

Calling All Artists:

Art is Looking Up!

Spring Art Competition 2009

The Killeen Civic Art guild presents

The 43rd Annual Spring Art Competition

The United Nations has declared 2009 as the official "**Year of Astronomy**" so this year's art theme will cover all things stellar, celestial and other-worldly! Astronomy is all about the sky, the sun, the moon, the stars! Astronomy is also the basis for many stories, legends and myths. This theme has a wide range of topics that may be explored, if you're up to the challenge!

28 February - 18 April 2009

Vive Les Arts Theater Gallery • 3401 South W.S. Young Drive, Killeen, TX 76542

[deadline for entries is the Day of Drop-Off, 28 Feb, 2009]

Artwork accepted in the following categories:

Paintings, Drawings, Mixed Media (flat and dimensional), Photography/Digital Imagery, 3-Dimensional. **Note: Large 3-D pieces that are free standing must be able to stand safely on their own, and smaller 3-D pieces should fit into the display cases.**

Prizes will be given:

1 winner each category- 1st Place
1 winner each category- 2nd Place
1 winner each category - 3rd Place
1 Golden Toad (People's Choice)

Art will be judged in **two** categories: **2-D works** (painting, drawing, mixed media-flat, photography) and **3-D works** (sculpture, mixed media-dimensional, wood carving, jewelry, etc)

Specifics:

- The Entry Fee is
Members - \$20.00, *non-refundable* for one piece, **\$25.00** for 2 pieces, **\$30.00** for 3 pieces.
Non-Members - \$25.00, *non-refundable* for one piece, **\$30.00** for 2 pieces, **\$35.00** for 3 pieces.
(More than 3 art entries may be accepted at \$5.00 per piece on a space available basis.)
- Registration form and fee must be brought to the art drop off on Feb. 28th, 10am-2pm at the VLA.
Late entries will not be accepted.
- Entry must be the *original work of the artist*, not from a copyrighted source and *never entered in any previous KCAG competitions.*
- Art piece must be **wired to hang**, and be **framed** or have **finished wrap-around edges** and should not exceed **52** inches in any direction. **THIS INCLUDES FRAME!**
- 3-dimensional pieces must be able to stand freely and safely or be able to fit into the display case.
- All work must be brought to the Vive Les Arts Theater on Saturday, 28 February 2009 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
- The Artist's Reception will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 7:00-9:00 PM.
Artists, friends and family are invited. Prizes will be awarded at this time.

Please bring your Registration-Release form and check or money order to the VLA!

If you need more information about the above rules call **Samra Thompson at 254-698-2009**

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Spring Art Competition Registration & Release Form
Don't forget to give us your FULL address, including zip.

I, _____ realizing that all possible care and consideration will be taken in handling my artwork, **will not hold the Killeen Civic Art Guild, any individual person or persons or the place of exhibit responsible for any loss or damage which may occur to my entry.** I understand that if the art is not ready to hang or properly mounted it will not be accepted. All decisions of the judges are final. An artist statement (just a sentence or two) is required to explain why you feel your art fits the spring art theme. This sometimes helps the judges in their assessments.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

(Complete address including zip!)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Art Entry Info:

#1 Title: _____

Media: _____

Sale Price: _____

Artist Statement: _____

#2 Title: _____

Media: _____

Sale Price: _____

Artist Statement: _____

#3 Title: _____

Media: _____

Sale Price: _____

Artist Statement: _____

Note: Art does not have to be for sale. Just mark it NFS or "Private collection of" and the owner's name.

Helpful Notes:

If you are thinking that this year's theme is too limited, boring, or you don't think your artistic interests include anything of an astronomical nature, consider the following:

Astronomy (from the Greek words astron, "star", and nomos, "law") is the scientific study of celestial objects (*such as stars, planets, comets, and galaxies*) and phenomena that originate outside the Earth's atmosphere. It is concerned with the evolution, physics, chemistry, meteorology, and motion of celestial objects, as well as the formation and development of the universe.

Mythological stories are based on many astrological learnings. Greek myth explains the origins of the world and details the lives and adventures of a wide variety of gods, goddesses, heroes, heroines, and other mythological creatures. The constellations are full of them, illustrating their stories.

Nursery rhymes and children's stories are full of celestial references, such as "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Hey Diddle Diddle" Remember what the cow did in that rhyme?

UFOs and ETs are a popular interest in our modern culture. Speculation about the existence of beings from other planets is a much debated subject. Aliens, people, aliens!!! Space ships: fact or fantasy? Either way, it's a topic worth exploring through your art.

Astrology can be defined as the study of the positions of celestial bodies (stars) in the belief that their movements either directly influence life on Earth or correspond somehow to events experienced on a human scale. Modern astrologers define astrology as a symbolic language, an art form, and a form of divination. Despite differences of definitions, a common assumption of astrology is the use of celestial placements in order to explain past and present events and predict the future. Generally, the scientific community considers astrology a pseudoscience or superstition. Despite its rejection by virtually all scientists, 31% of Americans polled expressed a belief in astrology and 39% considered it scientific according to another study. Astrology also branches out into Tarot card readings, the crystal ball, numerology, and the zodiac.

So, to sum it up, the year of Astronomy has huge creative potential. Think it over and come up with something that will really shine! Have fun and see you in February!