

PROSPECTUS
Mobile Art Association
Spring 2026 Members' Show (judged)

Thursday, April 2 through Wednesday, April 30, 2026

West Mobile Regional Library Atrium, 5555 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL

MAA President: Greg Swann

**Exhibit Chairs: Elsa Payton (studiopure.elsa@gmail.com) and Katharyn Kearley
(KatharynKearley3@outlook.com)**

Judge: Lucy Gafford Kastrantas

1. **Eligible Artwork** – Submitting artists MUST be MAA members in good standing. Artwork may be submitted by any artist member who is 18 years or older. The artwork must be solely the artist's creation and completed within the past three years. (Work created using AI in any step of the creation process will NOT be accepted.)
 - a. **Two-dimensional artwork** must be **properly framed** and **securely wired** for hanging, complete with mounting hardware and **appropriate matting or gallery wrap**. **Absolutely NO** sawtooth or metal ring hangers will be accepted. Artists should use D-rings and hanging wire.
 - b. **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.
 - c. **Film, video, or computer 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. Has won an award in any exhibit in the Mobile/Baldwin County area.
 - c. AI, electronic art, or artwork done as part of a class or workshop will NOT be accepted.

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 DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE PRIOR TO TAKE-IN.

ENTRY FEE: UP TO TWO PIECES PER ARTIST WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Members: \$25 (artist must be in good standing) for 1st piece, \$30 for 2 pieces

Non-Members: Ineligible. **New Members** are always welcome. To become a member, fill out the online application at <https://www.mobileartassociation.org/forms-payment>. Dues may be paid online along with or prior to show entry.

CASH AWARDS

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

2nd Place - \$250 (Watercolor Society of Alabama/Rodney Pierce)

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

Roxann Dyess Award - \$100 (Michael Carmichael)

William Broughton Bush Award - \$100 (Broughton Family & Clara Brunk)

Judge's Choice - \$100 (MAA)

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

Mary Rodning Memorial Award - \$100 (Carol Wiggins)

MAA SPRING ENTRY PROCEDURES

ONLINE ENTRY GOES LIVE ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

For assistance with entry processes contact

Elsa Payton at studiopure.elsa@gmail.com or via text @ 704-914-8692

1. COMPLETE THE FORMS

- a. The online form can be found on the website, *mobileartassociation.org* on the *Forms and PayPal* page. It must be completed by Friday, March 20, 2026.
- b. Photographs of artwork may be used for publicity purposes.
- c. A digital image of your work must be submitted in your application.

2. PAY THE ENTRY FEE

- a. Via our secure PayPal account on the *MAA Forms and PayPal Page (link in application)* or by mail (P.O. Box 9673, Mobile, AL, 36691-0673) and postmarked no later than March 20, 2025.
- 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. Entry fees are non-refundable.*

3. ATTACH LABELS TO THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK

- a. The labels can be found on the website, *www.mobileartassociation.org* on the *Forms and PayPal* page, and a PDF copy will be sent via email upon submission of your application.

4. DELIVER YOUR WORK

- a. Wednesday, April 1, 2026
- b. 4:00-6:00 pm
- c. Properly wired and ready for hanging
- d. West Mobile Regional Library Atrium (upstairs), 5555 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL
- e. If you need assistance delivering your work, contact another participating member or call Elsa Payton at (704)914-8692.

5. PICK UP YOUR WORK

- a. Artwork cannot be picked up until the last day of the show. No exceptions. The artist will be assessed a \$25 fine for doing so.
- b. Artwork must be picked up on Wednesday April 30 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- c. If you need assistance picking up your work, contact another participating member or call Elsa Payton at (704)914-8692
- d. Artwork not picked up becomes the property of MAA, and the Mobile Art Association, 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, April 9th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Members and participating artists may be asked to provide finger food for the reception.
- Beverages will be provided by MAA.
- The People's Choice award will be presented at 6:15 p.m. followed by all other awards at 6:30 p.m.

MAA SPRING MEMBERS' SHOW CALENDAR

Registration Opens - Friday, February 20, 2026

Registration Closes - Friday, March 20, 2026

Deadline for Fees - Friday, March 20, 2026

Artwork Take-In - Wednesday, April 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Reception & Awards - Thursday, April 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Artwork Pick-Up - Wednesday, April 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m.