

## Call to Artists

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (RBNERR) and the United Arts Council of Collier County (UAC) request submissions for its annual painting exhibit to be held at the Environmental Learning Center at Rookery Bay in Naples, Florida.

## *“Painting Annual”*

*November 18, 2010 - January 30, 2011*

*Opening reception: Thursday, November 18, 5:30 – 7:00p.m.*

## Eligibility

- This exhibit is open to artists residing in Collier and Lee Counties, both full-time and seasonal.

## Juror

- **Jack O’Brien, Curator, Naples Art Association at the von Liebig Art Center, Naples.** O’Brien holds an MFA in Arts Administration from University of New Orleans, a Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Arts from University of South Florida and Edison Community College. He has been with the Naples Art Association since 2001 and handles all aspects of curatorial and exhibition work. Some of his past service in the community has been as: juror (the Charlotte County Art Guild, Punta Gorda; the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Naples National Art Festival; and Southwest Florida Craft Guild); panelist (Florida Artists Group, BIG ARTS, Sanibel; and the 2-Dimensional Florida Arts Council, Division of Cultural Affairs, Tallahassee); judge (Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Ft. Myers; Angels of the Arts, Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Ft. Myers); as well as guest speaker at area venues such as Florida Gulf Coast University and other local facilities.

## Theme

- There is no specific theme, although nature and wildlife are preferred due to Rookery Bay’s mission. Work with a central theme of landscape is preferred but not required.

## Deadlines

- **October 8, 2010** for **receipt** of submission of material (*note: this is not a postmark deadline*)
- Artists will be notified by **October 22** of decision by email. ***Please do not call to inquire on status of your application.***
- If accepted, you will be required to deliver your artwork to Rookery Bay on **Monday, November 15 between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.** This is a firm delivery date with no exceptions.
- Opening reception: **Thursday, November 18, 5:30-7:00p.m.**
- Pick up of artwork at Rookery Bay on **Monday, January 31 between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.**

## **Fees**

- A submission fee of \$10 per image is required for consideration. Checks should be payable to United Arts Council, a 501(c)3 organization, so your fee may be tax-deductible.
- Artists may submit up to three jpegs.
- *Fees are waived for members of the United Arts Council or Friends of Rookery Bay.*

## **Submission Procedures**

- Limit is **three** submittals per artist. Digital images may be sent as jpegs to: [abrowne@uaccollier.com](mailto:abrowne@uaccollier.com). If sending a disk, mail to: Andy Browne, Program Manager, United Arts Council of Collier County, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., #504, Naples, FL 34103.
- Name, title, medium, date, dimensions, prices should be filled out in the application.
- Although the submission of images is electronic, you must mail in an application form and release form with the check in order for an application considered.
- We will send a confirming email upon receiving your jpegs. If you do not receive one, please contact us by email to be sure we got them.
- Label each jpeg entry with your name and title of the piece.

## **Notification of acceptance**

- Artists will be notified by phone or email by October 22.

## **Delivery and Installation**

- Work must be ready for installation: framed, wired etc. The facility at Rookery Bay uses a museum quality hanging rod system so work must be able to hang from a curved hanger; *no saw tooth hangers will be accepted*. Any artwork not suitably ready for hanging will be rejected. Staff reserves the right to deny work that, upon delivery, is felt to have been misrepresented by the images. Artwork must be available for the duration of the exhibit.
- Delivery of work: work must be delivered to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center on Monday, November 15 between 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. – no exceptions.

## **Insurance**

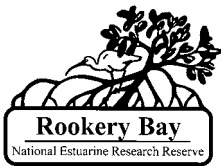
- While the Rookery Bay building is considered secure, it is a public facility. All exhibiting artists will be asked to sign a release form included in the application form.

## **Sale of Artwork**

- Sales will be handled through the Friends of Rookery Bay Nature Store located in the Environmental Learning Center. A 30% commission will be taken to support Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council. Artists will receive checks reflecting the deduction of the commission.
- Artists may provide other printed material such as brochures and business cards for display purposes.

## **Reception and Publicity**

- There will be an opening reception provided by the Friends of Rookery Bay. The UAC will publicize the exhibit throughout the season.



**EXHIBITION APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Member UAC    yes  no

Member FORB    yes  no

**Image 1** Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Framed Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price \_\_\_\_\_

**Image 2** Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Framed Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price \_\_\_\_\_

**Image 3** Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Framed Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Sale price \_\_\_\_\_

*Jpeg images may be sent to [abrowne@uaccollier.com](mailto:abrowne@uaccollier.com) complete with title, medium, framed dimensions and sale price*

***Check payable to: United Arts Council. Mail to: United Arts Council, 2335 Tamiami Trail North, #504, Naples, FL 34103. Please include an artist resume or bio. An artist statement is recommended but not required.***

# ARTIST RELEASE FORM

This agreement is between the United Arts Council of Collier County (“UAC”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Artist”) for the express purpose of art exhibits curated by the UAC and the National Estuarine Research Reserve at Rookery Bay (RBNERR).

Artist is submitting artwork for consideration for exhibition in UAC/RBNERR. Should artwork by the Artist be selected for exhibition, it is with the understanding that while both the UAC and RBNERR will handle the works with care; all liability and responsibility for exhibited works are with the Artist. The Artist does hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the United Arts Council of Collier County, the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; their officers, employees, volunteers and agents, of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action and suits at law or in equity for and on account of any injuries, damage, loss or accidents sustained by the Artist or Artist’s property while participating in the exhibits.

Signed:

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Artist

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Date