

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS**  
**Mobile Art Association**  
**Fall 2026 Open Show (juried and judged)**

**Thursday, September 4 through Thursday, October 29, 2026**

**Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama, 5791 USA Dr. N,  
Mobile, AL 36688**

**MAA President: Greg Swann**

**Exhibit Chair: Elsa Payton ([studiopure.elsa@gmail.com](mailto:studiopure.elsa@gmail.com))**

**Judge: TBA**

- 1. Eligible Artwork** – This is an open show. Submitting artists do not have to be members. Artwork may be submitted by any artist who is 18 years or older. The artwork must be solely the artist’s creation and completed within the past three years.
  - a. Two-dimensional artwork** must be **properly framed** (loose tape and backing will not be accepted) and **securely wired** for hanging, complete with mounting hardware and appropriate matting or gallery wrap. Absolutely **NO** sawtooth hangers, unwired metal rings, or unsecured eyehooks will be accepted. We recommend D-rings with wire. **Three-dimensional artwork** may not weigh over 150 pounds. Due to a limited number of available pedestals, artists in this category may be required to provide a display base and/or be available for the installation of artwork.
  - b. Film or video imagery** must be presented on equipment supplied by the artist.
- 2. Ineligible Artwork** – Artwork is ineligible if:
  - a. It has been previously exhibited in MAA-sponsored exhibits.
  - b. It has won an award in any exhibit in the Mobile/Baldwin County area.
  - c. Computer generated artwork, AI-aided artwork, or artwork done in part or in whole as part of a class or workshop will NOT be accepted.
  - d. Artwork must be the artist's original creation from conception to completion. Artwork must not be copied from internet images or other artists' work. Reference images for artwork must be the artist's own intellectual property. Artists must have written permission from the photographer to use reference images that are not their own in the creation of their artwork. Artists violating copyright law will be unable to show work in future MAA shows.

ARTWORK FOR THIS SHOW WILL BE SELECTED BY JURY.

MAA AND THE HOST VENUE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY WORK FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY DEEMED OBSCENE, OFFENSIVE, OR DISREGARDS THESE RULES. ARTISTS WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL IF YOUR WORK HAS BEEN JURIED OUT PRIOR TO TAKE-IN. ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

**ENTRY FEE:** TWO PIECES PER ARTIST WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**Members:** \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> piece, \$30 for 2 pieces

**Non-Members:** \$30 for 1<sup>st</sup> piece, \$35 for 2 pieces

**Members** must be current in annual membership dues payment in order to enter under the Members' rate. Membership payments are due September 1 of each year.

**New Members** are always welcome: Membership begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year. An online application can be found at *mobileartassociation.org* on the Forms and Payment Page (<https://www.mobileartassociation.org/forms-payment>). Dues may be paid at the time of entry online at the same site or by check through the mail (Mobile Art Association P.O. Box 9673 Mobile, AL 36691-0673).

**Non-members** do not need to join MAA to enter this show.

## **CASH AWARDS**

**Best of Show - \$500 (Greer's Market)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$250 (Ashland Gallery)**

**Marjorie Dubina Memorial Award (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) - \$150 (Kate Seawell/MAA)**

**Roxanne Dyess Award - \$100 (Phyllis Henson)**

**Mary Rodning Memorial Award - \$100 (Yuko Jordan)**

**Best Ink/Watercolor - \$100 (Shibui Chapter of Mobile)**

**Judge's Choice - \$100 (Sophiella Gallery)**

**People's Choice (George Dubina Memorial Award) - \$100 (Kate Seawell)**

## MAA FALL ENTRY PROCEDURES

ONLINE ENTRY GOES LIVE ON SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

*For assistance with any of the processes contact*

*Elsa Payton at [studiopure.elsa@gmail.com](mailto:studiopure.elsa@gmail.com) or via text @ 704-914-8692*

### 1. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ENTRY FORM

- a. The online form can be found on the website, [www.mobileartassociation.org](http://www.mobileartassociation.org) on the *Forms and Payment* page. It must be completed by Friday, August 21, 2026.
- b. Photographs of artwork may be used for publicity purposes.
- c. A digital image of your work should be submitted within the application form.

### 2. PAY THE ENTRY FEE

- a. Via the online entry form or by check through the mail (P.O. Box 9673, Mobile, AL, 36691-0673) postmarked no later than August 21, 2026. Cash payments will be accepted at take-in if entry form has been submitted by August 21, 2026.
- b. *Payment of the entry fee does not guarantee acceptance to juried exhibits. You will be notified via email if your work has been juried out. The entry fee is not refundable.*

### 3. ATTACH LABELS TO THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK

- a. The labels can be found on the website, [www.mobileartassociation.org](http://www.mobileartassociation.org) on the *Forms and Payment* page.

### 4. DELIVER YOUR WORK

- a. Thursday, September 3, 2026 between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- b. Properly framed, wired, labeled and meeting all requirements
- c. Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), University of South Alabama, 5791 USA Dr. N, Mobile, AL
- d. If you need assistance delivering your work, contact another participating member or text Elsa Payton at (704)914-8692.

### 5. PICK UP YOUR WORK

- a. Artwork cannot be picked up until the designated pick-up time on October 29, 2026. No exceptions. The artist will be assessed a \$25 fine for doing so.
- b. Artwork must be picked up on Thursday, October 29 between 4:00 and 6:00 pm
- c. If you need assistance picking up your work, contact another participating member or text Elsa Payton at (704)914-8692.
- d. Artwork not picked up becomes the property of the Mobile Art Association. MAA, its representatives, and the host venue cannot be held responsible for artwork remaining after the designated time listed herein.

### SHOW OPENING AND AWARDS

- The show opening/reception will be held on Thursday, September 10th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Members and participating artists will be asked to provide food for the reception.
- Beverages will be provided by MAA.

- The People’s Choice award will be presented at 6:45 p.m. followed by all other awards.

## **MAA FALL OPEN SHOW CALENDAR**

**Registration Opens -** Saturday, August 1, 2026

**Registration Closes -** Friday, August 21, 2026

**Deadline for Fees -** Friday, August 21, 2026

**Artwork Take-In -** Thursday, September 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Reception & Awards -** Thursday, September 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Artwork Pick-Up -** Thursday, October 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m.