is wider than 32", you need to contact Anastasia Walsh at maatreas@gmail.com with the specifics to request a size exemption. Your request for an exception will be considered and answered. We considered both the ability of our people hanging the art as well as the panels that they will be on when we set this standard, so we want to make sure even exceptions are safe.

What is the purpose of an inspiration statement?

The inspiration statement tells the viewer (and buyer) about what compelled you to create this artwork. Often, that induces someone to want to purchase it and have it in their home.

Is there a limit on how many words my inspiration statement should be?

Your inspiration statement should be a few sentences, with a maximum of 25 words.

What happens to my inspiration statement?

The statement is printed on a label and is displayed with your painting, along with the label displaying the other information about your painting that you submitted.

Am I required to enter a piece in the Kensington category?

No, you are not required to enter this category.

I made a mistake in my entry. Or I want to change it. Can I change it?

All changes (photos, details, etc.) can be made until August 20th. Please contact Anastasia Walsh via email (maatreas@gmail.com).

What happens to my artwork if I opt to have it included in the Kensington Town Hall exhibition?

The artwork is displayed in the Kensington Town Hall, which is in the lower level of the Armory. The artwork label will include the artist's name, info about the artwork, and contact information for purchasing the art. The artwork is intended to stay in the Town Hall for one year, until the 2024 PTT.

Is there a limit on the number of bins and racks?

Yes, we can accommodate up to 50 personal black bins. Once that number has been reached, all remaining artists with prints will be able to use the MAA-shared bins.

Is there an additional fee to participate in the Plein Air painting competition?

Members can participate for free. Guests can participate for a \$10 fee. Children under age 18 participate for free.

What is the timing of the Plein Air competition?

All participating artists must come to the Armory on either Friday, August 30 between 3-5pm or Saturday, August 31 between 7-11am, to get their blank canvases stamped. To participate in the judging, finished canvases must be returned Saturday afternoon by 3pm.

Is volunteering required?

Yes; when your registration is confirmed you will receive a confirmation email with a link to sign up for a volunteer shift. One 4-hour shift is required.

Can someone else (my spouse) do my volunteer work for me? I'm limited in physical ability.

We will respond to requests for exceptions. Contact Anastasia Walsh at maatreas@gmail.com.

When can I drop off my artwork?

There are two times available: Wednesday (Aug 28) afternoon/evening from 4-7pm and Thursday (Aug 29) morning from 9am-12pm. We will send a link for you to sign up for a delivery window time.

What Covid safety precautions will be in place?

No food or drink will be permitted inside the building; masks will be optional. As needed, this will be adjusted.

If I sell my artwork, how will I get notified?

By email, hopefully that same day.

When would I expect to get paid - and how?

You will get paid (less the 25% commission) within 30 days of the close of the PTT. Payment is via check unless you make other arrangements (Zelle or PayPal, for example).

When can I pick up my (unsold) artwork?

There are two times available: Monday (Sept 2) evening from 5-8pm and Tuesday (Sept 3) morning from 9-11am. We will also send a link to sign up for a pickup window time.

Taxes

Do I need a Maryland State Tax account to participate in the show?

No, Montgomery Art Association (MAA) adds 6% sales tax to all sales and pays that to the state of Maryland. It will be 'invisible' to the artist whose work is sold.

Why do I need to complete a W-9 form?

MAA is required to report to the IRS income of each artist who earns an annual net income from MAA sales of \$600 or more. The W-9 form provides MAA with the reporting information to both report that to the IRS and to provide the individual artist (who earned \$600 or more in a given calendar year from MAA) with a 1099 form in January for your own tax reporting.

For example, if you sell two paintings at the show and your total net income (after the 25% commission) is \$599 or less – and you receive no other income from MAA, such as from speaker honorariums or cash awards – then no income will be reported.

If however, you sell one painting; your 75% portion is \$500 and you also receive a cash award of \$100, we will report that and provide you with a 1099 in January. You will need to include that amount in your income filing.

Does that work the same way for all other MAA shows?

This applies to all shows for which MAA manages the sales, which includes Brookside Gardens, the Windridge Heart of the Vineyard show, and the Paint the Town show. All other shows have the sales managed by the venue and MAA is not involved.

How do I get a W-9 form?

We will have W-9 forms for you to complete at the end of the show when you pick up any unsold work. If all your work is sold (yay!), we will email you a W-9 form. We need to have a W-9 form on file prior to issuing any checks to individual artists.

Does this include the Award money?

Cash awards are taxable, and included in the tally of your annual income from MAA, but not gift cards or other merchandise.

Please send any additional questions to Anastasia Walsh: maatreas@gmail.com. Thank you!