

Great Ponds Gallery at the Lakeville Public Library
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Great Ponds Gallery is located in the community meeting room of the Lakeville Public Library. As a twenty-first century library, the Lakeville Public Library is more than just books; it is a community meeting and cultural center. The Gallery Arts Committee, under the auspices of the Board of Library Trustees, is pleased to provide a venue for the exhibition of the original works of local and regional artists.

Statement of the Great Ponds Gallery: Our Mission

To provide visitors with a sense of pleasure, pride and discovery, leading to a greater cultural awareness of our community, primarily through the exhibition of works by local and regional artists.

Gallery Operations

Great Ponds Gallery is operated by the Gallery Arts Committee, under the auspices and at the sole discretion of the Board of Library Trustees. The Gallery Arts Committee is responsible for reviewing and determining acceptance of artwork and collections, along with dates for exhibition. The Gallery Arts Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Library Trustees, and shall include at least one representative from that board and one representative of the Lakeville Arts Council. Meetings shall be posted and shall be open to the public unless in executive session.

Great Ponds Gallery is able to display various sizes of framed or matted artworks and textiles, and may also display small sculpture or pottery in acrylic wall-mounted cases. As funding becomes available, floor mounted acrylic cases will be purchased for the display of larger pieces.

Great Ponds Gallery welcomes artists of all ages and levels of experience, working in all types of media. The gallery does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, gender, religion or sexual orientation. Preference may be shown to local artists.

Exhibits will generally rotate on a monthly basis, with installation on or about the first of the month, and removal by the 29th of the month. In the event that no original artworks are scheduled for exhibit, personal collections (e.g. historical art or photographs, toys, textiles, etc.) may be exhibited.

Content accepted: (Judgments of value/content)

As a gallery that also serves as a public meeting room, the needs and sensibilities of all who use the space, including children, will always be taken into consideration. Great Ponds Gallery maintains the right to reject any artwork or collection due to content, size or logistical concerns, and/or perceived aesthetic concerns. It is understood, however, that the appreciation of and benefits received from art are subjective and individual. Every effort will be made to accept and display original works of art without acceptance being unduly tied to traditional or stereotypical notions of aesthetic beauty.

Application Process

The Gallery Arts Committee reviews artwork and collections to be exhibited in the gallery. To apply for consideration, an "Application to Exhibit Original Art" must be submitted, along with five to ten images of current available artworks; an image list (title, size, media, etc.); curriculum vitae; and show history (if available). All artwork must be entirely original. Those wishing to display a personal collection must submit an "Application to Display a Personal Collection." All artists and collectors shall sign the following waiver:

I understand and agree that the Gallery Arts Committee; the Lakeville Public Library and its Board of Trustees; and the Town of Lakeville accept no responsibility for the theft or damage of any property or for any personal injury and that I represent all persons submitting work or assisting in hanging or removal for this exhibit.

Basic rules:

All guidelines and regulations for the community meeting room apply.

All exhibits must be located within the gallery; any exhibits or performances to be held elsewhere in the library building or grounds will require special permission from the Board of Library Trustees.

Installation or public viewing of exhibits may not interfere with library business or scheduled meetings taking place in the community meeting room.

All exhibits shall be open to the public. No entrance fee may be charged to visit any gallery exhibit.

Artists and/or sponsoring groups are responsible for the installation and removal of their own works, with the guidance of the Gallery Arts Committee. All exhibits must be safely mounted on the wall or in display cases, using the gallery's display system. For security reasons, no artworks or collection items may be displayed openly on tables or on the floor. In the case of

very large sculpture, a waiver to this rule may be requested. Artists are responsible for the return of hanging system components to storage in the same condition as received.

Artists and/or sponsoring groups are responsible for hosting receptions and /or celebrations as desired in honor of specific exhibits or artists. Exhibits will be publicized on the Library's website, and may be further publicized or celebrated by the Gallery Arts Committee at its discretion. All receptions *MUST* be coordinated with the meeting room schedule, by working with the Gallery Arts Committee and Library Director.

Library staff are not responsible for installation, staffing or security of gallery exhibits.

Sales

(See community meeting room guidelines.)

Artists may designate their own original exhibited works as being for sale under the following conditions:

No sale stickers or price tags are to be visible on the exhibited works. A contact sheet may be made available to visitors near the entrance to the gallery. Contact sheets may be offered upon request, but should not be handed out as people enter. No artwork may leave the gallery, due to sale, before the end of an exhibit.

No items from personal collections may be listed for sale in any manner or removed, due to sale, during the course of an exhibit.

Artists are not charged a fee to exhibit their works, but are expected and requested to contribute 10% of any sale made through exposure in Great Ponds Gallery to the Lakeville Public Library Gallery Fund. Contributions are on the honor system. Any artist believed to be out of compliance with this expectation may be denied the privilege of exhibiting in the gallery in the future. Contributions to Great Ponds Gallery are maintained by the Lakeville Public Library and used primarily to support the on-going work of the gallery, through the purchase of signage, display equipment, reception supplies, etc. The Gallery Arts Committee will work with the Board of Library Trustees to determine the best use of funds as they become available.

