

KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

May 25 – September 2, 2018



The work of West Michigan's talented community of visual artists is on display at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' annual *West Michigan Area Show*. Since the 1960s, this annual juried exhibition has showcased exceptional work in all media, drawing hundreds of entries from a 14-county region. Each year, an experienced juror chooses the artists from more than 500 submitted entries, ranging from paintings, prints and photos to mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture and mixed-media works.

Important Dates for Artists
Feb 23 Call for Entry made public on CaFE
Apr 15 Submissions due (\$20/work, online entry)
May 8 Artist notification
May 17-19 Delivery of accepted work
May 24 Reception, 5:30-7:30
May 25 Exhibition opens
TBA Announcement of People's Choice
Sept 2 @5:00 p.m. Exhibition closes
Pick up work
Sept 2 @4:55 p.m. or
Sept 5 8:00 – 5:00 (Tues after Labor Day) or by special appointment

Entry is through an online service: CaFE

<https://www.callforentry.org/>

You may create an artist profile (free of charge) and upload images at any time—no need to wait for the WMAS “call” to be posted in February. In the meantime, you will be able to access more exhibition opportunities across the country.

Eligibility: All artists 18 years or older residing in the following Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.

Only original work of the artist's own design, completed within the last 2 years should be entered. Digital media, 2-D, and 3-D works in any medium will be accepted. Work may not exceed six feet (72") on any side. Work must be on view the entire duration of the exhibition—no late delivery or early release. The KIA reserves the right to refuse any work that is inappropriate, framed inadequately, or misrepresented by entry image. Art quilts must be free-hanging (unframed), fabric-based, original compositions formed by stitched layers. Works eligible for Glass Award may combine materials and techniques, but must be at least 50% glass.

The exhibition is sponsored by Chemical Bank and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Additional support provided by David Isaacson in memory of his wife, Helen Sheridan. Opening reception sponsored by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

Anticipated awards for 2018

- \$1,000 Helen Sheridan Memorial Grand Prize
- \$ 500 Second Place
- \$ 400 Third Place
- \$ 300 Fourth Place
- \$ 200 Fifth Place
- \$ 500 Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo's People's Choice Award
- \$ 350 The Martin Maddox Prize for Imaginative Realism
- \$ 250 Kalamazoo Book Arts Center Award
- \$ 250 KNAS Metals & Jewelry Department Award for Jewelry
- \$ 250 Signature Artists, LLC, Award
- \$ 200 Eclectic Glass Guild of SWMI Award for Glass
- \$ 200 SWMP Excellence in Printmaking Award
- \$ 200 Ninth Wave Studio Award for Ingenuity in Mixed Media or Intermedia
- \$ 200 Kalamazoo Log Cabin Quilters' Art Quilt Award
- \$ 150 Weavers Guild of Kalamazoo Award for Fiber
- \$ 150 West Michigan Potters Guild Award for Ceramics
- \$ 100 Kalamazoo Knitting Guild Award for Fiber
- The Ward H. and Cora E. Nay Director's Purchase Prize