



Mercer County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration



Art Contest Rules and Regulations

1) Eligibility

- The Mercer County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration Art Contest (“Art Contest”) is open to all artists 18 years of age and older.

2) Entries

- Entry forms must be completed in their entirety. Completed entry forms, along with an entry fee of \$25.00, must be mailed to:

Mercer County Civic Foundation
Attention: Courthouse Art Contest
P.O. Box 439
Celina, Ohio 45822

- Checks must be made out to: Mercer County Civic Foundation
- Completed entry forms, along with the entry fee, must be received by **January 13, 2023**.
- Only the **first 100 entries** will be accepted. If you attempt to enter after 100 entries already have been accepted, your entry fee will be returned to you.

3) Artwork Submissions (“Submissions”)

- Submissions will be accepted **March 2 – 4, 2023** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Submissions must be hand-delivered to the Mercer County Courthouse Auditorium (first floor of the Courthouse).
- Only **one submission** per artist.
- Each submission **must be original** in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any copyright laws. Any submission that was created by someone other than the entrant is a violation of these Rules and Regulations, and the submission **will not** be accepted.

4) Restrictions on Submissions

- Artwork must be two dimensional.
- Artwork cannot be more than 40 inches wide or high, and cannot be more than 4 inches deep.
- Artwork must be appropriately framed or on gallery wrapped canvas and wired strongly enough to support the piece. **No sawtooth hangers will be accepted.** Artwork that does not conform to these requirements will not be accepted.

- Accepted mediums include: paintings, drawings, prints, mixed media (i.e., use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor), collages (must be two dimensional), and photographs.
- Artwork must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- Artwork that is overly graphic, gruesome, violent, or sensationalistic will not be accepted.
- First and last name must appear on the **back of the submission**. No names or initials are permitted on the front or side of a submission.

5) Courthouse Access

- The Mercer County Courthouse will be open for artists to view the interior, take photographs, etc. from **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 10, 2022, and Sunday, January 8, 2022.**

6) Judging

- The top 20 submissions will be selected by a subcommittee of the Mercer County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Those submissions will be displayed in the gallery room connected to Brew Nation beginning March 10, 2023.
- Artists whose submissions are not in the top twenty of all submissions will be contacted regarding dates and times when submissions can be picked up.
- First, second, and third place winners will be announced on April 8, 2023. Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- First place winner will receive \$1,000, and his/her submission will be permanently displayed in the Mercer County Courthouse.
- Second place winner will receive \$500.
- Third place winner will receive \$250.
- After the winners are chosen, the top twenty submissions will be displayed in the Mercer County Courthouse Auditorium through September 17, 2023. Artists then will be contacted regarding dates and times when submissions can be picked up, with the exception of the first-place submission, which will be permanently displayed in the Mercer County Courthouse.