

CALL TO ARTISTS



FRESH! New Works in Fine Craft

MAY 15th - JUNE 23rd, 2025
Art Center Morro Bay

General Information

This is a juried exhibition of Fine Craftwork presented by the Central Coast Artists Collective's Craftmakers Group, which will include artworks by Craftmakers members and independent artisans from four counties. This exhibition will use the gallery floor space for 3D works and ProPanels for 2D works in the Russell Gallery of the **Art Center Morro Bay**. The theme is the artist's interpretation of FRESH! For instance, a newly used material, a fresh idea, nature/spring, etc.

Submission of work to this exhibition constitutes an agreement to the terms stated in the CALL FOR ENTRY and a commitment to show accepted work for the exhibition's duration. By entering this exhibition, artists agree to allow CCAC and Art Center Morro Bay to use submitted images in promotional material.

Eligibility

Entry is open to all fine craft artists residing in VENTURA, SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, and MONTEREY COUNTIES. The exhibit best suits Advanced Beginners - Masters of their craft medium. Submissions should demonstrate a

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skilled command of your craft, good design, attention to detail, finishing, and presentation. Works must have been made within the past two years and **not shown previously** in SLO County. It is not mandatory to join. However, information on joining Craftmakers can be found here:

www.centralcoastartistscollective.org/joinrenew

Entry and Fees

A maximum of three artworks can be submitted. The entry fee is \$20 for one piece and \$5 for each additional piece. Fees are non-refundable.

Entry is through EntryThingy:

<https://www.entrythingy.com/d=centralcoastsculptors.org#show=12685>

In this context, Fine Craft, simply refers to well-made items made by/built by one's hand. A wide range of traditional, contemporary, and folk crafts will be considered in wood, clay, natural fiber, textiles, body adornment, non-traditional sculpture, glass, metal, collage, mixed media and art jewelry.

Deadline

The deadline to apply is midnight on **APRIL 25th**, 2025. Notification will be on or before **APRIL 13th**, 2025.

Sales and Commission

The Morro Bay Art Association will retain a 25% commission on all art sales. The artist will receive 75% of the sales price. All artwork must be for sale. Artwork must remain until the close of the show. Prices set by the artist may not be changed after acceptance. Sold work: The artist is responsible for the delivery arrangements of sold work(s) at the close of the exhibition. MBAA will not show work that is overtly political or pornographic.

Jurors

Stephanie Arehart - *Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from CSU Los Angeles*, followed by a 33-year career as an *art educator* in SLO County's school districts through Children's Creative Project. She has a strong background as a skilled weaver and textile artist and is currently a *professional studio artist focusing on ceramics*.

Alecia Teague - *MFA Drawing and Painting from Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland*. She has continued education in *Ceramics in and around Sheffield*

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England. Currently a Ceramicist and Instructor, and owner of The Pottery with locations in Atascadero, Grover Beach, and Baywood Park, California.

Lisa Stromsoe - Past Gallery Owner (Quicksilver Gallery, Cambria and Fine Craft @ Studios on the Park Paso Robles, California), Craft Artist Consultant, Juror (ACC San Francisco, ACC Baltimore Shows) and Studio Partner (Stromsoe Studios, Templeton, California).

The Jurors reserve the right to reject, at the time of installation, any artwork that does not meet the standards shown in the images supplied. The artwork must be original. Works may not be substituted after jurying.

Awards

Best of Show \$250
Sponsored Jurors Award I \$150
Sponsored Jurors Award II \$150
Honorable Mention I \$50
Honorable Mention II \$50

Display and Delivery

Please note that we will be sharing the Russell Gallery with the CCAC Photography Group, which will occupy the wall space. We will have access to free-standing Pro Panels for 2D hanging work. Any hanging work submitted should have the appropriate mechanism engineered to work with Pro Panels, which may be an intentionally placed hanging wire, jewelry pins, velcro, or another proper display solution.

* Accepted artwork may be shipped with a prepaid return label to Lisa Stromsoe, Director, with prior approval. The shipping address will be provided at that time.

Questions: craftmakers805@gmail.com

Timeline

Deadline to submit: midnight April 25th, 2025
Notification: April 13th, 2025
Take-in: May 13th, 2025 (TBA)
Reception and Awards Presentation: Sunday, May 18th, 2-4pm
Exhibit Closes: June 23rd, 2025 4:00pm
Art MUST be removed: June 24th, 2025 by 2:00 pm

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Liability Disclaimer

CCAC, its members, and Art Center Morro Bay representatives will make every reasonable effort to protect art from the time it is received until the June 24th pickup deadline. They will not be held responsible for any damage or theft. Artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance.

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