

The Southwest Open Art Exhibition

June 23 – August 19, 2023

at the

West Wing Gallery

Kinetic Park Fairgrounds

1700 17 Ave. S.E. Swift Current

Organized by Art Gallery of Swift Current

Sponsored by Swift Current Arts Council

Application Deadline: May 26, 2023. No late applications will be accepted.

What is the Southwest Open Art Exhibition?

The Southwest Open Art Exhibition is a non-curated open-call annual exhibition that showcases the work of local artists from Swift Current and surrounding area.

Artists who enter Southwest Open will have a mentorship opportunity with a professional artist or curator, sponsored by the Swift Current Arts Council.



Who can submit?

You must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- a resident of Swift Current or surrounding area (within 150km of city limits)

What can I submit?

- All original two- and three-dimensional artwork and craftwork is welcome.
- Artwork must be NO larger than 48x48 inches.
- All artworks and original craftworks must have been completed within the past **three years**.
- Artwork that is submitted must NOT have been shown previously at Art Gallery of Swift Current or the West Wing Gallery.
- **Up to three artworks may be submitted per artist.**
Please note: Depending on the number of applicants, all three artworks may not be hung in the Southwest Open Exhibition.
- No reproductions, copies, or work made from a commercial kit will be accepted.
- All artwork submitted to Southwest Open must be ready for display.
- The person submitting the artwork must be the creator of the work.

**This exhibition is advertised as a family friendly event.
Please be mindful of this when submitting your pieces.**

General Information:

- Artists submit artwork at their own risk. Artworks are handled to professional gallery standards.
- West Wing Gallery carries appropriate artwork insurance.
- West Wing Gallery will not promote the sale of artworks during the exhibition.
- Artworks changing ownership must remain in the Gallery for the duration of the exhibition.
- This is a non-curated open-call exhibition. Artists who enter Southwest Open will not receive an artist's fee.
- Images of your art may be used for promotional purposes.

Dates to remember:

- **May 26, 2023:** Deadline to submit your entry form and artwork information, including label information and your artist statement. **No late submissions will be accepted.**
- **June 5 - 10, 2023:** Artwork must be delivered to the Gallery. **Artwork will not be accepted after June 10th at 5:00 pm.**
- **Saturday July 29th, 2023:** Public Reception at 2:00 pm.
- **August 19, 2023:** Last day for the public to view the exhibition.
- **August 21 - 25, 2023:** Artwork must be picked up by August 25th at 4:00 pm.
- **Mentorship Sessions TBA**

West Wing Gallery Hours of Operation:

Fridays and Saturdays: 1:00-5:00 pm

Sundays: 1:00-5:00 pm (pending volunteer availability)

How to Submit:

Fill out the form and artist statement on pages 5-6 and submit them one of the following ways:

- Email your form and statement to agscprograms@swiftcurrent.ca
- Drop off or mail your form and statement to:
Art Gallery of Swift Current
411 Herbert Street East
Swift Current, SK
S9H 1M5
- Please **PRINT or TYPE** your information clearly. **No cursive please.** Illegible applications may not be accepted.
- Call 306-778-2736 with any questions.

Artwork Delivery:

- **June 5 – 10:** Artworks can be delivered to the Art Gallery of Swift Current during hours of operation. **Artwork MUST be delivered no later than Saturday, June 10th.** Late artworks will not be shown in the Southwest Open Art Exhibition.
- **No substitutions of artworks may be made after June 10th.**
- All artwork must arrive ready to be displayed.

Artwork Dropoff:

- Have your name, title of artwork, and year of completion labelled clearly on the back or bottom of your artwork. You may use the labels on the last page of the application form.

Artwork Pickup:

- Artwork can be picked up from the West Wing Gallery **August 21st – 25th between 10 am – 12 pm and 1 – 4 pm.**
- Contact us to make alternate arrangements if necessary.
- Artwork **must** be collected by August 25th. We are not able to store abandoned artwork. Thank you for your cooperation.

Southwest Open Application Form

Please fill out and send this form to the Art Gallery of Swift Current
by **May 26, 2023**.

Artist Statements **must** be included with your application form.
Late applications will not be accepted.

Please email applications to agscprograms@swiftcurrent.ca if possible.

Name:

City or Town:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Artistic Genre: (What would you classify your artwork as? Ex. Paintings, Ceramics, Mixed Media, Sculpture, etc)

Title of Artwork:	Year Completed:	Materials Used:	Dimensions: (Inches)	Insurance Value: (Dollar Amount)
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2.				
3.				

***See Artist Statement Guidelines on Page 6**

Artist Statement:

Please attach this statement to your Southwest Open Application Form. Statements must be printed clearly or typed (preferred). 300 words **MAXIMUM**.


Artist Statement:

- Artist Statements should be **100 words MINIMUM** and **NO MORE than 300 words MAXIMUM**.
- Artist Statements should be written in first person.
- Minor edits may be made for length, grammar, spelling, etc.
- Statements will be typed, formatted, and displayed beside your artwork at the West Wing Gallery.

Some questions you may want to think about:

- What inspires you to make artwork?
- How long have you been making artwork?
- What are your favorite materials to work with and why?
- Tell the audience about your subject matter.
- What do you want the audience to take away when they see your artwork?

Please attach these labels to the back of your artworks:




Name: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

Year Completed: _____

Materials used: _____




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Materials used: _____



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