Art of all kinds is displayed in the library — paintings, weavings, quilts, photographs, mixed media.

Promoting your exhibit

Once an artist has been chosen for a specific month a member of the Library Art Committee will assist the artist with planning and hanging the art pieces.

Exhibitors may choose to host a reception. If so, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to organize, host, and clean-up after the reception, and to make prearrangements with the Library if interested in serving alcoholic beverages.

By agreement with the Library, the exhibitor may choose to present a slide show or other program about his/her work at the reception or another date during the exhibit period. If so, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to coordinate a date with the Library and to organize the event.

The Library will provide A-V or other equipment as necessary and available. The Library will publicize the event through its monthly newsletter and on its web site.

Note that the Library assumes no legal or financial responsibility for loss or damage to items placed for exhibit.

Do you want to show your art at the Library?

Here’s how!

Jan McCorison

Betty Nelson

Thom Carnevale
The Orcas Island Public Library seeks to include exhibits of visual arts and other materials in its mission to support all learners. This includes making the Library available for exhibitors in the community to show their art. Each artist’s exhibit will be shown for one month during the year, coordinated by the Library Art Committee.

Once a year the Library will publicize the year’s exhibits in its online newsletter and other local publications. Start and end dates for all exhibits will be set by agreement with the Library.

Submitting work for consideration

Deadline for submission to exhibit is early October and shall include name, address, email and phone number. The submission deadline will be publicized in all the local news sources, and within the library. Six digital or printed images of the artist work should be included along with a brief (200 word) statement of interest and an artist’s bio. Digital images are preferred.

Note that art is reviewed by the Library Art Committee and items may be declined for exhibit by the committee for any reason, or if they violate any applicable provisions of law. Acceptance of items for exhibit does not constitute or imply Library endorsement of the Exhibitor, content, or expressed viewpoints. The physical characteristics of the exhibit must not interfere with normal library operations as determined by the Library.

Selected artists will be notified and a month assigned for each exhibitor after consulting with the artists. The final schedule for the following year will be posted within a month of the committee’s decisions.

Exhibiting your art

All two-dimensional artworks must be framed and ready for hanging (with glass protection for prints, photographs, drawings, and watercolor paintings).

The artist may also supply business cards and flyers and an artist bio, providing the public with more information on the artist and his/her background. The artist is also required to provide titles and descriptions for all pieces of art two weeks prior to hanging so that labels can be produced for the walls by the art committee. Artists are not allowed to post prices for their work in the library.

The Library has a hanging system that does not require nails in the wall. The normal metal brackets on frames for hanging will not work. Wire hangers are suggested to hang the art. A picture is provided below showing the hanging system needed on 2-D art.