

27th Annual International Women's Day Art Show

April 27 to July 20, 2024

at the Orillia Museum of Art & History (OMAH)
30 Peter Street South, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 5A9 Canada

CALL FOR ARTISTS **2024 Theme: BEYOND THE SURFACE**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:

[International Women's Day](#) (March 8) is "a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity."

OUR MANDATE:

The International Women's Day Art Show (IWDAS) invites women artists to participate in an annual art exhibition in honour of International Women's Day. Our main goal is to encourage women to express themselves artistically in a themed group show, which is not juried and therefore inclusive of all abilities, experience and orientations. The spirit of the exhibit is one of affirmation and co-operation.

As this show evolves, we seek to embrace a changing awareness and acknowledgement of cultural and social justice concerns in order to create a safe, accepting and respectful space for the artists and everyone visiting the exhibit.

THE ART SHOW:

The exhibit is held at the Orillia Museum of Art & History but the IWDAS operates independently. The IWDAS committee looks after administration and communication, as well as the curating and hanging of this exhibit.

This year, artists are encouraged to embrace the challenge of interpreting the theme "**Beyond The Surface**" through both their art and story.

THE FORUM:

The Women's Forum is a gathering of artists participating in the exhibit and is usually held during the time of the show. The main objectives of the Forum are to provide an opportunity for women to share their stories of art making and to nurture supportive connections among one another. The environment of the Forum is intended to be non-judgmental and enjoyable for everyone. (Date to be announced).

COMMUNITY:

Each year the International Women's Day Art Show strives to support various local charities that support women with our excess funds.

2024 IWDAS Committee:

Juliana Hawke, Mary Ann Tully, Shannon Hawke, Debra Shelswell

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

womensartshow@gmail.com

or call Juliana Hawke 705-835-6213.

2024 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ART SHOW INFORMATION

SHOW DATES: APRIL 27 to JULY 20, 2024

GUIDELINES:

- Participating artists must be high school age or older.
- **ARTWORK:** - Only one entry, of ONE PIECE of artwork, per artist.
 - Wide range of media accepted (including work created digitally).
 - Original artwork only (e.g. no photomechanical reproductions of paintings).
 - Artwork submitted must relate to the theme of the show; however the theme is open to individual interpretation.
- **STORY:** - Each artist must submit a "STORY" (prose, poetry or quote) of **75 words or less** to accompany their work. The story is intended to offer the viewer additional insight or information about the piece and its connection to the show's theme.
 - The story will be exhibited in the gallery on the label beside the artwork.
- **SIZE of Artwork:** - 12 square feet or less for **2D** work, preferably no wider than 4 feet across.
 - Size restrictions may apply for **3D** work (please contact us).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Submission of your artwork information, including your story, is your entry to the show (see below: HOW TO ENTER)**. Confirmation will be sent via e-mail.
- This is not a juried show and all entries are accepted, provided the above GUIDELINES are followed. However, **space is limited** and therefore we must limit the number of pieces in the show. If you would like to be part of this exhibit, send us your information early!
- The IWDAS committee and/or OMAH representatives reserve the right to refuse artwork that does not reflect the mandate of the show or the policies of OMAH.
- Your ARTWORK and FEE are to be delivered to OMAH mid-April (**see below: DELIVERY OF ARTWORK**).
- Artwork must be delivered on time unless special arrangements have been made.
- Artwork must remain in the show for the entire duration of the exhibit.

OTHER DETAILS:

- You may choose whether or not your piece is for sale.
- Please let us know if your work will require a stand or special installation arrangements.
- Artwork must be clean and ready for gallery display. Work to be hung on the wall must be secure and ready to hang with proper d-rings and wire or equivalent.
Please contact us if you need advice or assistance before your artwork is brought in!
- Photographs will be taken of your work during the show for publicity and archival purposes.
- OMAH may be sharing your artwork and story on their social media for promotional purposes.

FEES:

- **ART SHOW FEE: \$20** (to be paid when you deliver your artwork - cash only please).
- **COMMISSION FEE:** OMAH retains a **40% commission** on sales.

HOW TO ENTER:

- **PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (6 items):**
Your name, Title of artwork, Medium, Size, Price (or NFS), Story (75 words or less)
- Send via **EMAIL:** to womensartshow@gmail.com
- Please type the required information in the body of your email.
- Only complete entries will be accepted.

Entries will be accepted from December 3, 2023 until we reach capacity, or March 31, 2024 whichever comes first.

Everyone on our email list will receive reminders and updates as we get closer to filling up.

DELIVERY of ARTWORK:

- **DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024, from noon to 8 pm**
- **LOCATION: The Orillia Museum of Art & History, 30 Peter St. S., Orillia.**
- **PLEASE BRING:** - Your artwork (ready for display, labeled clearly with your name)
 - \$20 Fee (cash only).

PICK UP OF ARTWORK:

- **DATES: Saturday, July 20, 5 to 8 pm** (artwork must remain in the exhibit until 5 pm)
Sunday, July 21, noon to 5 pm