

SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER
“Hooked on the Salmon River” Art Exhibition Prospectus 2026



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About the exhibit:

“Hooked on the Salmon River” is a themed exhibition that celebrates fishing and the beauty of the Salmon River and its surrounding area. The exhibit was developed to feature work from the region’s fine artists inspired by this beautiful and swift-flowing river that runs through the small historic village of Pulaski drawing fisherman, nature enthusiasts and tourists from all over the globe. All styles and genres of fine art and fine craft will be accepted from both emerging and established artists. Artwork will be selected by our judge Claire (Ellsworth) Ames. The exhibit will be on display from August 27th through October 10th at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, located at 4848 N. Jefferson St in Pulaski, NY.

Important Dates:

Exhibition dates: August 27th through October 10th

August 7 (Friday): Application deadline

August 14 (Friday): Notification of Acceptance via email

August 20 - 22 (Thurs - Sat): Delivery of accepted artwork

August 28 (Friday): Opening reception: 5-7 pm; Award ceremony: 6 pm

October 15 - 17: Pick up artwork during gallery hours (or by appointment).

Eligibility and Artwork Guidelines

1. Artists must be 18 and older.
2. Artwork must be themed around the Salmon River.
3. Artwork must be original works by the artist (no class projects) and of high quality. Commercially produced copies and reproductions of original works are not eligible for submission. However, fine art prints such as photographs, lithographs, woodcuts, engravings, etchings, screen prints and digital works are acceptable as long as they are labeled as such and numbered as an edition.
4. All styles and genres accepted in both 2-D and 3-D (Sculpture pieces may not exceed 50 lbs)
5. Artists may enter up to 4 (four) completed works.
6. Artwork may not exceed 3’ in either length or height.
7. All works entered must have been created in the last two years and may not have been previously exhibited in a juried show by The Salmon River Fine Arts Center.
8. Artwork content must be appropriate for all audiences, any submissions we deem inappropriate or offensive in subject matter will be rejected.
9. The juror has the right to disqualify any work not suitably presented, or not appearing to correspond to the theme.
10. The Salmon River Fine Arts Center reserves the right to use any submitted work for publicity purposes.
11. Receipt of the completed entry form constitutes your agreement with all conditions and terms described in the prospectus.
12. Artists will be notified via email of acceptance into the show on August 14, 2026
13. Works on exhibit may be offered for sale.. A 30% artist contribution is made to the Art Center and artist checks are mailed within 5 days after month end. **No artwork may be removed from the exhibition prior to its closing.**
14. **Drop off artwork:** Accepted work must be hand delivered to the Salmon River Fine Arts Center by August 22 (unless other arrangements have been agreed to), 4848 N. Jefferson St., Pulaski, NY 13142 (during business hours or by appointment). The art center is not responsible for shipped artwork lost, damaged or delayed during transit.
15. **Pick up artwork:** Thursday - Saturday October 15 -17th, during business hours or by scheduled appointment. **Any work not picked up within 30 days will become the property of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center.**

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Framing

1. All artwork must be appropriately framed or matted. Works on canvas must be framed or have gallery-wrapped, finished edges with no staples visible.
2. A hanging wire must be firmly attached to the back with screw-eyes or D-rings, and the wire should not exceed the top of the frame. **2-D pieces with saw tooth hangers will not be accepted.**

Awards

Cash prizes including a \$300 Best of Show will be awarded. The number of awards and categories will be based on work submitted and additional sponsorships received. The award ceremony will be held at 6:00 PM on opening night, August 28th.

Fee and Entry Procedure

The following three steps must be completed and received prior to juror review as outlined below:

1. **Send a completed entry form via email:** with “Hooked Exhibit Entry” in the subject line, no later than August 7. Send to: info@srfac.org
2. **Attach digital images** with your entry form, one digital image for each 2-D work and up to 3 images each for 3-D work.
3. **Each digital file must be renamed** beginning with the artist’s last name hyphen and a shortened version of the artwork’s title. (eg:) Samantha Smith’s work titled “Rowing down the River” might be named Smith-Samantha-Rowing.jpg
4. **Pay submission fee:** A non-refundable application fee of \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members covers up to four works per application for consideration. **Method of payment:** in person at the Art Center during business hours, pay by credit card securely at our website with this link: <https://square.link/u/v3tnuzlZ> or send a check or money order made payable to The Salmon River Fine Arts Center. Mail to: Salmon River Fine Arts Center, 4848 N. Jefferson St., Pulaski, NY 13142

About the Gallery

The Salmon River Fine Arts Center is a volunteer-run non-profit 501(c)3 organization located in the historic village of Pulaski. Founded in 1991, our mission is to engage, enrich and educate our community through sharing and displaying fine arts in our gallery, and offering workshops, studio space, and classes to promote artistic expression and inspire the creative spirit in artists of all levels. Regular Gallery hours are 12 pm to 6 pm, Thursday and Friday and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday or by appointment. For more information, call us at (315) 298-7007 , email us at info@srfac.org or visit us online at <https://salmonriverfineartscenter.com>

About the Juror



Claire (Ellsworth) Ames is an award winning North Country artist and educator whose deeply textural charcoal drawings serve as intimate portraits of the natural world. Born and raised in Upstate New York, Claire was immersed in the arts from an early age, profoundly influenced by her parents. This lifelong connection to the region’s flora and fauna forms the emotional core of her creative work. Claire has shown her work in several local galleries and shows.

Claire holds both a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from SUNY Oswego. This dual foundation as both a creator and an educator shapes her daily practice. Based in the Watertown area, she balances her time between her studio and the classroom, where she teaches high school art. For Claire, these two worlds are deeply intertwined; she routinely brings her professional studio experiences, technical challenges, and creative breakthroughs directly to her students.

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2026- Hooked on the Salmon River - Entry Form

After you are notified of acceptance, bring a signed copy of this form with your accepted artwork. Final juror review to determine awards will be done once all artwork is received. Receipt of the completed entry form constitutes your agreement with all conditions and terms described in the prospectus.

NAME _____ PHONE # (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

ENTRY #1 Title _____ Medium(s) _____ Year completed _____

Price or NFS _____ Value if NFS _____ SIZE inches: _____ (w) x _____ (h) **If 3D include:** x _____ (d)

ENTRY #2 Title _____ Medium(s) _____ Year completed _____

Price or NFS _____ Value if NFS _____ SIZE inches: _____ (w) x _____ (h) **If 3D include:** x _____ (d)

ENTRY #3 Title _____ Medium(s) _____ Year completed _____

Price or NFS _____ Value if NFS _____ SIZE inches: _____ (w) x _____ (h) **If 3D include:** x _____ (d)

ENTRY #4 Title _____ Medium(s) _____ Year completed _____

Price or NFS _____ Value if NFS _____ SIZE inches: _____ (w) x _____ (h) **If 3D include:** x _____ (d)

Artist Agreement: I have read the entry conditions of this Juried Art Exhibition and accept the terms and conditions of entry. I understand that all entries submitted will be handled with the utmost care, however the Salmon River Fine Arts Center or any person, will not be responsible for loss or damage. Art must be picked up within 7 days of exhibit closing, unless other arrangements are made. Artwork not picked up within 30 days will become the property of Salmon River Fine Arts Center and donated or sold at their discretion.

Signed _____ Date _____

Artwork Tags (to be attached to back of accepted artwork)

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