

**OPEN CALL FOR ART SUBMISSIONS*****Through the Eyes of Others: Art in Washington County Exhibition***

June 4 - December 31, 2022

**Washington County Historic Courthouse***Curated by Dr Megan Arney Johnston***Submit up to three artworks for submission in this year's exhibition!****DEADLINE: May 1, 2022**

*"The only real voyage consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes; in seeing the universe through the eyes of another, one hundred others – in seeing the hundred universes that each of them sees." – 20<sup>th</sup> Century French author Marcel Proust*

With more than 420 square miles of land and 262,000 people, Washington County is the fifth-most populous county in Minnesota. The visual landscape surrounding us includes rolling hills and quaint towns; it has multiple generations and a diversity of people. On the east lies the strong St Croix River, a historic waterway and an example of natural beauty. To the west lies working farms, bustling cities, and a growing diverse, suburban population. Our southern parts mirror these geographical demographics, with many historic sites and a growing populace. And the northern part of our county reflects both urban sounds and rural quiet.

By looking at other people, places, and spaces, especially the natural environment, we can see differently and think differently. Art has a way of getting us to look; and look again. We hope to encourage visitors to see the world through the eyes of others; of artists. This exhibition aims to celebrate the diversity of people and places of Washington County. Taking as a point of departure the notion of "through the eyes of others," the exhibition hopes to engender a creative investigation into what makes us human. What is important to us? Where do we go to rest, relax, contemplate? What are special places in Washington County?

The exhibition will be juried and curated by international curator Dr Megan Arney Johnston (Stillwater Class of 1988).

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*Washington County is an equal opportunity organization and employer*

**Rules and Eligibility:**

- The process is open to all residents of Washington County.
- Artists must complete the Open Call Submission Form and include images of artwork to be considered.
- Artists can submit up to three digital images of artwork.
- Submit work that generally falls into the following categories: *People, Architecture, Parks & Nature, Historic Sites, and Artists Under 18.*
- Media can include sculpture, photography, painting, ceramics, drawing, prints, and video.
- Include your name, address, phone number and email along with an art list of the works you've submitted, including Title, year, medium, price, dimensions, and image number

**Entry Fee:** \$10 per entry. Proceeds benefit the Historic Courthouse Restoration Fund. The entry fee is nonrefundable.

**Awards/Prizes:** Four monetary prizes will be awarded to:

- Best in Show (as voted on by visitors) - \$200
- Juror's Award - \$100
- Sponsor's Award - \$100
- Sponsor's Award for Best 18 and Under. - \$100

These awards are made possible by ArtReach St. Croix. Special thanks to their organization.

**Timeline:**

<b>February 22 – May 1</b>	Call for artists
<b>May 1</b>	Final Submissions due
<b>May 2-15</b>	Selection process
<b>May 15</b>	Notifications sent
<b>May 23-28</b>	Selected artworks delivered to the Washington County Historic Courthouse
<b>May 29 – June 1</b>	Installation
<b>Thursday, June 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</b>	Exhibition Sneak Peek – Artists Welcome
<b>Saturday, June 4, 12:00-3:00 p.m.</b>	Exhibition Grand Opening
<b>January 8, 2023</b>	Exhibition closes
<b>January 9-11, 2023</b>	Artwork picked up

Questions? Please contact [historiccourthouse@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:historiccourthouse@co.washington.mn.us).

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