



TALL GRASS
ARTS ASSOCIATION

Call for Artists for
67th Annual Park Forest Fine Art Fair
Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17, 2023
and to become a Tall Grass juried artist

The Tall Grass Arts Association operates a regional art gallery located in Park Forest, Illinois. Juried artists are invited to participate in the annual fine art fair held in September in Downtown Park Forest. They have the opportunity to display work in the gallery at least once a year and to include their work in the Tall Grass Gift Shop.

ELIGIBILITY FOR JURYING:

Artists must be 18 years old. Work submitted must be original work created by the artist – no mass-produced work.

JURYING PROCESS:

Artists may submit work in one of two ways:

1. (Most preferable). You can send in your entry using the outlet Entrythingy.com. Click on the following link or copy and paste the link into your browser:
2. <https://www.entrythingy.com/d=tallgrassarts.org#show=10033>
3. Work may be submitted by email.
 - Submit six (6) images depicting six individual works to: tallgrassexhibit@gmail.com. If jurying for the Art Fair, please include a seventh image, that of your booth, if available.
 - Identify email in the subject line as “Jurying 2023 Art Fair and Gallery”.
 - Digital images must be a high-resolution jpg (approx. 5” x 7”) with a resolution of 300 dpi and a file size no larger than 1.4MB per image.
 - Entries will be juried from the digital images, which should be sharp and accurate in color. Please note: **If an artist wishes to be juried in more than one medium, he/she should submit an application for each medium rather than one application with images of both media. One fee will be sufficient for both applications.**
 - Please include an artist statement that is a description of your work, particularly your methodology. For example, if you are a jeweler, describe which portions of your artworks are handcrafted.
3. If jurying by email, please complete the enclosed jurying entry form. List image information on the form in the same sequence as on the email (artist’s last name, initial of first name and image number). The jurying form can be emailed with the images or mailed to TGAA.
4. If jurying by email, mail a non-refundable jury fee: \$35. Make checks payable to: **Tall Grass Arts Assoc.** Or send credit card information to gallery along with the entry form.

If you submit through Entrythingy, it will instruct you to pay through PayPal.

5. Applications (if not submitting by email) and checks should be sent to:

**Tall Grass Arts Association
ATTN: Jurying
367 Artists Walk
Park Forest, IL 60466**

Jurying Deadline is Friday, May 5, 2023. During the months that jurying is open, jurying will be scheduled as often as practicable so that successful applicants can add the Park Forest Art Fair and the annual Gallery Artists Exhibit to their calendars.

The juror(s) are from outside the organization and are either successful artists or teach art in a university or college. Artists will be notified of the results by mail or email. No results will be given over the phone. For information about the jurying process, email Janet Muchnik at jmuchnik@sbcglobal.net or call her at (708) 748-5123 (home) or (708) 439-2424.



P.O. Box 776 • 367 Artists Walk • Park Forest, IL 60466 • www.tallgrassarts.org

**Jurying Entry Form for "67th Annual Park Forest Fine Art Fair and Tall Grass Gallery
Please type or print clearly.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Please indicate your interest of participation. Check all that apply.

- Gallery Exhibits
- Gift Shop
- Art Fair

How did you hear about the Tall Grass jurying process? _____

Please complete the following information for the six images on your email.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Size (HxWxD)</u>	<u>Year Completed</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

Checklist:

- Images were submitted by email to **tallgrassexhibit@gmail.com**
 - Completed Jurying Entry Form
 - Brief Artist Statement including methods utilized
 - Entry fee (Check payable to Tall Grass Arts Association) (\$35)
- Or: Credit card # _____
Date of expiration _____ Security code _____

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Beginning in February, applications will be juried on a monthly basis, as received.

Juried Artist Opportunities

Art Fair –

The Art Fair is an outdoor, juried, fine art fair held in the streets of Downtown Park Forest. Traditionally, the fair is held on the third weekend in September. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Juried and held continuously for 66 years, with the exception of 2020 (the year of raging Covid19), it is known as an artist-friendly fair (especially for emerging artists) because of its low registration fee of \$175. The fair features cash awards and purchase prizes, a complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning and a sumptuous dinner party for the artists on Saturday evening after the close of the fair. Overnight security is provided Saturday night, which includes overnight locked storage space. Booth sitters are available, as needed, over the weekend. Exhibitors are expected to be present both days, regardless of the weather and if they sell out, and are responsible for their own display (easel, tents, chairs, etc.). The registration fee is \$175 to participate but no commission is collected on purchases made by patrons.

The fair is promoted in the regional press but the largest emphasis is on social networking sites such as Facebook and various web sites. It is advertised on WBBM radio, particularly during morning “ride times”. Musical entertainment is provided all day, both days as well as a variety of food vendors.

Comments from artists:

I had the pleasure to be an artist at the Park Forest Art Fair put on by the wonderful volunteers of the Tall Grass Arts Association. This show was an artists' dream. The volunteers take such good care of the artists from making sure we had water all day long to booth sitters for bathroom breaks. On top of that, we had bagels, juice, coffee and yogurt both mornings. To top it off, the volunteers put on a wonderful dinner Saturday night.

But I have to say, the thing that impressed me the most is this show runs like a well-oiled machine and it's all done with volunteers and donations, not some big promoter.

In closing, I have to give this art fair an A+ and I would recommend it to anyone that likes being treated like a guest. I also have to thank the people from Park Forest and surrounding areas for coming out to see the show and all the hard work done by the volunteers and the artists to make this event happen. Janet Hubbard, Oak Creek, WI

Thank you for your many, many, many efforts. It really is a wonderful show. I've done plenty of shows in the city and affluent north suburbs but none of them can compare to the ease, loyalty and support that the Park Forest Art Fair offers. I have always said it feels like coming home. Jennifer Meyer, Lansing, IL

Thank you so very much for having me. The Park Forest Art Fair was simply amazing. I have never experienced an art fair such as this before. The attention and support given to the artists made one feel like royalty. I enjoyed the breakfast and was more than grateful for the spread that was laid before us for dinner. The award ceremony left me speechless. I have never experienced that level of appreciation for vendors at an Art Fair before. Wow!!! Is all I can say. I enjoyed meeting the other artists. Their work floored me. The kind spirit of the artists and the staff was felt throughout the weekend. I am more than satisfied with my sales. This event was the best one I have attended. Tara McGee, Bayete Jewelry Collection LLC

Gallery Exhibits –

An annual exhibition featuring TGAA's juried artists is held in the Gallery at least once during the year. It has been traditional for one of the gallery artists exhibits to coincide with the art fair. Artists are invited to exhibit one (1) piece of art, in any medium, that has not been previously exhibited in the gallery and, hopefully, represents new work. The exhibit usually lasts 6 - 8 weeks and includes an opening reception. There are also opportunities for participation in invitational and special theme exhibits.

Unlike many private galleries, the commission structure for work sold in the Gallery and gift shop is 70% to the artist and 30% to the gallery. The list price is determined by the artist.

Gift Shop –

The Gift Shop is almost a second gallery but smaller, more affordable works are featured in the gift shop. As with the gallery, the gift shop is only available to Tall Grass juried artists. Two-dimensional work is shown on the walls and jewelry and three-dimensional work is placed on pedestals and shelves. The Gift Shop is managed and maintained by artists so has an artistic and professional appearance. During the winter holidays, the focus is on items appropriate for gift giving.